

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES) DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
) MARCH 15, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for continuation of the Board Retreat in the Council Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administrative Building), located in Danbury, North Carolina, on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Assistance Finance Director Lisa Lankford

Chairman John Turpin called the Board Retreat 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.

CONTINUATION - DISCUSSION DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

The Board continued strategic discussion related to the following departments and other issues:

- Communications
- District Resource Center
- DSS (Social Services)
- Economic Development
- Elections
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services
- Environmental Health
- Fire Marshal
- Health Department
- Information Technology
- Jail
- Mapping/GIS
- Planning and Zoning
- Procurement
- Public Building
- Register of Deeds
- Senior Services
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Solid Waste
- Tax Administration
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Health Insurance concerns

Roads and bridges in Stokes County
Five-year budget projections
Bringing jobs to Stokes County
Continued discussion on schools
No interest loans for Schools
Infrastructure within the County

TOP FIVE PRIORITY GOALS

The Board continued discussion concerning the top priority goals for Stokes County.

The Board prioritized their top five goals for the County as follows:

Schools
No new taxes
Economic Development/tourism
County wide health care issues
Improve Infrastructure - connectivity-water, sewer, gas, high speed internet, etc.

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.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

John M. Turpin
Chairman