

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES) DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
) MAY 8, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administrative Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, May 8, 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
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall
Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens
Health Director Don Moore
Program Director Lynn Martens-Senior Services

Stokes County Schools Personnel in Attendance:
Dr. Larry Cartner-Superintendent- Stokes County Schools
Mr. David Burge - Director of Operations-Stokes Co. Schools

Chairman Leon Inman called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Walker delivered the invocation.

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 - RELOCATION OF MEETING

Commissioner McHugh moved to recess and reconvene tonight's meeting to Courtroom "A" to accommodate the large crowd. Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened to Courtroom "A".

GENERAL GOVERNMENT -GOVERNING BODY-APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the April 17th and April 24th meetings.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve the minutes of the April 17th and April 24th meetings.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during public comments:

Lonnie Bowman
1145 Power House Road
Walnut Cove, NC 27052
RE: **Stokes/Forsyth Landfill**
Property Disposal

Mr. Bowman urged Vice Chairman Joe Turpin and Commissioner John Turpin to make the next few months the most productive months of this Board. Mr. Bowman urged the Board to fight the proposed landfill and consider opening a landfill in Stokes County.

Mr. Bowman also urged the Board to sell the following property: Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital and the old Prison Camp. Mr. Bowman offered the Board \$4000 an acre to get the process started. Mr. Bowman concluded that the Board needs to privatize EMS and moving Meadowbrook to North Stokes is "stupid".

Eugene Lyons

2212 NC 704 HWY N
Lawsonville, NC 27022

RE: **North Stokes-Meadowbrook Issue**

Mr. Lyons spoke in opposition of moving Meadowbrook onto the North Stokes Campus.

Mr. Lyons presented the following reservations:

1. How many students, their grade level, their high school attendance district and the paper trail of reasons why they cannot be in a regular school setting (drugs, alcohol, violence)?
2. How much destruction and renovation of current facilities would be needed to accommodate this move?
3. Which of the two principals would establish and enforce rules for students using the same facilities? (lunchroom, library, restrooms, gym, auditorium, playground, dressing room and showers for P.E. students and parking lot) The statement appeared in the Stokes News that students would be kept separated. The Border patrol would be unable to accomplish this promise.
4. How many Meadowbrook students would be driving to school? Would they be allowed to transport North Stokes students to and from school?
5. Would a new office be built for the principal and the secretary with a separate intercom system set up to avoid confusion when making announcements for only one group?
6. Would a deputy and a separate custodial staff be brought to the campus?

Mr. Lyons presented the following options:

1. Keep Meadowbrook at its present location and work with the King Library, the YMCA and a local school cafeteria to provide services.
2. Re-possess the old Danbury school and transfer its current occupants to the lower level of the building or to the third floor of the Reagan Building. Food could be provided on site or use Danbury's four restaurants. The Danbury Library is located close by and the school auditorium could also be used as a gymnasium. I checked both locations on May 8.

Mr. Lyons sincerely requested the Board deny any allocation of money to the Board of Education to move Meadowbrook to North Stokes.

(A complete copy of Mr. Lyons's comments will be retained by the Clerk to the Board)

Sam Hill

1274 Hill Road
King, NC 27021

RE: **Budget**

Mr. Hill requested that the Board decrease County taxes during the upcoming budget process. Mr. Hill noted that revaluation caused some property in the Northern side of the County to "double". Mr. Hill noted cutting across the Board fairly for everyone. Mr. Hill also questioned the move of Meadowbrook to North Stokes and suggested that students be returned to their assigned schools where there was already a gym, cafeteria, etc.

Keith Hibner

4369 NC HWY 89 E
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

RE: **Stokes/Forsyth Landfill**

Mr. Hibner requested the Board vote on a Resolution that opposes the proposed landfill on the Stokes/Forsyth line. (The proposed Resolution had been emailed to Board members)

Mr. Hibner reiterated the following key factors in opposing the Landfill: (1) School bus safety issues (2) Traffic and sound issues (3) Decrease in property values (4) Cost of dump for Stokes County and (5) Presentations by the Utilities Commission are never the same. Mr. Hibner requested the Board approve the proposed Resolution Opposing the Proposed Landfill.

Tammy Watts-Quesinberry
PO Box 178
Walkertown, NC 27052
RE: **Stokes/Forsyth Landfill**

Ms. Watts-Quesinberry reiterated the items mentioned by Mr. Keith Hibner and requested that the Board approve the proposed Resolution Opposing the Proposed Landfill. Ms. Watts-Quesinberry noted the existing two churches, school bus traffic issues, and property values that the Utilities Commission had not taken into consideration.

Robert Nickell
1085 Nickell Farm Road
Westfield, NC 27053
RE: **Pretrial Release Program**
Meadowbrook Issue

Mr. Nickell opposes the move of Meadowbrook to North Stokes. Mr. Nickell wanted to see no County funding being spent on the move. Mr. Nickell wanted to comment on the exceptional services (drug testing and services provided to the County/Community) being provided by the Day Reporting Center to Stokes County. Mr. Nickell also commented in opposition of the proposed Landfill. Mr. Nickell noted a recent visit in Washington to a landfill exactly like the one being proposed in Stokes/Forsyth counties. Mr. Nickell noted you could not have a normal conversation ½ mile from the actual landfill site - no benefits to Stokes. Mr. Nickell noted the need to put funding into a landfill for Stokes County in Stokes County.

Gary Alley
1069 Pack Road
Walnut Cove, NC 27052
RE: **Stokes Forsyth Landfill**

Mr. Alley expressed appreciation to the Board allowing individuals to express their views and opinions openly during the past months regarding the proposed Landfill. Mr. Alley requested that the Board approve the proposed Resolution Opposing the proposed Landfill.

Jerry Rutledge
PO Box 66
Germanton, NC 27019
RE: **Resolution for Dump Site**

Mr. Rutledge urged the Board to take action on the submitted proposed Resolution Opposing the Proposed Landfill tonight. Mr. Rutledge noted that this is the most significant thing to happen to Walnut Cove since Brook Cove and Belews Creek, which then contributed to ½ Ad Valorem property taxes (inventory tax). Mr. Rutledge noted that Walnut Cove is growing and the price of land in the area has doubled in the last 2-3 years. Mr. Rutledge stated that 417 acres of prime real estate will be turned in a "dump" and the proposed landfill will produce noise, dust, and questions the recycling center proposed at the site. Mr. Rutledge reiterated to the Board to say "No" by going on record voting for the proposed Resolution Opposing the Proposed Landfill.

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation to those speaking during public comments and stated that Board members had received (via email) a copy of the proposed Resolution Opposing the Landfill, which could be brought up under new business if so desired.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - MOTION TO DISCUSS ITEMS PRESENTED IN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner McHugh moved to amend the agenda to allow the Commissioners to address any of the issues brought up during public comments that they wished while the audience was still here.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - MOTION REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Commissioner McHugh stated the following:

There have been comments made that this is going to be a very difficult budget year.

I believe we owe it to the taxpayers to make sure we make the very best decisions in this budget process. In order to do that we need all the information we can get about spending patterns and comparisons between spending patterns of the different departments. I also firmly believe that the school board should be accountable to the money they receive and spend.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the following motion:

I move that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners formally request the following information from the Stokes County Board of Education according to G.S. 115C-429 © and that this information be given to our clerk in a timely fashion within 3 weeks or before 5 p.m. on May 29th.

- The name, age, date of original employment or appointment, current position, title, current salary, supplement, longevity pay, date and amount of most recent increase or decrease in salary, date of most recent promotion, demotion, transfer, suspension, separation, or other change in position classification, and the office or station to which the employee is currently assigned, all benefits afforded each employee such as insurance of the employee and family that are paid by the school system, and any other benefit or monetary payments to employees.
- Copies of the minutes of the meetings including all Stokes County Board of Education actions on the following items for the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006:
 - Increases or decreases in expenditures from the capital outlay fund for projects,
 - Increases or decreases in the appropriation allocated to a purpose or function,
 - Resolutions authorizing the superintendent to transfer moneys from one appropriation to another within the same fund,
 - Reports to the board of education about such transfers,
 - Board of education discussion and votes to request approval from the board of commissioners for the transfer of a specified amount of money to or from the capital outlay fund to or from some other fund,
 - Certified copies of all resolutions requesting approval from the board of commissioners for the transfer of a specified amount of money to or from the capital outlay fund to or from some other fund,
 - Discussion and votes by the Stokes County Board of Education to do a study on the feasibility and consequences of moving Meadowbrook School to North Stokes High School,
 - The actual study on the feasibility and consequences of moving Meadowbrook School to North Stokes High School,
 - The discussion and votes by the Stokes County Board of Education setting the public hearing on the issue of moving Meadowbrook School to North Stokes High School,
 - The actual public hearing on the issue of moving Meadowbrook School to North Stokes High School,
 - The discussion and votes by the Stokes County Board of Education approving the moving of Meadowbrook School to North Stokes High School,
 - The discussion and votes by the Stokes County Board of Education approving the move of the Central Offices to the current location of the Meadowbrook School,
 - Discussion and votes by the Stokes County Board of Education approving the transfer of funds from any capital outlay project to a capital outlay project renovating the current Meadowbrook School to allow for the transfer of the Central Offices to the current location of the Meadowbrook School.
- This information is required to be created and kept by the Stokes County Board of Education, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners has the authority to request this information and the Stokes County Board of Education is required to

give this information to the Stokes County Board of Commissioners according to GS 115C-429; GS 115C-320; and GS 115C-433.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded the motion.

Commissioner McHugh presented Board members with the following General Statute information:

- 115C-320 Certain Records Open to Inspection
- 115C-429 Approval of budget; submission to county commissioners; commissioners' action on budget
- 115C-433 Amendments to the budget resolution; budget transfers
- (a copy of the above information regarding the statutes will be retained by the Clerk to the Board)

Members of the Board expressed the following regarding the motion:

- Commissioner Walker
 - Concerns regarding information presented to the Board which was not included in the agenda package
 - Time needed to consider the motion, consider both sides, fairness of the motion, reasons for the motion
 - Request motion to be postponed for members to review and research the motion
 - At present time, must vote "no"
- Vice Chairman Joe Turpin
 - Questioned whether all of the request is public information
 - Motion is reiterating the law
- Commissioner McHugh
 - First section of the motion is public information
 - Second section is information that the Board of Commissioners has a right to request
 - Two reasons for making the request - (1) County has a lot of people requesting public information which the Board of Commissioners has been extremely forthcoming with the information as quickly as possible and provided the Public with as much information as possible (2) The Board of Commissioners are held accountable and the Board of Commissioners owe it to the Taxpayers to hold the Board of Education accountable
 - This information is needed to make good financial decisions regarding the upcoming fiscal year 2006-07 county budget
 - Request for the Information has been made to the Board of Education and the request has been denied
- Commissioner John Turpin
 - County Commissioners' books are always open and everyone should have the same access to the Board of Education's books
- Chairman Inman
 - Requested legal opinion from County Attorney Jonathan Jordan regarding the statutes
 - Requested the need for additional time to review the information
 - Both Boards should be held accountable

County Attorney Jonathan Jordan stated that the information that Commissioner McHugh is requesting in the motion is covered by the statutes provided by Commissioner McHugh.

Commissioner John Turpin withdrew his second to the motion in order for the Board to recess to review Commissioner McHugh's motion.

Commissioner McHugh withdrew her motion until after the recess.

The Board returned to open session of the meeting.

Commissioner McHugh moved to restate her motion as written and previously read.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried (3-2) with Chairman Inman and Commissioner Walker voting against the motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - MOTION TO OPPOSE THE REZONING PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF HIGHWAY 311 AND FAGG ROAD, BETWEEN WALNUT COVE AND WALKERTOWN - PROPOSED C&D LANDFILL RESOLUTION

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve the following proposed Resolution to Oppose the Rezoning Property in the Vicinity of Highway 311 and Fagg Road, between Walnut Cove and Walkertown for a proposed C&D Landfill, which was recently submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION: TO OPPOSE REZONING PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF HIGHWAY 311 AND FAGG ROAD, BETWEEN WALNUT COVE AND WALKERTOWN.

WHEREAS, a Construction and Demolition landfill has been proposed in the vicinity of Highway 311 and Fagg Road in close proximity to the Town of Walnut Cove, and in the County of Stokes in an area known for its serene beauty and farmland; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined the truck traffic to and from the proposed landfill would adversely affect the County of Stokes, cause hardship to its roads, and citizens, compromising the safety of school buses; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined the proposed C&D landfill is an intense use of land that will pose an unnecessary financial burden to the citizens of Stokes County and to the Town of Walnut Cove; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens Stokes County to actively oppose the rezoning of the aforementioned property for a C&D landfill.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Stokes agrees to oppose the rezoning of the property located in the vicinity of Highway 311 and Fagg Road for the purpose of a Construction and Demolition landfill.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this, the ____ day of May, 2006.

ATTEST BY:	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
<u>Darlene Bullins, Clerk of the Board</u>	<u>Leon Inman, Chairman</u>
	<u>Joe Turpin, Vice-Chairman</u>
	<u>Sandy McHugh</u>
	<u>John Turpin</u>
	<u>Jimmy Walker</u>

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded the motion.

Members of the Board expressed the following regarding the motion:

Commissioner John Turpin

- o Expressed hopes that if the Resolution is approved that it would impact the Forsyth County Commissioners' decision, unfortunately it may not

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin

- o Expressed hopes that if the Resolution is approved that it could be helpful in keeping the proposed landfill out of Walnut Cove
- o Proposed landfill would be an injustice to Stokes County

Commissioner McHugh

- o Willing to wait until Forsyth County had made a decision, hoping Forsyth would vote against the proposed landfill, but previous comments and tonight's comments expressed the area's concerns regarding the proposed landfill
- o Utilities Commission would not give any reduced tipping fees
- o Citizens of Stokes County are just as important as Forsyth County citizens
- o Hopes the proposed Resolution if approved will persuade the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to deny the proposed landfill

Commissioner Walker

- As an elected officer, tough issues that must be dealt with
- Continue to prepare himself, look at every reasonable piece of information available from every liable source
- Be prepared to make the vote that is in the best interest to the greatest extent possible to the most people involved when the time comes to make the vote
- Proposed C&D Landfill is currently being worked on by Forsyth County and being returned to the Utilities Commission for more work
- Other steps are in order such as Planning Board
- Several things to consider - work to be done
- Not ready at this point to vote on the submitted proposed Resolution

Chairman Inman

- Lot of issues to be addressed regarding the issue
- This Board only has some control over the Land located in Stokes County
- Cannot control Forsyth County Board of Commissioners
- After reviewing the property, great place for golf course, etc.
- If approved by Forsyth County, Stokes County may have to vote on a Rezoning issue (Planning)

County Attorney Jonathan Jordan cautioned that there has been no official proposal that has gone before the Planning Board for Stokes County and by endorsing a Resolution one way or the other would be pre-judging an issue that could cause problems down the road.

As council to the Board, Attorney Jordan stated he would not encourage the Board in endorsing a Resolution one way or another.

Attorney Jordan noted the following section of the proposed Resolution which would pertain to rezoning property in Stokes County:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Stokes agrees to oppose the rezoning of the property located in the vicinity of Highway 311 and Fagg Road for the purpose of a Construction and Demolition landfill.

Attorney Jordan stated that by adopting the proposed Resolution, parties could claim bias in the group, which could possible (in the worse case scenario) result in a lawsuit.

The Board continued discussing the proposed Resolution regarding the issues stated by County Attorney Jordan.

Commissioner McHugh suggested the following amendment to the proposed Resolution: (insertion of Forsyth County Board of Commissioners)

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Stokes agrees to oppose the rezoning of the property located in the vicinity of Highway 311 and Fagg Road for the purpose of a Construction and Demolition landfill **by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner John Turpin reiterated the purpose of the proposed Resolution is to oppose the rezoning of land in Forsyth County for a C&D Landfill by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Tammy Watts-Quesinberry and Mr. Keith Hibner reiterated the purpose of the proposed Resolution is to clarify to Forsyth County that Stokes County is not comfortable with the rezoning request and is unclear of the intent of the Utilities Commission and how it will affect Stokes County.

Commissioner Walker reiterated the need for additional time to consider all aspects of the proposed Resolution, which is a very complex issue and did not come prepared to vote on the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner McHugh moved to amend the Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens Stokes County to actively oppose the rezoning of the aforementioned property for a C&D landfill **by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners**

and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Stokes agrees to oppose the rezoning of the property located in the vicinity of Highway 311 and Fagg Road for the purpose of a Construction and Demolition landfill **by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner John Turpin seconded the amendment to the motion.

Commissioner McHugh noted that there is legislation that states in order for Forsyth County to buy land in Stokes County, it must get the approval from the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

County Attorney Jonathan Jordan suggested to change the amendment to the motion as follows:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens Stokes County to actively oppose the rezoning **by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners** of the aforementioned property for a C&D landfill.

and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Stokes agrees to oppose the rezoning of the property located in the vicinity of Highway 311 and Fagg Road **by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners** for the purpose of a Construction and Demolition landfill.

Attorney Jordan noted that the change to the Resolution would be stating that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners is disapproving of an action that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners is considering taking regarding land in Forsyth County.

Commissioner McHugh amended the stated amendment to the motion per direction of the County Attorney with Commissioner John Turpin seconding the change to the amendment to the motion.

The amendment to the motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner Walker voting against the amendment.

The amended motion carried (3-2) with Chairman Inman and Commissioner Walker voting against the amended motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - STOKES COUNTY SCHOOLS- PRESENTATION - FACILITY NEEDS OF STOKES COUNTY SCHOOLS

Dr. Larry Cartner presented the Stokes County Facility Review documenting facility needs and request for funding of school facilities. (a copy of the complete facility review will be retained by the Clerk to the Board)

Dr. Cartner spoke briefly regarding the following:

- Direction by the Stokes County Board of Commissioner to the Stokes County Board of Education to maximize the use of current facilities prior to seeking additional funding for new construction
- Board of Education is in the process of maximizing use of existing facilities in order to request appropriate funding for new constructions
- Board of Education is pursuing the directive from the Commissioners in three distinct ways:
 - Application of the demographic study from NC State University
 - Revision of the student assignment policy
 - Revision of district lines in order to more fully utilize existing space at all schools
- Total for School Capital Needs = \$60,843,027
- New Construction Needs = \$47,450,136
- New Construction Needs saving by moving Meadowbrook = \$1,120,463
- Immediate School Capital Needs = \$2,258,625 (ADA and safety issues)
- 3-5 Year Needs = \$5,469,891
- 3-5 Year Needs saving by moving Meadowbrook =\$47,880
- 5-10 Year Needs = \$5,664,375
- Each section is alphabetized by school, not by need
- Facility Data detailing square footage, acreage, year built, type of construction, mobile units being used for classrooms/storage
- North Stokes High School is currently 250 students under capacity
- South Stokes High School is currently 300 students under capacity
- West Stokes High School is already at capacity

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin requested information regarding the current plans of the Meadowbrook School in King if the move to North Stokes is completed.

Dr. Cartner stated that at the present time, the Board of Education is currently discussing options for the use of the facility/property and the Central Office is absolutely not moving into the Meadowbrook facility. Dr. Cartner also spoke briefly regarding the redistricting, maintaining pure feeder patterns, and Stokes County ranking 95th out of 115 LEA per pupil expenditure in capital outlay.

The Board discussed the presented information with Dr. Larry Cartner.

Commissioner Walker expressed concerns with the statement regarding the Board of Commissioners mandating the Board of Education to look at county wide redistricting and facility capacity, which naturally should be evaluated by the Board of Education.

Commissioner Walker noted the need for both Boards to work together most effectively to seek the greatest amount of accomplishments.

Commissioner McHugh noted that the Northern side is growing, moving Meadowbrook to North Stokes does nothing to address the overcrowding at West Stokes, and the \$1,120,643 saving by moving Meadowbrook to North Stokes is a mute point due to fact that savings are due to new construction to a facility that being proposed not to be used in the upcoming year.

Commissioner McHugh requested Finance Director Julia Edwards to determine what would be the payment per year and what amount in a tax rate would be needed if a bond referendum was done for the immediate and 3-5 year needs in the amount \$55,178,652.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin confirmed with Dr. Cartner that the demolition costs associated with Nancy Reynolds Elementary School is for renovations to the school only not for demolition of the school.

Commissioner John Turpin noted the need for no more flat roofs or interior courtyards.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - STOKES COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - FISCAL YEAR 2006/07- RECOMMENDATION-FUNDING ALLOCATION

Ms. Kathy Ford, JCPC Chair presented the following recommendation that was approved on April 11, 2006 by the Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council with funding:

Program	Requested Funds	JCPC Recommendation	County Request
Stokes Friends of Youth	\$80,586.00	\$79,632.00	\$23,890.00
SCAN	\$25,000.00	\$22,901.00	\$7,500.00
Partnership	\$36,000.00	\$26,003.00	\$7,801.00
DJJDP	\$10,962.00	\$10,962.00	\$3,288.00
Total	\$152,548.00	\$139,498.00	\$42,479.00

Chair Kathy Ford explained services provided to Stokes County citizens by each provider. Providers in attendance: Clyde Stewart (Stokes Friends of Youth); Angela Grubbs (SCAN); Jeff Matkins (Partnership for Drug Free NC Inc); and Jack Moore (DJJDP-Chief Court Counselor). Ms. Ford concluded that all providers had met with Budget Director Dennis Thompson to discuss funding allocation for the upcoming fiscal year 2006-07.

The Board discussed the JCPC recommendation.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the JCPC recommendation for funding allocation for fiscal year 2006-07.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the JCPC submitted recommendation for application to the State for funding allocation.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - STOKES COUNTY AGING PLANNING COMMITTEE/HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT

Mr. Lou Charland, Chairman-Aging Planning Committee and Ms. Lynn Martens, Secretary-Aging Planning Committee presented the following Aging Planning Committee/Home and Community Care Block recommendations for the upcoming 2006-07 fiscal year:

Agency	HCCBG Services Provided	HCCBG Funding FY 2005-06	Requests for HCCBG Funding F/Y 2006-07	Recommendations for HCCBG Funding F/Y 2006-07
Stokes DSS	In Home Aide Level 2	\$18,900.00		\$23,480.00
Stokes DSS	In Home Aide Level 3	\$9,080.00		\$4,500.00
		\$27,980.00	\$50,000.00	\$27,980.00
Stokes Senior Services	Congregate Nutrition	\$54,798.00	\$54,798.00	\$54,798.00
Stokes Senior Services	Home Delivered Meals	\$98,892.00	\$98,892.00	\$98,892.00
Stokes Senior Services	General Transportation	\$71,330.00	\$71,330.00	\$70,649.00
Stokes Senior Services	Medical Transportation	\$7,537.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
		\$232,557.00	\$231,020.00	\$230,339.00
Walnut Cove Sr. Center	Senior Center Operations	\$24,320.00	\$24,320.00	\$22,102.00
		\$24,320.00	\$24,320.00	\$22,102.00

The Board discussed the Aging Planning Committee recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year 2006-07.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the Aging Planning Committee recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year 2006-07.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee/Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee recommendation for the Block Grant funding for the upcoming fiscal year 2006-07.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - INSURANCE RENEWAL -WORKMEN COMPENSATION/PROPERTY & LIABILITY

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following information regarding renewal with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Joint Risk Management Agency for fiscal year 2006-2007 for Workers' Compensation, General Liability, and Automobile Insurance coverage:

Type of Insurance	Amounts
Workers' Compensation	\$234,326.00
Liability, Property, Auto	\$348,756.00
Less 2% Discount if Pd by 8-1-06	-\$11,662.00
Multi-Pool Discounts	-\$8,800.00
Total Fiscal Year 2006-07	\$562,620.00

Mr. Stovall noted the following change in the following deductibles:

Deductibles Insurance	F/Y 2006-07	F/Y 2005-06
Property Loss Claims	\$1,000.00	500.00

General Liability	\$0.00	0.00
Auto Liability	\$0.00	0.00
Auto Physical Damage	\$1,000.00	500.00
Crime	\$1,000.00	500.00
Public Officials	\$5,000.00	5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$5,000.00	5,000.00
Boiler	\$1,000.00	1,000.00

The Board discussed the renewals with NCACC with Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall noted the increase in the Worker's Comp. was partially due to increase in the experience modular, increase in payroll, and rates across the board increased for every County but our safety program decreased our premium by 2.5%.

In regards to P&L insurance, Mr. Stovall noted the increase has been steadily rising over the past four years, but has begun to decline this year. The deer guards on the patrol cars have been a definite savings for the County. Property values increased by \$1.1 million along with new equipment added to the increase with all rates being increased due to Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Stovall concluded that the County would save \$11,662 if paid by 08-01-06 and additional \$8,800 for multi-pool discounts.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to continue with Workers' Compensation,

General Liability, Automotive insurance coverage with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Joint Risk Management for fiscal year 2006-07.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - SALE OF MILITARY TRUCK

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the Board with a bid from Mr. Nick Huff dated April 21, 2006 in the amount of \$475.00 to purchase the old 2 ½ ton military truck located at the Stokes County Landfill. The bid was advertised in the Stokes News and on the County's web page and could have been upset by anyone wishing to do so until 5:00 pm Friday, May 5, 2006 . The bid process was started on March 2, 2006 and was upset six (6) times.

Mr. Stovall noted that in accordance with NCGS 153A-176 and 160A-269, the Board of Commissioners can accept or reject this offer.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve the sale of the military for \$475 to Nick Huff.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - PROPOSED FEE INCREASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Health Director Don Moore requested the approval of the following increases in Environmental Health Fees:

2006-07 Environmental Health Fees Recommendation			
Environmental Health Fees:	CURRENT		PROPOSED
Soil Evaluation, New	150.00		200.00
Property Certification	100.00		125.00
Existing System Check	50.00		75.00
w/Expansion	75.00		125.00
Septic Repair	0.00		0.00
MHP Existing System Check *	50.00		125.00
Well Permit	100.00		100.00
Well Repair	25.00		25.00
Water Testing			
Bacteriological	30.00		30.00
Inorganic Chemical	20.00		20.00
Sulfur	20.00		20.00
Lead	20.00		20.00

Petroleum	25.00		25.00
Pesticides	25.00		25.00
Nitrate	25.00		25.00
Pools	50.00		75.00
Tattoos Permit	200.00		300.00
* MHP = Mobile Home Park			

Director Moore made the following correction to the submitted fee schedule:

- MHP Existing System Check - \$100 currently to be increased to \$125
- Pools - \$100 currently to remain the same at \$100

Director Moore stated that the proposed increases for the upcoming fiscal year 2006-07 reflect about 60% of the cost (based on Environmental Health salaries and operating costs) of the work performed. Director Moore recommends that the applicant share be increased and over time, up to 75% of the actual cost of certification. In the case of the tattoo licensure, there is no public interest; the cost reflects our cost. Director Moore concluded that the requested fee increases will help decrease the county funding and has been approved the Health Board.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of increasing the requested fees for Environmental Health, surrounding counties' fees, and the scope of the work being performed.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve the requested increase in Environmental Health Fees recommended by the Stokes County Health Board for fiscal year 2006-07 effective July 1, 2006.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - OVERTIME PAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SUPERVISOR

Health Director Don Moore requested that overtime pay be allowed for the Environmental Health Supervisor in two-week increments. Director Moore explained the following reasoning for the request:

- Vacant position since March 2006
- Currently 8-9 weeks waiting list for septic tank permit
- Supervisor is currently working 6 days a week to keep waiting time at 6-8 weeks
- Supervisor is currently approaching the maximum 240 hours comp. time
- Anything over 240 hours, employee must be paid

Director Moore concluded that a report would be submitted to the Board every two weeks with a request for an additional two weeks if warranted.

The report would enable the Board to see the results from the additional hours worked.

Director Moore is currently trying to recruit an experienced licensed sanitarian which could be recertified to work in Stokes County in two weeks (state requirement). A trainee takes two (2) years to become fully licensed. Director Moore could possibly be back at the next meeting to discuss salary for this position.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to allow Health Director Don Moore to allow Ryan Deel to work overtime for a period of two weeks and the results be returned to the Board for further consideration.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker expressed concerns regarding micro managing specific department duties and the fact that the Board of Health had not been notified of the situation.

Chairman Inman noted that Budget Director Dennis Thompson had recommended this two-week period for paying overtime to the Environmental Health Supervisor.

Director Moore noted that the Health Board would be notified at the next weeks' meeting, but needed the Board's approval due to County personnel policy does not pay monetarily for overtime and to keep the wait time at 6-8 weeks.

The motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner Walker voting against the motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - HEALTH DEPARTMENT- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #97

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #97, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to transfer lapsed salaries to purchase ten (10) breast pumps funds from the WIC program. The budget ordinance amendment has been held over from the April 24th meeting for further discussion. The appropriations are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	Health Department		
100.5100.000	Salaries & Wages	\$7,000.00	
100.5100.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized		\$7,000.00
		<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</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:

- WIC Program is 100% Federal funding. Funds were appropriated in the fiscal year 2005-06 budget.

Health Director Don Moore noted that prices for similar pumps used in hospitals range from \$630 to \$2200. This style pump is currently being used in the Health Department and approved by the State Program.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #97.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #97.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker expressed concerns regarding the fact that the Board of Health was unaware of the request.

The motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner Walker voting against the motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #100

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #100, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to correct Budget Amendment #92 dated April 24, 2006 due to a clerical error. The appropriations are to be as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>
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Number	Sheriff's Department	Decrease	Increase
100.4310.311	Training		\$90.00
			<u>\$90.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 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 #100.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #100.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - JAIL- BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #101

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #101, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate funds from evidence room fees to purchase firearm storage bags, firearms storage racks, and related supplies. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Jail		
100.4320.260	Departmental Supplies		\$917.00
			<u>\$917.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$917.00 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
100.3432.411	Evidence Room Fees		\$917.00
			<u>\$917.00</u>

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

- The evidence room fees are required to Statutes to go back to Sheriff's Department for related expenses.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #101.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #101.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - JAIL ANNEX

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to request an update from Jail Captain Craig Carico regarding the jail annex proposal including any proposed plans, committee reports, projected cost, projected revenue, and any other available information at the next meeting.

Commissioner McHugh 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 Adjustments.

Commissioner John Turpin nominated Timothy Flinchum to serve on the Stokes County Planning - Board of Adjustments.

Commissioner Walker nominated Connie Brown to serve on the Stokes County Planning - Board of Adjustments.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins informed the Board that another individual had requested information from Planning Director David Sudderth regarding the appointment and would possibly have another nomination at the next meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - NORTHWEST PIEDMONT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chairman Inman presented the nominations of Barbara Stevens and John Robertson who had been previously nominated to serve on the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board. (Stevens nominated April 24th and Roberson nominated April 10th)

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to appoint Ms. Barbara Stevens to serve on Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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 reiterated that the vacancy had been placed on the County's website.

There were no nominations.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - REGIONAL TOURISM INITIATIVE - APPOINTMENT

Chairman Inman presented the following nominations to serve on the Regional Tourist Initiative: Commissioner John Turpin and the County Manager's position.

(nominated at the April 24th meeting)

Commissioner McHugh moved to appoint Commissioner John Turpin and the County Manager's position to serve on the Regional Tourism Initiative.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Chairman Inman presented the nomination of Robert Allen to serve on the Northwestern Regional Library Board. (Nominated at the April 24th meeting)

Commissioner John Turpin moved to appoint Robert Allen to serve on the Northwestern Regional Library Board. Vice

Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - FINANCE - PROPOSED 2006 AUDIT CONTRACT

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of the proposed 2006 Audit Contract for fiscal year 2006 with Martin Starnes and Associates.

The contract is a requirement of the Local Government Commission and has been also approved by County Attorney Jonathan Jordan.

Finance Director Julia Edwards noted a correction to the RFP worksheet submitted to the Board at the April 24th meeting. The fiscal years pertaining to the audit RFP should read as follows:

- Current year 2004-05 instead of 2005-06
- Fiscal Year 2005-06 instead of 2006-07
- Fiscal Year 2006-07 instead of 2007-08
- Fiscal Year 2007-08 instead of 2008-09

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve audit contract for 2005-06 with Martin Starnes & Associates. Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walker noted the need to have everything in place in order for the audit to be completed and submitted to the Local Government Commission by the October 31, 2006 deadline.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - RECONSIDER VOTE -ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEES

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve the motion to reconsider the vote regarding the Environmental Health Fees which was previously approved at tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded the motion.

County Attorney Jordan noted that there would need to be a majority of the vote in order to reconsider the vote.

Commissioner John Turpin stated that he had intended to vote against the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the increased Environmental Health Fees submitted by Health Director Don Moore.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the increased Environmental Health Fees submitted by Health Director Don Moore.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded the motion.

The Board further discussed the proposed increased Environmental Health Fees.

Commissioner John Turpin noted the need for a fee based system in the County.

The motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner John Turpin voting against the motion.

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

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented correspondence from the Walnut Cove Board of Commissioners regarding the recent request from the Board of Commissioners. The Walnut Cove Board of Commissioners requested a joint meeting to discuss the proposed expansion project.

Chairman Inman had requested Interim Manager Bullins to have the Board to check their calendars for possible dates to meet with the Walnut Cove Board of Commissioners.

The Board discussed possible dates for the joint meeting.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve May 24th or May 25th at 6:00pm in the Commissioners Chambers for dates to meet with the Walnut Cove Board of Commissioners to discuss the proposed Walnut Cove Library Expansion Project.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - USE OF CLOSED CIRCUIT BROADCAST

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin requested that the Interim County Manager report to the Board at the next meeting any information available regarding the funding that was made available in the franchise agreement for the access to a channel which the County may broadcast programming.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PERSONNEL POLICY - RELATIVES WORKING THE IN SAME DEPARTMENT

Commissioner McHugh noted the recent inquiry made to the Board regarding the County personnel policy that prohibits relatives working in the same department.

Commissioner McHugh moved to amend the personnel policy to allow relatives to work in the same department as long as they are not in direct supervision.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the motion allowing relatives to work in the same department.

Commissioner Walker referenced the previous discussion by the Board regarding this issue.

Commissioner Walker expressed concerns with immediate relatives working in the same department.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin requested to retain "significant others" in the policy.

Commissioner McHugh amended her motion to include "significant others".

Commissioner John Turpin amended his second to the motion.

Chairman Inman noted that the need for the updating the current County Personnel Policy.

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins requested the Board's approval to seek information regarding consultant fees for reviewing and updating the County's current personnel policy.

Chairman Inman directed Interim Manager Bullins to obtain information regarding consultant fees for reviewing and updating the County's current personnel policy.

The amended motion carried (3-2) with Chairman Inman and Commissioner Walker voting against the motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO SAURATOWN WATERLINE PROJECT

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented information to the Board regarding the proposed extension of the Sauratown Waterline Project.

The City of King has informed the County that there could be possibly \$50,000+ overage in the Grant upon completion.

The City has proposed to extend the waterline down Denny Road, which will provide water to additional homes and an assisted living facility.

The Stokes County Water and Sewer Authority approve the proposed project at their April 27th meeting.

Upon approval by the Board of Commissioners, the proposed project would have to be approved by the Rural Center.

The Board discussed the proposed extension of the Sauratown Waterline Project.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to approve the proposed extension of the Sauratown Waterline Project.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY/EMS - LIQUIDATION OF EMS CHARGES

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented the following EMS Charges for liquidation:

Call Number	Date of Call	Total Charges
303410	7/26/2003	\$365.47
503345	7/13/2005	\$368.00
503947	8/16/2005	\$356.00
505937	12/4/2005	\$362.00
506306	12/23/2005	\$481.00
600091	1/6/2006	\$356.00
		\$2,288.47

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens had verified with Jail Sergeant Jeff Whitaker that these individuals were incarcerated in the Stokes County Jail at the time of service.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the submitted EMS Charges for Liquidation as submitted by Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EMS - PROCLAMATION - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK -2006

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens presented the following Proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2006 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" for the Board's consideration:

**STOKES COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK - 2006**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has proclaimed May 14-20, 2006 as "Emergency Medical Services Week"; and

WHEREAS, Stokes County's Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors to Stokes County benefit daily from the dedicated efforts, knowledge and skills of the emergency medical teams, career and volunteer; emergency medical technicians; paramedics; emergency nurses; emergency physicians; rescue squad workers; fire fighters; public safety telecommunications personnel; emergency administrators; emergency response educators; disaster response personnel, and others who received specialized training and continuing education to enhance and maintain their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the **Stokes Board of Commissioners** in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the Week of May 14-20, 2006, as "**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**" in Stokes County.

Adopted this 8th day of **May 2006**.

J. Leon Inman- Chairman

Joe Turpin - Vice Chairman

Sandy McHugh - Commissioner

John Turpin - Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the Proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2006 as "Emergency Medical Services Week".

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - ASSISTANCE IN THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented information from Budget Director Dennis Thompson regarding Assistance in the Collection of Delinquent Taxes which requires a tax payment certification before new deeds can be recorded for the Board's consideration. To enact this process, a county must have its name added to G.S. 161-31 through a local bill.

Interim Manager Bullins requested that the Board review the information for further discussion at a later meeting.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin stated that he would not support this type of action.

Chairman Inman directed Interim Manager Bullins to place this item on agenda for the next meeting and request Budget Director Thompson to attend the meeting for discussion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATION - INSURANCE BONUS

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins informed the Board that the \$10,000 bonus for signing by May 15th with the NCACC-CIGNA Health coverage for the upcoming fiscal year had been received.

Interim Manager Bullins presented the Board with information to consider placing the funding in a capital reserve account to be earmarked for personnel use (possibly for a COLA) due to assigning more responsibility to county employees for covering their health care costs (change in benefits).

Chairman Inman directed Interim Manager Bullins to bring this item up during the budget work sessions for consideration.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - SELLING OF THE OLD PRISON CAMP

Commissioner McHugh requested that discussion for selling the old prison camp be placed on the agenda for the next meeting due to receiving an offer during public comments.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A WARD OR DISTRICT FOR ELECTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Commissioner John Turpin requested information to see what is required to establish a "ward" or "district" for electing public officials.

Commissioner John Turpin requested that the County Attorney research the issue regarding timelines, legislation action, etc.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to direct the County Attorney to present the Board of Commissioners at or before the next meeting with any information and timelines regarding the electing county officials by a "ward" or "district zones" and what procedures would need to be taken to ensure this could occur .

Commissioner John Turpin seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the request.

Commissioner Walker requested the County Attorney to provide additional background information to the Board on the effectiveness of this method from counties who have used this method and what point does the County consider going to 7 Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin amended his motion to include Commissioner Walker's request to provide additional background information to the Board on the effectiveness of this method from counties bordering Stokes who have used this method and what point does the County consider going to 7 Commissioners.

Commissioner John Turpin amended his second to the motion.

The amended motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - GOVERNING BODY - INVITATION TO MEET AT THE COLLINSTOWN COMMUNITY BUILDING

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented an invitation to the Board from Collinstown Community Building to hold the November 13th Board of Commissioners at their location.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the November 13th Board of Commissioners to be held at the Collinstown Community Building.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman