

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF STOKES)) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 14, 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, March 14, 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
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Arts Council Director Eddy McGee
Captain Junior Palmer - Sheriff's Department
Economic Development Director Ron Morgan
Emergency Communications Director Del Hall
Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens
Fire Marshal Brad Cheek
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall
Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Elwood Mabe

Chairman John Turpin called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Walker 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.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT -GOVERNING BODY-APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the February 28th meeting.

Commissioner McHugh noted the following:

Proposed Budget Work Session Schedule - page #26
Change Thursday, June 15th to Thursday, June 16th

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the February 28th minutes as amended.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - INTERAGENCY COUNCIL-REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins submitted a request from Margaret Avery, Member of the Interagency Council, for \$600.00 to purchase food and small tokens of appreciation in preparation of the Stokes County Volunteer Appreciation Reception scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2005. Ms. Barbara Watkins - Chairman of the Stokes County Interagency Council was unable to attend due to sickness.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the request for \$600.00 for the Volunteer Reception.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the Volunteer Reception Request for \$600.00.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - STOKES COUNTY TOURISM STUDY

Economic Development Director Ron Morgan presented the executive summary of the Stokes County Tourism Study. Director Morgan acknowledged the following who were in attendance for the meeting: Ron Simmons, Gareath Meadows, & Eddy McGee.

Director Morgan also expressed thanks to Jane Priddy-Charleville, Janis Henderson, Dave Hoskins, Carolyn Landreth, Eddy McGee, Gareath Meadows, Eric Nygard, Keith Robertson, Ron Simmons, David Simpson, Bonnie Snyder, Bruce Younts, Karen Jarvis, and Kristie Staton for their dedication during the study.

Director Morgan noted the study was initiated to better understand the existing supply and demand for Stokes County tourism products and to identify future development opportunities. Director Morgan discussed the following issues:

Main Objectives

Assess existing and potential market demand for Stokes County's tourism products;
Assess the existing tourism product inventory in Stokes County including status, market readiness, ability to ensure delivery, and relevance to demand; and
Provide recommendations on potential tourism product opportunities for Stokes County based on identified product gaps and opportunities for product enhancement.

Main Geographic Markets

The **Short-Haul Market** encompasses Stokes County and its border communities within a 50-mile radius of the center of Stokes County.

The **Medium-Haul Market** is defined as encompassing all regions within a 100-mile radius that are not included in the Short-Haul Market.

The **Long-Haul Market** is defined as all regions outside a 100-mile radius of the center of Stokes County extending to and including the southeastern states of North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, West Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee.

Resource Capability - 250 tourism Sites in Stokes County can be considered to offer cultural experience - most are not market ready

Breakdown of Sites

14	Accommodations	47	Food and Beverage Operators
101	Attractions	2	Tour Operators
16	Festivals and Events	20	Tourism Services

Road access to and within Stokes County is well developed to support tourism in Stokes County, however identification and directional signage is weak and not well established. Roadside litter is a drawback as well. Additionally, there is no theme in either signage or "story to be told".

There is a need for a greater emphasis on the preservation and interpretation of historical sites.

The "market" is currently very seasonal in nature, increasing the investment risk of an already challenging marketplace.

Accommodations are a significant issue. Capacities as well as options are very limited and under utilized particularly during weekdays and especially October through May;

There are insufficient numbers of and varieties of retail and services throughout Stokes County to support tourism; Efforts should be made to establish locally based Visitor Information Centers (VIC's). Additionally, participation in partnership marketing programs are virtually non-existent; and,

A very high percentage of tourism operators are not utilizing new technologies and either do not have a web presence or do not have their product marketed on another website. Primary deterrents are user knowledge and access to high-speed Internet capabilities.

Product Opportunities

In order for the tourism industry to fully establish itself, become known in the marketplace and grow as a strong segment in Stokes County, these challenges and barriers need to be addressed, at their appropriate levels. This should be done in

partnership with operators, the new Stokes County Tourism Partnership, Stokes County and its' municipalities, and other key stakeholders like S.C.O.R.E.

Tour Routes: These are formally mapped out and marketed itineraries linking several tourism products (i.e., historical sites, accommodations, trails, etc.) of similar theme in a particular geographic area. These tour routes can be designed to accommodate motorcycles, bicycles, automobiles of varying types, canoe and kayak, hack, environmental education themes, fishing themes, seasonal themes, etc. Like "Fall Ride for the Arts" and the "Foothills Classic".

Packaging Opportunities: Packages would consist of a combination of a number of select products and services that would normally be purchased separately, but which in a package are offered as a single product at a single price. Packages could be built around sub-themes that are relevant to the target markets, such as culture and history, adventure/eco-tourism and/or experiential.

Cultural Center: This attraction would represent a learning center, where visitors could get an appreciation for Stokes County's Golden Era life and culture. The attraction could incorporate a vast array of components both indoors and out.

Themed Accommodation: These accommodations would be designed to offer visitors the opportunity to experience the traditional early 1900's Stokes County way of life, "The Golden Era of Stokes County". Some options for development include "Vade Mecum" style accommodations, fishing/hunting lodge, cottages, cabins, campground or resort.

Themed Restaurant: A themed restaurant would be designed to offer visitors the opportunity to experience traditional early 1900's Stokes County cuisine from the Mineral Springs Era. The resort business was a boon to Stokes economy in more ways than one. In addition to the money made by the resort owners, many local residents worked at the resorts or provided from their farms much of the food needed to feed the crowds.

Re-enactive/Interactive sites: These sites would be designed to provide visitors with the opportunity to see the way of life during Stokes County's Golden Era. Elements that might be portrayed include living conditions, daily routines, and roles of different members of the community, diet, processes for making/preparing things and more.

Through a process of linking the various Stokes County resources (Attractions Database) with the existing and potential markets in an effort to enhance their depth, an appropriate theme that responds to market demand is suggested as "The Golden Era of Stokes County".

Director Morgan also presented the following conclusions:

There is significant demand for tourism products, and Stokes County is well positioned to capitalize on many of the travel trends of domestic visitors.

A good base of tourism products already exists throughout Stokes County. However, due to a lack of coordination among operators and a lack of understanding by some members of the community of the benefits of tourism, much of this product is not market ready. While operators compete against one another for business on a County basis, they need to work together to compete against out-of-county destinations. By working together, they can promote an image of abundant tourism product and achieve the critical mass necessary to attract average and long haul visitors.

While there are a few holes in the "hard" infrastructure, there are serious issues around the "soft" infrastructure. More specifically, two major issues exist. First, there is a lack of trained staff to run the operations - tourism based training is a must if the industry is to get off the ground. Second, there is a need to improve marketing, particularly at the industry-wide level.

Several key actions were identified as being critical to industry survival. Specifically, the industry needs to:

Adopt a vision and long-term theme strategy for the industry;

Adopt a communications plan to enhance the understanding of the benefits of tourism within the community; and,

Develop training programs for tourism industry staff.

Based on a product-market match, specific product opportunities for the Stokes County tourism industry include:

Themed accommodation;

Themed restaurant;

Themed Cultural Center/s;

Packaging opportunities; and,

Interactive village.

The tourism industry in Stokes County is at an early stage in its redevelopment. To grow, it must adopt a strategy to gradually improve its coordination, co-operation and marketing efforts as well as its overall product offering.

The bottom line is that for the industry to grow, commitment and consensus among the various players (operators, chambers of commerce, Stokes County government, municipalities, etc.) is critical. The major challenges of marketing, training and education also need to be addressed.

The Stokes County tourism industry can learn from other destinations like Virginia, Montana, and British Columbia etc. to understand how people representing those areas have developed their tourism industries.

It is time for a new, revamped Stokes County Tourism effort. The mission of this new organization should evolve from the current Stokes County Tourism Council mission statement to "frame Stokes County's unique assets as memorable experience". An appropriate "tag-line", or slogan if you will, may be:



Director Morgan also noted articles in the recent magazines-Domicile & Our State Magazine, received grant from NC Division of Tourism to develop a new visitor’s website, quarterly newsletter, and Hanging Rock State Park has appeared on the cover of 2005 issue of the official North Carolina Travel Guide and will be one of four area sites to be listed on a tourism map being created by National Geographic Magazine.

Director Morgan concluded his presentation with future expectations:

- Packaging opportunities identified.
- Market the packages in new venues, i.e. radio, Our State Magazine, Greensboro, Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill.
- Design and sponsor events focused on target markets.
- Communicate theme in all collateral materials, including events.
- Retire existing Tourism Council and revamp Stokes County Development Corporation, Inc. as the principal organization to “Frame Stokes County’s unique assets as memorable experience.
- Will guide and oversee marketing, advertising and publications for the Stokes County Tourism Industry.
- Centralize monitoring and performance information.
- Sponsor training, familiarization tours, etc. to facilitate development of products that attract visitors to Stokes County.
- Will oversee the implementation of the study recommendations.
- Will work to help tourism create a more diverse economic base.

The Board discussed tourism opportunities in Stokes County, present and future concerns of tourism in Stokes County, and commended the Tourism Council for their dedication and hard work in producing this report.

(A copy of the complete summary “Stokes County -A Short Trip - An Experience to Treasure is maintained in the Economic Development Office.)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - PROPOSED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PLANNING GRANT

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens informed the Board that Stokes County had been awarded a portion of this year’s Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant by the NC Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$5100.00. This grant, which is a reimbursement grant, will be used to conduct a Commodity Flow Study for the major highways and railways that cross the County. Placards will be identified on trucks traveling within Stokes County, this will indicate what type of materials are traveling on our roads. This type of study has never been completed here and will be a major step toward gauging Stokes County’s level of preparedness and response readiness for hazardous materials events that may occur within our borders.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant in the amount of \$5100.00.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #86

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #86 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate funds from a Department of Justice Grant for 30 bulletproof vests. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Sheriff’s Department		
100.4310.291	Uniforms	_____	\$7,225.00
			\$7,225.00

This will result in a net increase of \$7,225.00 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
100.3301.416	Department of Justice		\$7,225.00
			<u>\$7,225.00</u>

Captain Junior Palmer, Sheriff's Department, spoke to the Board concerning the purchase of the bulletproof vests, expiration dates, and plans to incorporate buying replacements vests on a five-year schedule.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #86.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #86.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #87

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #87 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate funds from State Fine and Forfeitures and transfer funds to purchase office chair and telephone charges. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Sheriff's Department		
100.4310.260	Departmental Supplies		\$100.00
100.4310.321	Postage	\$ 891.00	
100.4310.340	Printing	\$ 500.00	
100.4310.320	Telephone		\$1,391.00
		<u>\$ 1,391.00</u>	<u>\$1,491.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$100.00 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 and Forfeitures		\$100.00
			<u>\$100.00</u>

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #87.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #87.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #88

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #88 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to reverse Budget Amendment #25 dated September 27, 2004 for matching funds for a grant for the Danbury Water System Improvement. Grant was not received. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Governing Body		
100.4110.180	Professional Services	\$25,000.00	
100.9910.000	Contingency		\$25,000.00
		<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>

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 #88.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #88.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #89

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #89 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate funds from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for energy crisis assistance.

The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Social Services		
100.5480.000	Crisis Intervention		\$598.00
			<u>\$598.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$598.00 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
100.3301.202	Welfare - Federal		\$598.00
			<u>\$598.00</u>

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #89.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #89.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #90

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #90, which is necessary to amend the E911 Fund to transfer and appropriate funds for the purchase of ANI/ALI controllers at Danbury and King Police Departments.

The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Emergency Communications		
200.4325.320	Telephone	\$30,765.00	
200.4325.350	Maint. & Repairs-Equipment	\$41,373.00	
200.4325.510	Equipment		\$150,500.00
200.4325.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized		\$825.00
		<u>\$72,138.00</u>	<u>\$151,325.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$79,187.00 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
200.3991.000	Fund Balance		\$79,187.00
			<u>\$79,187.00</u>

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #90.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #90.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - PROPOSED COURTROOM SECURITY

County Manager Rick Morris presented the security upgrade plan developed by the Court Facilities Security Subcommittee, which was approved by the Stokes County Criminal Justice Council.

County Manager Morris noted the following:
Plan calls for installation of approximately 12 card access locks,
3 intercom systems, and 3 video cameras at key locations
Funding (up to \$15,000) expected to be provided by
Homeland Security Grant
Projected to start within the next month

Manager Morris concluded with a diagram that detailed the areas, which will be included in the security plan.

Captain Junior Palmer, Sheriff's Department, discussed issues related to the recent Courtroom tragedies in Atlanta and how security is handled in Stokes County.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - FIRE COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT

Chairman John Turpin presented the following individuals nominated at the February 28th meeting to serve as Fire Commissioners:

Tommy Carter
Lyn Martin
Clifford Hall

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to appoint the submitted nominations.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to appoint Tommy Carter, Lyn Martin, and Clifford Hall to serve as Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - YVEDDI - APPOINTMENT

Chairman John Turpin presented information received from Executive Director Jo Ann Larkins -YVEDDI indicating the term of Vice Chairman Leon Inman who serves on the Board of Directors will expire April 2005. The term for the alternate currently filled by Ellis Boyles will also expire April 2005. Mr. Boyles indicated at the last meeting that he would be submitting his resignation.

Commissioner McHugh nominated Vice Chairman Inman for re-appointment to the YVEDDI - Board of Directors.

Commissioner Walker nominated Alan Boyles to serve as alternate for the YVEDDI - Board of Directors.

Appointments can be considered at the March 28th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENTS

Chairman John Turpin presented information received from Andi Reese, Regional LTC Ombudsman -Northwest Piedmont Area Agency on Aging indicating that the following terms have expired on the Stokes County Adult Home Community Advisory Committee:

Mary Catherine Neal - wishes to be re-appointed
Pauline Nelson - wishes to be reappointed
Rachel Richardson - does not wish to be reappointed.

Commissioner McHugh nominated Mary Catherine Neal and Pauline Nelson to to serve on the Stokes County Adult Home Community Advisory Committee and requested that the Clerk to the Board place the appointment on the County's web page.

Nominations can be considered at the March 28th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY-TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following requests for tuition reimbursement:

Douglas Bullins - Emergency Services - \$152.00

Carrie Shore - Emergency Services - \$228.00

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve the submitted requests for tuition reimbursement.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve tuition reimbursements for Douglas Bullins and Carrie Shore.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY SERVICES - PROPOSED HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2005

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens presented the following information concerning the upcoming 2005 Homeland Security Grant:

2005 Grant will be different from previous years
Grant will require regionalization among counties
Focus will be acquisition of infrastructure for the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER)
Initial infrastructure will include additional transmission towers, equipment shelter, and generators
VIPER is the proposed statewide 800MHz radio system and acquisition of the system is being managed by the NC State Highway Patrol.
Partnership counties - Stokes, Surry, Davie, Yadkin, Rockingham & Caswell
Funding for the VIPER approved by NC Association of County Commissioners, League of Municipalities, and NC Sheriff's Association
Lead agency for the radio system - Highway Patrol
Will allow all agencies to be able to talk to each other
Will build a new tower in Northeast section of County
Upgrade site - Booth Mountain - new building and generator
Upgrade site - Sauratown Mountain
Reimbursement grant which requires money to be paid up front by County then reimbursed to County - Grant is a competitive grant with possibilities of \$1.7 million for Stokes County
Grant can be turned over to the Highway Patrol for administration
If grant administered by Highway Patrol - no upfront County funding
Memorandum of Understanding needed if grant is turned over to the Highway Patrol
Hand held and mobile radios will be replaced with 800mhz when they are ready for replacements
National Homeland Security number one issue -interoperable communication

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve 2005 Homeland Security Grant for Stokes County with State Highway Patrol as the administrators.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY SERVICES - AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall and Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Elwood Mabe presented the following options for replacement of ambulance that was recently totaled during inclement weather:

NCDMV Taxes/Tag	1,006.00
Less Stretcher	(3,202.00)
Replacement Cost	105,610.00
Option #1	
Sedgewick Retaining Vehicle	
Ambulance Cost	105,610.00
State Farm Settlement	(30,000.00)
Sedgewick Settlement	(65,000.00)
County Funding	\$ 10,610.00

Option #2	
County Retaining Vehicle	
Ambulance Cost	105,610.00
State Farm Settlement	(30,000.00)
Sedgewick Settlement	(63,500.00)
County Funding	\$ 12,110.00

The Board discussed Option 1 versus Option 2.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion for either Option 1 or Option 2.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Option #2 -County Retaining Vehicle for salvage parts only.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #91

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins, (Finance Director Julia Edwards was unavailable) requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #91 which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate insurance claim and contingency for the purchase of an ambulance. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Emergency Medical Services		
100.4370.510	Equipment		\$105,610.00
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$12,110.00</u>	
		\$12,110.00	<u>\$105,610.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$93,500.00 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		<u>\$93,500.00</u>
			\$93,500.00

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #91.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #91.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #92

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins, (Finance Director Julia Edwards was unavailable) requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #92 which is necessary to amend the Grant Fund to appropriate from the NC Division of Emergency Management to conduct a Commodity Flow Study to determine the types and amounts of Hazardous materials that are being carried across the County's roadways and railways. The appropriations are to be changed as followed:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Emergency Management		
203.4330.440	Misc. Contractual Services		<u>\$5,100.00</u>
			\$5,100.00

This will result in a net increase of \$5,100.00 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
203.3301.008	Division of Emergency Management		\$5,100.00
			<u>\$5,100.00</u>

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #92.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #92.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to enter into closed session to consider and take action 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 McHugh moved to enter into closed session to consider and take action 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). Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered into the regular session of the March 14th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - STOKES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE SHEPPARD MILL REALTY LIMITED

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Among the County of Stokes, The Stokes County Historical Society and The Sheppard Mill Realty Limited in order to try to save the Sheppard Mill.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Chairman John Turpin voting against the motion.

(a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding will be maintained in the Clerk to the Board and County Attorney offices)

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

Vice Chairman Inman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
 Clerk to the Board

John M. Turpin
 Chairman