

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES) DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
) JANUARY 24, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administrative Building), located in Danbury, North Carolina, on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 7:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman John Turpin
Vice-Chairman Leon Inman
Commissioner Sandy McHugh
Commissioner Joe Turpin
Commissioner Jimmy Walker

County Manager Richard Morris
County Attorney Jonathan Jordan
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins

Chairman John Turpin called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Julia Edwards delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman John Turpin opened the meeting by inviting the citizens in attendance to join the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED REGIONAL SEWER SYSTEM - RATE INCREASE

Chairman John Turpin called the Public Hearing for the Proposed Regional Sewer System rate increase to order.

Jane Priddy Charleville
105 King Circle
Danbury, NC 27016

Ms. Charleville spoke to the Board concerning the proposed sewer system rate increase, which reflects a 50% minimum user increase for residential customers. Ms. Charleville requested the Board consider the rate increase more proportional across the board.

Chairman John Turpin closed the Public Hearing.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT -GOVERNING BODY-APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the January 10th meeting.

Commissioner McHugh noted the following:

Walnut Cove Library Expansion Project - Update

Last paragraph - change the word "visibility" to "feasibility"

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the January 10th minutes as amended.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fredricka Cecile

1741 Marshall Smith Road
King, NC 27021

Re: **Proposed Franchise Agreement**

Ms. Cecile requested the Board table the Proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement, which is scheduled for the second reading at tonight's meeting. Ms. Cecile also requested that the Board appoint members of the community to seek information from the citizens to get the best deal for our communities.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to enter into closed session to consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other materials, terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5).

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to enter into closed session to consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other materials, terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5).

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the January 24th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT - TIME WARNER CABLE SECOND READING

Mr. David Harris, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, presented an overall review of the proposed cable television franchise agreement - Time Warner Cable.

(County Attorney Jonathan Jordan and Buck Yarborough -Time Warner were present for the agenda item)

Mr. Harris noted that the current franchise agreement with Time Warner expired on August 20, 2004 not March 8, 2006 as indicated in the agenda -Board Report. Mr. Harris apologized for the incorrect data.

The Board continued the discussion relating to no increase to the subscribers, terms of the agreement, access channels, programming, non-exclusive agreement, franchise fees, the expiration date of the franchise, and postponing any action until the next meeting for further questions.

Mr. Harris requested if possible, questions be made available before the next meeting in order to ensure the Board receives full explanations to any unanswered questions.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to postpone the discussion for the proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement - Time Warner Cable.

Commissioner McHugh moved to postpone the discussion for the proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement until the February 14th meeting.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - NORTHEAST STOKES VOL. FIRE DEPT. & RESCUE SQUAD, INC - APPROVAL OF TAX EXEMPT FINANCING

Fire Chief Joel E. James, Northeast Stokes Vol. Dept. & Rescue Squad Inc., requested the Board's approval for tax exempt financing in the amount of \$1,125,000.00 which will enable the Northeast Stokes Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Inc. to pay off construction cost on the new fire station and pay off an existing truck loan (\$22,500-truck loan).

This approval will not constitute any county financial involvement or obligation.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the tax exempt financing for the Northeast Stokes Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the tax exempt financing for the Northeast Stokes Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief James noted an "Open House" is scheduled for March 2005.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - TAX ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael presented the Tax Administration Report.

Tax Administrator Carmichael requested the Property Tax Refund for Brandy Wall Hulbert in the amount of \$86.57.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the requested Property Tax Refund for Brandy Wall Hulbert in the amount of \$86.57.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the requested Property Tax Refund for Brandy Wall Hulbert in the amount of \$86.57.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Carmichael requested the following Property Tax Release Requests for Real and Personal Property in the amount of \$891.02:

- Donald W. Holt \$216.86
- Amanda R. Bullins \$571.64
- Bobby Pettitt \$52.47
- Brandy Wall Hulbert \$50.05

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the submitted Property Tax Release Requests for Real and Personal Property in the amount of \$891.02.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the submitted Property Tax Release Requests for Real and Personal Property in the amount of \$891.02.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Carmichael requested the Refund for Motor Vehicle for Lee Dalton Yontz in the amount of \$93.43 - vehicle exempt - Soldiers/Sailors Act.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the submitted Request for Refund for Motor Vehicle in the amount of \$93.43 for Lee Dalton Yontz-Soldiers/Sailors Act.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the Refund for Motor Vehicle for Lee Dalton Yontz in the amount of \$93.43 - vehicle exempt - Soldiers/Sailors Act.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael presented the 2005 Cost Index and Depreciation Schedules prepared and recommended by the North Carolina Department of Revenue to use in the valuation of business personal property and certain taxable personal property listed as January 1, 2005. Tax Administrator Carmichael requested the Board's approval for the 2005 Cost Index and Depreciation Schedules.

The Board discussed the proposed 2005 Cost Index and Depreciation Schedules.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the 2005 Cost Index and Depreciation Schedules.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the 2005 Cost Index and Depreciation Schedules from the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(A copy of the 2005 Cost Index and Depreciation Schedule will be available in the Clerk's office and the Tax Administration Office)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMS - QUICK RESPONSE VEHICLE

County Manager Rick Morris (Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall unable to attend the meeting due to sickness) presented the following informal bids which were accepted until Tuesday, January 11, 2005 for purchasing one Quick Response Vehicle for Emergency Medical Services Department:

Scenic Motors	\$29,306.83	2005 Ford Excursion (V8 Gasoline)
	\$33,585.96	2005 Ford Excursion (V8 Diesel)
Parkway Ford	\$37,119.00	2005 Ford Excursion (V8 Diesel)
Modern Chevrolet	\$29,980.00	2005 CK25906 Chevrolet Suburban (V8 Gasoline)
Bobby Murray Chevrolet	\$30,043.00	2005 CK25906 Chevrolet Suburban (V8 Gasoline)

Light bar, siren, lettering and radio will be purchased from other companies and installed by Vehicle Maintenance Staff.

2005 Ford Excursion		29,306.83
3% NC sales tax		879.21
Whelen Edge 9M light bar	900.00	900.00
Whelen SK160 siren/speaker	475.00	475.00
Center Console	140.00	140.00
Strobe Kit	285.00	285.00
Kenwood VHF Radio	482.50	482.50
Extendo Bed	2,400.00	2,400.00
Vehicle Lettering	800.00	800.00

Project Cost:	\$35,668.54
Budget Amount	\$36,000.00

EMS Director Monty Stevens noted the following:

- Replaces 1997 Ford Expedition - 195,356 miles
- Large amount of equipment needed to be carried in vehicle
- Vehicle used to transport bodies
- Use for off road

EMS Director Monty Stevens and Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall requested the approval to purchase (1) one 2005 Ford Excursion from Scenic Motors.

The Board discussed the need for a larger vehicle, cost of diesel vs. gasoline, 4 wheel drive, fuel savings, and the current usage of the 1997 Expedition.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion for the purchase of a Quick Response Vehicle for Emergency Medical Services Department.

Commissioner McHugh moved to purchase (1) 2005 Ford Excursion (V8 Diesel) for the Emergency Services Department. Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion failed 2-3 with Chairman John Turpin, Vice Chairman Inman, and Commissioner Walker voting against the motion.

Chairman John Turpin requested EMS Director Monty Stevens return information concerning the amount of needed space for equipment and to have Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall obtained bids for an Expedition for the February 14th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - FIRE MARSHAL - VEHICLE PURCHASE

County Manager Rick Morris (Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall unable to attend the meeting due to sickness) presented the following informal bids which were accepted until Tuesday, January 11, 2005 for purchasing one Ford F-350 Chassis with a Reading Service Body installed for the Fire Marshal Department:

Scenic Motors	\$35,996.96 (V8 Diesel) \$31,632.83 (V8 Gasoline)	Per specifications
Parkway Ford	\$37,114.00 (V8 Diesel)	Per specifications
	Diesel	Gasoline
2005 Ford F-350 (V8 Diesel)	35,996.96	31,632.83
3% NC sales tax	1,079.91	948.99
Vehicle Lettering	650.00	650.00
Emergency Lighting	-0-	-0-
Project Cost (Lighting equipment cost not included)	37,726.87	33,231.82
Budget Amount	36,555.00	36,555.00

Fire Marshal Brad Cheek also submitted additional information concerning the purchase of the Ford F-350 Chassis cab with a Reading Service Body including a panel top, chassis familiar to maintenance staff, fuel savings with a diesel engine, towing needs, and enclosed storage for all equipment.

The Board discussed the fuel savings with a diesel engine, towing needs, and the department's need for the additional vehicle.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to purchase one Ford F-350 Chassis with a Reading service body installed for the Fire Marshal Department.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the purchase of one Ford F-350 Chassis (V8-Diesel) with a Reading service body installed for the Fire Marshal Department.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

County Manager Rick Morris requested the Board approve the current temporary (approved July 2003) fluctuating schedule for telecommunicators, which consist of working alternating weekly schedules of 36 hours one week and 48 hours the next (still with 12 hour shifts) for a total of 168 per 4 week pay period with overtime paid at the half time rate instead of receiving applicable compensatory time being awarded at time and a half.

Manager Morris noted that approving this permanent fluctuating schedule with overtime paid at half time rate will reduce the overall Emergency Communications' budget. Emergency Communications Director Del Hall recommends using this as a permanent schedule for his telecommunicators.

Manager Morris requested the approval for permanent fluctuating schedule be effective with the beginning of the next pay period February 11, 2005.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the requested permanent fluctuating schedule for telecommunicators effective February 11, 2005.

Vice Chairman Inman move to approve the requested permanent fluctuating schedule for telecommunicators effective February 11, 2005.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #54

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #54 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate funds from insurance claim for accident involving a deer. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Sheriff's Department		
100.4310.351	Maint. & Repairs-Auto		\$726.00
			<u>\$726.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$726.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

Account Number	REVENUES	Decrease	Increase
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims		\$726.00
			<u>\$726.00</u>

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #54.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #54.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman John Turpin requested information whether this was a nighttime or daytime car - referring to the use of a front guard.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SENIOR SERVICES- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #55

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #55 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate funds from Elderly & Disabled Client Donations. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Senior Services		
100.5860.441	Misc-Cont.Servs. EDTAP		\$252.00
			<u>\$252.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$252.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

Account Number	REVENUES	Decrease	Increase
100.3586.454	Elderly & Disabled Client-Donations		\$252.00
			<u>\$252.00</u>

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #55.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #55.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - REGISTER OF DEEDS- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #56

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #56 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to transfer funds for the purchase of a personal computer. These funds are appropriated from the Register of Deeds Technology funds. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Register of Deeds		

100.4180.441	Misc-Contractual Ser. Web page	\$1,800.00	
100.4180.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized		\$1,800.00
		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #56.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #56.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SHERIFF'S DEPT.- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #57

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #57 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate funds from State Fines & Forfeitures to purchase Law Enforcement Officer and Death Investigation forms software. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Sheriff's Dept.		
100.4310.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized		\$554.00
			\$554.00

This will result in a net increase of \$554.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

Account Number	REVENUES	Decrease	Increase
100.3301.413	State Fines & Forfeitures		\$554.00
			\$554.00

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #57.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #57.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #58

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #58 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to transfer funds for the Work First Participation expense 100% Federal Funds. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Social Services		
100.5310.293	JOBS-Participation Expense		\$10,000.00
100.5310.186	Prof. Servs-TANF Child Enrich.	\$10,000.00	
		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #58.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #58.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - PROPOSED REGIONAL SEWER RATE INCREASE

County Manager Rick Morris reviewed the proposed regional sewer rate increase submitted to the Board for consideration at the January 10th meeting. Manager Morris referenced the letter from Local Government Commission, no increase in the

past ten years, and the need for the rate increase. Manager Morris requested the Board's approval for the rate increase recommendation for general operating expenses as well as future capital improvements.

The Board discussed surroundings sewer rates, the apparent need for an increase, the request from citizens to lower the minimum rate increase, and to look at lowering the minimum rate and increase the rate over 3,000 gallons to achieve the needed increase.

Commissioner McHugh requested a revenue calculation for the next meeting for the following:

- Propose Minimum Rate - \$10.00 and project revenue over 3,000 gals rate per 1,000
- Propose Minimum Rate - \$11.00 and project revenue over 3,000 gals rate per 1,000

Commissioner McHugh moved to postpone the discussion on the proposed sewer rate increase until the February 14th meeting. Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - KING BUILDING UPDATE

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following additional information concerning the King Building Update:

- Current Asphalt bid - \$2850 -valid
- (3) Dehumidifiers are in place
- Water needs to be moved away from the building
- To date - \$3,502.61 funds expended - King Building
- Pro Clean would possibly guarantee work if asphalt is placed
- Asphalt plants are currently closed due to cold weather

Manager Morris presented pictures to clarify the placement of additional gutters and the asphalt.

Commissioner Walker requested clarification concerning the closing of the King Clinic.

Chairman John Turpin noted the need to close the building due to the mold being present in building.

The Board continued discussion concerning the facility issues at the King Building.

Chairman John Turpin suggested the possibility of using concrete instead of asphalt with work being done by the County's maintenance department.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - WALNUT COVE LIBRARY EXPANSION

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following requested information concerning funding for construction of other county libraries:

- Danbury Library -1991 - \$225,966.35
- King Library - 1996 - \$485,000.00
- Walnut Cove Library - 1979 - \$62,000

Walnut Cove Board Member Tom Grubbs stated that the requested \$200,000 pledge could be carried over five years and the critical need for a pledge from the County pertaining to the challenge bid (challenge bid will be available June 1, 2005). Walnut Cove Board Member Mike Hartwig also noted the increased value for a County building.

Chairman McHugh moved to postpone further discussion concerning the requested \$200,000 County Pledge for the Walnut Cove Library Expansion until the February 14th meeting at which time the County Manager will submit possible options for funding.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CENTERPOINT BOARD - APPOINTMENTS

Chairman John Turpin noted two (2) existing vacancies on the Centerpoint Board of Directors. The following are criteria for the appointments:

- One vacancy must be filled with a family member representing the interests of individuals in recovery from addiction

- One vacancy must be filled with a clinical professional from the fields of mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse.

Chairman McHugh nominated Mike Marshall for appointment to the CenterPoint Board pertaining to the following criteria: One vacancy must be filled with a family member representing the interests of individuals in recovery from addiction.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins submitted the name of Catherine H. Long who expressed interest in serving on the CenterPoint Human Services Board.

Vice Chairman Inman nominated Catherine H. Long contingent upon approval of Centerpoint for appointment to the CenterPoint Board pertaining to the following criteria:

One vacancy must be filled with a clinical professional from the fields of mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse.

Nominations can be considered at the February 14th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - YVEDDI - APPOINTMENT

Chairman John Turpin noted a conflict in scheduling pertaining to his appointment on the YVEDDI - Board of Directors.

Commissioner Walker volunteered to serve on the YVEDDI - Board of Directors.

Vice Chairman Inman nominated Commissioner Walker to serve on the Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc (YVEDDI) -Board of Directors.

Commissioner Walker can be considered at the February 14th meeting.

Commissioner Walker requested information concerning the PART Transportation pertaining to Stokes County. County Manager Rick Morris stated he would provide the Board with additional information.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAID RELIEF FOR COUNTIES

County Manager Rick Morris presented a proposed Resolution in Support of Medicaid Relief for Counties from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Commissioner McHugh noted this was the number #1 goal recently adopted at the Legislative Goals Conference sponsored by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Chairman John Turpin requested County Manager Rick Morris adapt this proposed Resolution to information pertaining to Stokes County and submit at the February 1st - Commissioners' meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - PROPOSED BOARD RETREAT

Chairman John Turpin requested Board members to bring calendars to the February 14th meeting for discussion of dates for a possible Board Retreat - future plans for Stokes County.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner McHugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

John M. Turpin
Chairman