

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
)) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES)) DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
)) APRIL 10, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for regular scheduled session at the Rock House Ruritan Club located at 2889 HWY #268 in Pinnacle, North Carolina on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
Clerk to the Board/Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins
County Attorney Jonathan Jordan
Finance Director Julia Edwards
DSS Director Jan Spencer
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall
Emergency Communications Director Del Hall
Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens

Chairman Leon Inman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Inman delivered the invocation.

Chairman Inman expressed the Board's appreciation to Rock House Ruritan Club for inviting the Board to hold their meeting back in the Double Creek area.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Inman 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 Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the March 20th, March 22nd, and March 27th meetings.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins requested the correction in the spelling of the Walnut Cove Town Attorney's last name - which should be Berger instead of Burger.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve the minutes of the March 20th, March 22nd, and March 27th meetings as amended.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during public comments:

Ms. Donna Sutton
PO Box 687
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
RE: **Rock House Ruritan Dedication**

Ms. Sutton welcomed the Board and thanked the Board for holding their meeting at Rock House Ruritan Club. Ms. Sutton invited the Board to the following to be held at building:

Breakfast on April 22nd (6:00am to 11:00am) to raise funding for those in need in the community and official dedication for the new facility on May 21st from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES - PROCLAMATION-NAMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

DSS Director Jan Spencer presented the proposed Proclamation naming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when parents find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and unable to cope;

Whereas, 869 children were reported as allegedly abused and neglected in Stokes County in 2005;

Whereas, 139 children were substantiated as abused or neglected in Stokes County in 2005;

Whereas, the majority of child maltreatment cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community;

Whereas, the effects of child maltreatment are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

Whereas, effective child maltreatment prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Therefore, we, the Commissioners of Stokes County, North Carolina do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Stokes County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 10th of April 2006.

J. Leon Inman - Chairman
Turpin - Vice Chairman

Joe

Sandy McHugh - Commissioner
Commissioner

John Turpin -

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins-Clerk to the Board

Director Spencer noted the following:

- 869 children were reported allegedly abused and neglected in Stokes County in 2005
- 139 children were substantiated as abuse or neglected in Stokes County in 2005
- 93% of the reported children were able to stay at home with their parents which results in fewer going into foster care
- New program "Multiple Response" Program

Director Spencer concluded by presenting Board members with a handout detailing the new Multiple Response Program.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the Proclamation naming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve the Proclamation naming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - E-911 - BACK-UP -CONSOLE UPGRADE FOR KING LOCATION

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following two options from RCS Communications for Orbacom radio equipment to upgrade our back-up console positions located at the King Police Department:

Option #1 is for a TDM-25/2 communication console system composed of one (1) 14-card central processor package configured to provide no future expansion slots and two (2) video enhanced CRT-based desktop console positions. Equipment will be installed on County provided furniture.

14-Card Cabinet	\$49,620.00
System Spares	1,837.92
Option B Install	<u>731.42</u>
Total	\$52,189.34

Option #2 is for a TDM-25/2 communication console system composed of one (1) 20-card central processor package configured to provide six (6) expansion slots for growth and two (2) video enhanced CRT-based desktop console positions. Equipment will be installed on County provided furniture.

20-Card Cabinet	\$56,065.00
System Spares	1,837.92
Option B Install	<u>731.42</u>
Total	\$58,634.34

Mr. Stovall expressed the following regarding the submitted options:

- Option I will provide no future expansion
- Option II will provide six (6) expansion slots for growth
- E911 Fund has \$60,000 budgeted to cover these costs

Mr. Stovall also noted that connection to existing radio equipment located at the

King water tower will be connected via a leased T1 landline from Alltel. The cost for the T1 is as follows:

- T1 installation charge of \$700
- a monthly charge of \$250.

Mr. Stovall represented the following information due to upgrading the existing radio communications equipment that should be purchased through one vendor to ensure compatibility and to reduce risk and to ensure adequate supportability of the system components:

- North Carolina General Statute 143-129 and North Carolina General Statute 143-131 procedures for letting public contracts. Both statutes require public bidding for purchases or construction needs over a certain dollar amount.
- However, included in North Carolina General Statute 143-129 is a sole source exception, 143-129 (e)(6):
- “(e) Exceptions: - The requirements of this Article do not apply to:”
- (6) “Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (I) performance or price competition for a product are not available, (II) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (III) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the governing board of a political subdivision of the State shall approve the purchases listed in the preceding sentence prior to the award of contract.”

Emergency Communications Director Del Hall and Mr. Stovall confirmed the need for Option II which will provide expansion slots for future growth.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of each option.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Option II for a TDM-25/2 communication console system composed of one (1) 20-card central processor package configured to provide six (6) expansion slots for growth and two (2) video enhanced CRT-based desktop console positions.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - FINANCING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following proposals for financing the capital vehicle purchases, which were accepted until 5:00 pm, Monday, April 3, 2006:

- RBC Centura - 3.78%
- First Citizens - 3.87%
- Sun Trust - 3.92%
- BB&T - 3.97%
- Southern Community - 5.375%
- LSB - 5.69%
- Wachovia - no bid
- Ashford Capital - no bid

Mr. Stovall noted the following equipment will be purchased with the Installment Purchase Agreement, which is for three (3) years with the first payment being April 2007:

- Sheriff Department Vehicles - \$147,006
- EMS Ambulance - \$107,980.00
- Bookmobile - \$39,878.00
- Total \$294,864.00

Mr. Stovall discussed the presented chart:

Company	Ranking	Fixed Rate	Finance Amount	Annual Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Bank Charges	Payback Amount
RBC Centura	1	3.78%	294,864.00	105,810.45	22,567.35	100.00	317,531.35
First Citizens	2	3.87%	294,864.00	105,991.75	23,111.25	300.00	318,275.25
Sun Trust	3	3.92%	294,864.00	106,083.61	23,386.83	0	318,250.83
BB&T	4	3.97%	294,864.00	106,193.32	23,715.96	0	318,579.96
Southern Community	5	5.375%	294,864.00	109,190.10	32,992.18	250.00	327,820.30
LSB	6	5.69%	294,864.00	109,679.40	34,174.20	0	329,038.20
Wachovia		No Bid					
Ashford Capital		No Bid					

Mr. Stovall recommended RBC Centura's proposal, which reflected the lowest, fixed rate of 3.78%.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the financing proposals submitted by Mr. Stovall.

Commissioner McHugh moved to accept the bid from RBC Centura.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stovall presented the proposed Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Installment Financing Contract in the Amount of \$294,864 with RBC Centura Bank to Finance the Acquisition of Certain Equipment for Use by the County of Stokes, North Carolina, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Related Instruments, and Determining Other Matters in Connection Therewith.

Mr. Stovall noted that in Section 2 - page 2 the Authorized Officer would be the Support Services Supervisor instead of the Interim County Manager due to the Clerk to Board who is serving as Interim can not certify and execute the document.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the submitted Resolution.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Installment Financing Contract.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION- PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO LEASE FOR THE KING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented the proposed Addendum to Contract with the City of King for an extension of the Lease for the King Public Library.

Interim Manager Bullins noted the following regarding the proposed Addendum to the Contract:

- Contract expired August 15, 2005 with a ten year renewal
- City of King wishes to extend the lease until August 15, 2015
- No changes from the original contract except for the ten year extension
- City of King approved unanimously to extend the lease at their March 6, 2006 meeting
- Currently, the County leases the building from the City of King
- County currently provides liability insurance on the building
- County Attorney Jonathan Jordan reviewed and approved the proposed Addendum to the Contract

The Board discussed the proposed Addendum to the Lease.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve the proposed Addendum to the Lease with the City of King for the King Public Library.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(a copy of the approved Addendum to the Lease will be retained by the County Attorney, Support Services Supervisor and Clerk to the Board)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - RONALD WILSON REAGAN MEMORIAL BUILDING SIGNAGE - CONTINUATION

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented several photos for the Board’s consideration regarding signage for the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building.

The Board discussed different options submitted by Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall noted various prices for plastic and cast aluminum lettering, which ranged from small lettering starting at approximately \$500 to larger lettering from \$1100 to \$1500.

Interim County Manager Bullins noted that there was \$615.87 available funding, which includes no county funding.

The Board directed Mr. Stovall to obtain actual cost for plastic and cast aluminum lettering for the Board’s consideration.

Commissioner John Turpin noted that once lettering cost was determined, additional funding could probably be secured for the project without the use of any County funding.

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 transfer funds to provide four (4) additional pagers and to cover shortage in rental of equipment. The appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	Sheriff’s Department		
100.4310.260	Departmental Supplies	\$1,500.00	
100.4310.430	Rental of Equipment		\$1,500.00
		<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$00 in the appropriations of the General Fund.

Finance Director Edwards noted that the following justification of the budget ordinance amendment for fiscal year 2005-06:

- Sheriff requested these funds to be transferred within his budget

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

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #86.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - 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 correct revenue source due to the reduction of Mental health space at the Community Service Building. The appropriations are to be as follows:

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

<u>Account Number</u>	REVENUES	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
100.3834.001	Mental Health Rent	\$22,728.00	
100.3234.000	½ cent Sales Tax Article 44		\$22,728.00
		<u>\$22,728.00</u>	<u>\$22,728.00</u>

Finance Director Edwards noted that the following justification of the budget ordinance amendment for fiscal year 2005-06:

- Reallocate revenue source

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

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #87.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk to the Board Bullins noted that possible funding could be received from CenterPoint due to indication that the space would be utilized for mental health services.

Chairman Inman requested information regarding the available space currently at the Community Services Building. Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented Board members with a diagram, which reflected 1890 sq. ft of available space (8-9 offices).

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin questioned EMS Director Monty Stevens if EMS could possibly occupy the space.

Director Stevens noted that he was not aware of the vacant space and would need to tour the facility.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #88

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #88, which is necessary to amend the General Fund and Capital Reserve Fund to transfer funding for six (6) ALS transport ventilators due to the American Heart Association changes and transfer funds within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. The appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	EXPENDITURES	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	Emergency Medical Services		
100.4370.291	Uniforms	\$8,000.00	
100.4370.321	Postage	\$5,000.00	
100.4370.351	Maint. & Repairs - Auto		\$11,500.00
100.4370.260	Departmental Supplies		\$1,500.00
100.4370.511	Equipment- Non Capitalized	\$10,300.00	
100.9820.960	Transfer to Capital Reserve		\$10,300.00
		<u>\$23,300.00</u>	<u>\$23,300.00</u>

	Capital Reserve Fund	
201.4370.001	EMS	\$10,300.00

This will result in a net increase of \$10,300.00 in the appropriations of the Capital Reserve Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

<u>Account Number</u>	REVENUES	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
201.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund		\$10,300.00
			<u>\$10,300.00</u>

Finance Director Edwards noted that the following justification of the budget ordinance amendment for fiscal year 2005-06:

- Emergency Medical Services Director requested the funds to be transferred due to expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year and to transfer funds to Capital Reserve to purchase ventilator after the changes from the American Health Association.

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens reiterated the need to hold off on purchasing this equipment until later the American Heart Association finalized their changes.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #88.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #88.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - E911- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #89

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #89, which is necessary to amend the Grant Fund to appropriate HRSA Grant for radio equipment that will allow us to become part of the NC Medical Communications Network. The appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	EXPENDITURES	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
203.4330.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized		\$22,066.00
			<u>\$22,066.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$22,066.00 in the appropriations of the Grant Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

<u>Account Number</u>	REVENUES	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
203.3301.011	HRSA Grant		\$22,066.00
			<u>\$22,066.00</u>

Finance Director Edwards noted that the following justification of the budget ordinance amendment for fiscal year 2005-06:

- Stokes County has been awarded \$22,066 from the HRSA Grant to purchase radios to make Stokes County part of the NC Medical Communications Network.

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

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #89.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - PLANNING BOARD - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - APPOINTMENT

Chairman Inman noted the vacancy for an alternate member to serve on the Stokes County Planning - Board of Adjustment.

There were no nominations.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted that the vacancy was advertised on the County's web site.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - NORTHWEST PIEDMONT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to appoint Economic Development Director Ron Morgan to serve on the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board. (Mr. Morgan was nominated at the March 27th meeting)

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner John Turpin presented the name of John Robertson for the business representative to serve on the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board. Mr. Robertson is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker who resides in King.

Commissioner John Turpin nominated Mr. Robertson to serve as the business representative on the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board.

Mr. Robertson can be considered at the April 24th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - STOKES COUNTY ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Inman noted the vacancy on the Stokes County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted that the vacancy had been placed on the County's website.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 06/07 BUDGET CALENDAR

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins informed the Board that the approved June 13th budget work session which included meeting with the Board of Education at 6:00 pm would not work due to Dr. Larry Cartner -Superintendent being out of town the week of June 12th.

Dr. Cartner had suggested possibly considering Monday, June 19th at 4:00pm.

The Board discussed the suggested date.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to reschedule the starting time of the budget work session scheduled for June 19th to 4:00pm which would include meeting with the Board of Education.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to reschedule the starting time of the budget work session on June 19th to 4:00pm, which would include meeting with the Board of Education.

Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - CELL PHONE POLICY REVISION

County Attorney Jonathan Jordan noted that the revision to the cell phone policy regarding the use of a cell phone while driving a county car would be presented at the April 24th meeting for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner John Turpin noted the need to include in the revision no use of a county cell phone or a private cell phone. Interim County Manager Bullins requested the Board's direction regarding using a speaker phone, earphone, etc.

After discussion of the issue, the Board directed County Attorney Jordan to include in the policy the use of no cell phone (private or county), speaker cell phone, earphone device, etc. while operating a county vehicle and return the revised policy along with an addition to the county's personnel policy to the Board at the April 24th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- GOVERNING BODY- PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ASSUMPTION OF COUNTY SHARE OF MEDICAID

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented as requested the following proposed Resolution in Support of State Assumption of County Share of Medicaid:

**Resolution in Support of
Assumption of County Share of Medicaid**

WHEREAS, Stokes County is estimated to pay over two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of its expenditures for services to Medicaid eligible citizens for fiscal year 2005-06; and

WHEREAS, the county's share of Medicaid reimbursements has increased over seventy two (72%) percent in the last six (6) years and totaled one million, seven hundred forty-five, nine hundred seventy, and 00/100 (\$1,745,970.00) dollars during the 2004-05 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the only state in the nation that requires counties to pay a share of all Medicaid service costs; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursements consumed 6.6 cents of the county's ad valorem tax rate during the 2004-05 fiscal year and is estimated to consume 6.5 cents of the county's ad valorem tax rate during the 2005-06 fiscal year which was a revaluation year; and

WHEREAS, Stokes County has presented Resolutions in 2003, 2004, and 2005 urging the North Carolina General Assembly to provide immediate Medicaid relief to all counties in North Carolina: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **the Stokes County Board of Commissioners** support House Bill 316 (attached) which will phase out the County share of the nonfederal share of medical assistance program costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor's Office, all members of the General Assembly, and all other County Commissioners.

Adopted by the Stokes County Board of Commissioner this **10th** day of **April 2006**.

J. Leon Inman - Chairman

Joe Turpin - Vice Chairman

Sandy McHugh - Commissioner

John Turpin - Commissioner

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins-Clerk to the Board

Exhibit: House Bill 316

Commissioner McHugh noted the need for the word "State" to be included in the title.

The Board discussed the proposed Resolution.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented Board members a copy of an approved Resolution from Sampson County, which urges Commissioners to support Medicaid Relieve by allowing the State to take away the Article 39 Sales Tax Revenue in return for no further county allocation for Medicaid.

The Board discussed the approved Resolution from Sampson County and the effects of Stokes County loosing Article 39 Sales Tax Revenue.

Chairman Inman noted the House Bill 316 submitted by Representative Holloway which will phase out the County share of the nonfederal share of medical assistance program with no elimination of Article 39 Sales Tax Revenue.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the submitted Resolution in Support of State Assumption of County Share of Medicaid.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the submitted Resolution in Support of State Assumption of County Share of Medicaid as amended.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND REQUEST ADOPTION OF THE FIRST LEVEL COMMITMENT EXAMINATION WAIVER PROJECT

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented as requested the proposed Resolution in Support of and Request Adoption of the First Level Commitment Examination Waiver Project for the Board's consideration:

**Resolution in Support of
and
Request Adoption of the
First Level Commitment Examination Waiver Project**

WHEREAS, in 2003, the NC Legislature enacted HB 883 (attached) which authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to waive the requirements of G.S. 122C-261 through G.S. 122C-263 and G.S. 122C-281 pertaining to initial (first level) examinations by a physician or eligible psychologist of persons meeting the criteria of G.S. 122C-261(a) or G.S. 122C-281 (a); and

WHEREAS, the bill permits specially trained Master's Level Psychiatric Nurses, Master's Level Certified Clinical Addiction Specialists and Master's Level Licensed Clinical Social Workers to render first opinion on Petitions for Involuntary Commitments originating from the Magistrate's Office; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this project is to improve access for consumers in need of first level commitment examinations in rural counties, and reduce wait time for Law Enforcement Officers, among others; and

WHEREAS, CenterPoint Human Services has implemented the project; and

WHEREAS, providers and their staff have been performing First Opinion Waivers in Stokes County; and

WHEREAS, improved access time for consumers who are in need of first level examinations has been realized; and

WHEREAS, reduce wait time for Law Enforcement Officers has been realized; and

WHEREAS, HB 883 is the most effective means for rendering initial (first level) examinations for consumers in rural areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Stokes County Board of Commissioners** request the permanent implementation HB 883 into the statute, waiving the requirements outlined above and pertaining to initial (first level) examinations by a physician or eligible psychologist and permitting specially trained Master's Level Psychiatric Nurses, Master's Level Certified Clinical Addiction Specialists and Master's Level Licensed Clinical Social Workers to render first opinion on Petitions for Involuntary Commitments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor's Office, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on MH/DD/SAS, Stokes County Legislators, CenterPoint Human Services CEO, CenterPoint Human Services-Board Chairman, Consumer and Family Advisory Committee-Chair, Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom, State Director, MH/DD/SAS along with all counties that are currently participating in the First Level Commitment Examination Wavier Pilot Program.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Stokes County Board of Commissioner this the **10th** day of **April 2006**.

J. Leon Inman
Joe Turpin
Chairman
Vice Chairman

Sandy McHugh
Commissioner

John Turpin
Commissioner

Jimmy Walker
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Exhibit: House Bill 883

The Board discussed the proposed Resolution in support of the First Level Commitment Examination Waiver Project. Commissioner McHugh reiterated the need for this program, which saves county funding and reduces wait time for Local Law Enforcement Officers.

Commissioner McHugh move to approve the submitted Resolution in Support of and Request Adoption of the First Level Commitment Examination Waiver Project.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CEO Betty Taylor requested that the Board be informed that in preparation for the 06/07 fiscal year, CenterPoint will be issuing RFPs for all services including pharmacy in Stokes County.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED MEETING WITH STOKES HEALTH SERVICES ALLIANCE

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented the following dates for the Board's consideration to meeting in special session with the Stokes Health SERVICES Alliance:

- Tuesday, April 25th
- Monday, May 1st
- Tuesday, May 2nd

There were conflicts with the submitted dates.

The Board directed the Clerk to contact to the Alliance for a later date in May for the special session and return to the Board.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - USE OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins notified the Board that the individual who had requested to use the Old Courthouse lawn for a wedding in June had returned the signed and notarized Release, Waiver, and Agreement To Indemnify which was prepared by County Attorney Jonathan Jordan for use of the facility.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED WALNUT COVE LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented a memo from the Town of Walnut Cove regarding the proposed Walnut Cove Library project.

Chairman Inman noted the following from the correspondence:

- It was the consensus of the Board for us to continue working on helping with the Library project with the Town acting as the pass thru for the loan and the County covering the cost less our contribution

Chairman Inman also noted that the Town Manager Jack Gardin would be meeting with Local Government Commission on April 13th.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - MEETING WITH PART AND CITY OF KING

Commissioner John Turpin updated the Board regarding a recent meeting with PART representatives (Brent McKinney) and the City of King (Scott Buffkin) for a possible site in King for a drop off point. The parking lot at the Veteran's Memorial is being considered for the possible location.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTHWEST PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' DESIGNATION AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Commissioner John Turpin presented a proposed Resolution from the NWPCOG which will endorse the designation of the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments as an Economic Development District. The endorsement will provide opportunities for further economic development projects identified in the Community Economic Development District with funding from the recent WIRED Grant obtained by the Piedmont Triad Partnership.

Commissioner John Turpin noted that "begin" in paragraph #3 should be "being".

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve the submitted Resolution supporting the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments' Designation as an Economic Development District as amended.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(a copy of the Resolution will be retained by the Clerk to the Board)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - EMS STATION IN PINNACLE

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins submitted correspondence from Budget Director Dennis Thompson requesting the Board's approval to work with Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens for possible funding and ideas for a new EMS facility for the Pinnacle station.

Director Stevens has submitted a request for funding in his FY 2006-07 Budget request.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve the motion to allow Budget Director Dennis Thompson to work with Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens for a possible new EMS facility at Pinnacle.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins submitted the following tuition reimbursement the Board's approval:

- Carrie L. Shore- Ball - EMS Paramedic
Pursing EMS Associate Degree
\$250 Tuition Reimbursement

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve the tuition reimbursement for Carrie L. Shore-Ball in the amount of \$250.00.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - PROPOSED HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins informed the Board that due to additional quotes received from BCBS on Friday, the insurance renewal information was not available for tonight's meeting.

Interim Manager Bullins requested that the Board recessed until Monday, April 17th at which time representatives from Mark III and NCACC would be available to discuss both insurance and dental renewals.

Meeting sometime next week would enable the Board to discuss the renewals, obtain additional information if needed, and decide at the April 24th meeting.

The Board agreed to recess until Monday, April 17th at 5:30 pm.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE

Interim Manager Darlene Bullins presented correspondence from Economic Development Director Ron Morgan which proposed having economic development updates during the first regular meeting in September 2006, December 2006, March 2007, and June 2007.

These economic development update presentations would update economic development activities, along with possible quest speakers and presentations applicable to current topics such as workforce development issues, business development issues, tourism issues, current economic development issues, estimates, projections, etc.

The Board unanimously agreed regarding the dates for the meetings and that this would be very beneficial for the Board.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - CEDAR TREES- OLD COURTHOUSE

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented a request from Dr. Larry Cartner regarding a safety issue at the Old Courthouse regarding the cedar trees located in the front lawn of the Old Courthouse.

Dr. Cartner stated the large branches had fell out of the trees on two separate occasions.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall had Chilton's Tree Services inspect the trees. Mr. Forest Chilton represented the following options:

- Do nothing and let the trees seal off the damaged areas
- Completely removed the trees
- Only remove the damaged limb and chemically seal off the area - cost of approximately \$150.00
- Does not feel these trees are a danger to falling on the Courthouse at this time and if the trees were to fall, they would fall towards the highway
- Limbs could continue to fall during a violent storm

Chairman Inman had spoke to Danbury Town Mayor Jane Priddy-Charleville regarding the trees. Mayor Priddy-Charleville expressed concerns in trying to eliminate taking the trees down. Mayor Priddy-Charleville is seeking a professional opinion from an arborist regarding the condition of the tree. Interim County Manager Bullions noted that the County would seek an opinion from the Forestry Service.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the Volunteer Reception will be held on April 24th at 5:00 pm at Hanging Rock State Park.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - E&R MEETING

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the scheduled E&R Meeting for Tuesday April 11th.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - LEAGUE OF GOVERNMENTS

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the League of Government meeting hosted by the Town of Danbury is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Inman entertained a motion to recess the meeting.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to recess the meeting until Monday, April 17th at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman