

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 26, 2007

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, February 26, 2007 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Leon Inman
Vice-Chairman Jimmy Walker
Commissioner Ron Carroll
Commissioner Ernest Lankford
Commissioner Stanley Smith

County Personnel in Attendance:
Clerk to the Board/Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall
DSS Director Jan Spencer

Chairman Leon Inman called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Carroll 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 BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the agenda for the February 26th meeting.

Commissioner Carroll requested to substitute a Proposed Resolution for the

Farmer Appreciation Day under the Consent Agenda.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins informed the Board that Budget Ordinance Amendment #54 details the results from the second quarter review and requested if the Board would like to move the Budget Ordinance Amendment to the Discussion Agenda. Chairman Inman requested (if there were no objections) to move Budget Ordinance Amendment #54 to the Discussion Agenda- Item E.

Commissioner Carroll moved to approve the February 26th agenda with the following amendments – move Budget Ordinance Amendment #54 to Discussion Agenda and the substitution of the Farmer Appreciation Day Resolution. The motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING – STOKES COUNTY WORK FIRST PLAN – FISCAL YEAR 2007-2009

Chairman Inman opened the Public Hearing for the Stokes County Work First Plan – Fiscal Year 2007-09. There were no public comments.

Chairman Inman closed the Public Hearing for the Stokes County Work First Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of February 12, 2007

Commissioner Carroll noted the following corrections to the minutes of February 12th:

Page #3 – Delete the following sentence: Budget Ordinance Amendment #51 can be considered at the February 26th meeting. Replace: **Budget Ordinance Amendment #51 was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 12, 2007.**

Page #4 - Delete the following sentence: Budget Ordinance Amendment #52 can be considered at the February 26th meeting. Replace: **Budget Ordinance Amendment #52 was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 12, 2007.**

Page #8 – Change the estimate cost of the proposed project... to the **estimated** cost of the proposed project...

Page #9 – Change David A. Dora Bragg to David A. **and** Dora Bragg

Page #15 – Change if the Board choose to proceed... to if the Board **chooses** to proceed...

Page #16 – Delete to approve the motion from the following: Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the motion to change the County’s position...Should read Commissioner Lankford **moved to change**....

Page #18 – Change the Board feels strongly about what the image of Stokes County... to the Board feels strongly **that** the image of Stokes County...

Public Buildings – Improvements- Handicapped Ramp Renovations- Budget Ordinance Amendment #43

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #43, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to transfer funds from contingency to replace the handicapped ramp at the old Courthouse. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Public Buildings		
100.4190.590	Improvements		\$14,238.00
	Contingency		
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$14,238.00	
		\$14,238.00	\$14,238.00

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

Finance Director Edwards noted that the following justification of the budget ordinance amendment for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Replacement of the handicapped ramp at the Old Courthouse

The funding was appropriated and the project approved at the February 12th meeting.

District Resource Center - Budget Ordinance Amendment #53

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance

Amendment #53, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate reallocated Criminal Justice Partnership funding to purchase office equipment, mower, utility building, paving and other items. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	District Resource Center		
100.4321.260	Department Supplies		\$600.00
100.4321.352	Maint. & Repairs Buildings		\$10,475.00
100.4321.510	Equipment		\$12,400.00
100.4321.511	Equipment- Non Capitalized		\$12,125.00
			<u>\$35,600.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$35,600.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased:

Account Number	REVENUES	Decrease	Increase
100.3301.363	Criminal Justice Partnership		<u>\$35,600.00</u>
			\$35,600.00

Finance Director Edwards noted that the following justification of the budget ordinance amendment for fiscal year 2006-07:

- District Resource Center has been approved for reallocated funding from the Criminal Justice Partnership

Appointments

Legislative Liaison to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker was nominated at the February 12th meeting.

Northwest Piedmont Job Training Consortium – Workforce Development

Commissioner Ernest Lankford was nominated at the February 12th meeting.

Town of Walnut Cove – ETJ Appointments

Kevin Webb was nominated at the February 12th meeting to serve as an ETJ member.

Diane Coffill was nominated at the February 12th meeting to serve as an alternate ETJ

member.

Reclassification of Social Services' Position – Income Maintenance Supervisor I to Income Maintenance Caseworker III (Lead Worker)

DSS Director Jan Spencer requested at the February 12th meeting to reclassify an Income Maintenance Supervisor I to an Income Maintenance Caseworker III (Lead Worker).

Farmer Appreciation Day Resolution for Stokes County

Commissioner Carroll presented Board members the following substitute Resolution Proclaiming Farmer Appreciation Day in Stokes County:

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
FARMER APPRECIATION DAY IN
STOKES COUNTY**

Whereas the County of Stokes, the Stokes Soil & Water Conservation District, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the N.C. Forest Service desire to sponsor a Farmer Appreciation Day to recognize the contributions of our farmers to Stokes County; and

Whereas the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the county's farmers contribute greatly to Stokes County's economic base; and

Whereas the Board believes that all county citizens benefit from farming activities in some manner; and

Whereas the Board agrees that a Farmer Appreciation Day would show our county's support for the existing farming community and honor past activities that have contributed so much to the culture and heritage of Stokes County; and

Whereas the Board recognizes and supports a pig-picking and festival that will be held at North Stokes High School with all Stokes County citizens invited;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

The Stokes County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 22, 2007 as **Farmer Appreciation Day** in Stokes County and extends its appreciation and gratitude to the county's farmers for their many contributions to Stokes County.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the consent agenda with the noted changes. The motion was unanimous.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY - INFORMATION AGENDA

Sweet Potato Award – State Award

Mr. Mike Sizemore presented the following information to the Board regarding the

Saura Pride Sweet Potatoes: (Russell Slate and Janice Sizemore were also present for the meeting)

- Saura Pride Sweet Potatoes – Mike and Janice Sizemore & David and Denise Priddy
- Presented the County Sweepstakes Award from the NC State Fair for 2005 and 2006 to the Board of County Commissioners- the 2004 Award had been previously presented to the Board, which makes three consecutive years that Stokes County has received the Award at the NC State Fair
- 2005 – Saura Pride – 4 entries in the State Fair winning First, Second, Fourth and Sixth place against the rest of the State with all other entries coming from the east of Raleigh
- 2006 – Saura Pride - 4 entries in the State Fair with Russell Slate and his wife also having two entries - winning First through Sixth place
- Saura Pride Sweet Potatoes entered Beauregard- an orange sweet potato and O’Henry- an white sweet potato, and the Stokes Purple sweet potato in the competition
- Stokes Purple Sweet Potato placed fifth in the Growers’ Sweepstakes
- Stokes Purple Sweet Potato has been sent to NC State to have all plant viruses taken out of the sweet potato
- Next year, the Stokes Purple Sweet Potato will be grown in Stokes County virus clean
- A patent for the Stokes Purple Sweet Potato has been applied for
- Preliminary studies indicate that Vitamin E in the Stokes Purple Sweet Potato is 6.5 times more than anything else you can eat

Mr. Sizemore extended appreciation to Mr. Russell Slate for being their mentor and for his dedication and assistance.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Sizemore, Mr. & Mrs. Priddy, and Russell Slate for their accomplishments and extended their congratulations for their achievements.

Stokes County Growers' CoOp-Update

Mr. Willis Overby presented a brief overview of the history of the Stokes County Growers' CoOp.

Mr. Overby requested that the Board request a periodic report from the Stokes County Growers' CoOp to ensure that the Board is kept up to date regarding the CoOp's activities.

Mr. Overby noted that investments of County funding and Grant funding helped to get the CoOp established and the need to keep this vital operation running for the farmers of Stokes County.

Mr. Overby requested future support from the Board of Commissioners for the Stokes County CoOp.

Mr. Wayne Flippin and Ms. Laura Kater – Stokes County CoOp presented the following information regarding the CoOp:

- Mr. Wayne Flippin recently became President of the CoOp along with being a farmer in Stokes County
- Ms. Laura Kater works as a volunteer for the CoOp along with being a farmer in Stokes County
- Need for more educational classes for farmers
- Need for additional grants to help keep the operation from struggling
- Need for managerial assistance in order to let the farmers farm
- Need for managerial assistance to sell the CoOp's produce and solicit new customers for the CoOp
- Need for grant writing assistance for future expansion of the CoOp
- CoOp has only one paid part time employee, who writes checks, pays the bills, etc.
- Sweet potatoes are the backbone of the CoOp
- Other items processed by the CoOp – watermelons, cucumbers, squash, etc.
- First years – CoOp received good, quality sweet potatoes
- Current year- crops were not as good as previous years-harder to market
- Current year- CoOp expects to receive approximately \$9,000 from the selling of sweet potatoes, which will be used for electricity, boxes, freight, taxes, etc.
- CoOp has applied for a \$10,000 line of credit
- Sales down in the current year, no funding available to hire manager or the needed staff to help wash sweet potatoes

- 16 current producers in the CoOp
- Need for additional producers to keep the CoOp running
- Urgent need for a manager to oversee complete operation of the CoOp

Mr. Kater concluded with the request of financial assistance to help keep the CoOp operational and more education for the farmers.

The Board discussed the current operation of the CoOp, the need for more producers, current financial status of the CoOp, and this vital operation for Stokes County farmers.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Appointments and Re-appointments

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins informed the Board of the following recommendation from the Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for re-appointments and appointments:

Re-Appointees

Kathy Ford	Judge's Designee	6/30/2008
Tiffany Cone	County Commissioner Appointee	6/30/2008
Jane Williams	Substance Abuse Processional	6/30/2008
Clyde Stewart	Ex Officio	6/30/2008
Don Moore	Health Department Director	6/30/2007
Danny Bottoms	Sheriff's Department Designee	6/30/2007
Tom Langan	DA's Designee	6/30/2007
Jack Moore	Chief Court Counselor	6/30/2007
Jan Spencer	Social Services	6/30/2007
Darlene Bullins	County Manager Designee	6/30/2007
Malcolm Dixon	County Commissioner Appointee	6/30/2007
Kelly Beard	King Police Department Designee	6/30/2007

New Appointees

Jeff Makins	Ex Officio	6/30/2008
Ed Ecklund	Director- AMD/DD/SA	6/30/2008
Donna Horton	School Superintendent Designee	6/30/2008
Tammy Slater	Ex Officio	6/30/2008
Brent Trivette	County Commissioner Appointee	6/30/2008
Keith McKinney	Faith Community Representative	6/30/2008
Anna Williams	Youth Representative (WSHS)	6/30/2008
Ann Dalton	County Commissioner Appointee	6/30/2008

Clerk to the Board Bullins also requested to add Mr. Mike Eiland, Eckerd Wilderness Camp as a new appointee at the request of Kathy Ford.

The Board discussed the JCPC requirements regarding appointments to the Council. The Board requested additional information regarding appointments to the Council.

Commissioner Carroll nominated the re-appointments and appointments as recommended by JCPC including Mike Eiland.

Nominations can be considered at the March 12th meeting.

Proposed Resolution – Land of Tomorrow

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented information received from Land for Tomorrow who has a proposal before the Legislature. A NC General Assembly study commission has recommended that the Legislature approve \$1 billion over the next five years to protect the state's drinking water, farms, forests and historic places and to provide parks for this and future generations.

Interim Manager Bullins also presented information from Economic Development Director Ron Morgan who encourages the Board to give a favorable consideration to adopting the proposed Resolution as presented.

Land for Tomorrow is requesting the support from the Board to seek \$1 billion in additional state funding by adopting a proposed resolution for the following proposed new funding for Conservation of Land, Water and Historic Properties, and Investment in Place-Based Economic Development over the next five years:

- Clean Water Management Trust Fund – Proposed New Funding per Year = \$39.5 million
- Farmland Preservation Trust Fund – Proposed New Funding per Year = \$30 million
- Natural Heritage Trust Fund-Proposed New Funding per Year = \$62.5 million

- Parks and Recreation Trust Fund –Proposed New Funding per Year = \$35 million
- Landing Jobs- Proposed New Funding per Year = \$30 million
- One NC Naturally – Proposed New Funding per Year = \$3 million
- Total Proposed Funding = \$200 million/year or \$1 billion/5 years

Land for Tomorrow requests the Board’s support by adopting the submitted Resolution.

The Board discussed the proposal from Land for Tomorrow, possible grants for Stokes County and the proposed funding.

Vice Chairman Walker requested that Economic Development Director Ron Morgan be at the next meeting to further discuss the request from Land for Tomorrow.

Chairman Inman directed the Interim Manager to request Economic Development Director Ron Morgan to seek additional information regarding the proposal from Land for Tomorrow and schedule Director Morgan for the March 12th meeting.

Board of Equalization and Review – Proposed Schedule

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins informed the Board that the Tax Administrator had notified the clerk’s office for the need to schedule two meetings for the Board of Equalization and Review. The Tax Department offered the following two dates for the Board’s consideration:

- Thursday, April 12, 2007 (1:30 pm to 3:30 pm)
- Monday, April 16, 2007 (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

The Board discussed the proposed dates.

The dates can be considered at the March 12th meeting.

Surplus Property- Mobile Units – Old Prison Camp Location

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following options for removing the two mobile units located at the old Prison Camp as requested by the Board:

Option #1

Follow upset bid procedure per NC General Statute 160A-269

Option #2

Follow private sale option per NC General Statute 160A-267

Option #3

Follow NC General Statute 160A-266(d), declare these units as unsold property with no value and the County has exhausted all efforts to sell such property (test for asbestos, hire a contractor to demo units along with hauling debris to a State approved Construction and Demolition landfill)

Option #4

Follow NC General Statute 160A-266(d), declare these units as unsold property with no value and the County has exhausted all efforts to sell such property (test for asbestos and have local fire department burn mobile units and hire a contractor to haul remaining leftover burnt debris to a State approved Construction and Demolition landfill (Winston Salem's C&D landfill on Hanes Mill Road will not accept this type of waste per Public Works Director Jay Kinney)

Mr. Stovall noted that the bid award to Mr. A.V. Marshall needs to be rejected before any option is pursued.

The Board discussed County staff dismantling the units, disposing of the waste if the units were burned, any useful benefit of the units, and the possible cost of hiring an outside contractor to dispose of the units.

Mr. Stovall suggested to go ahead and test the units for asbestos before proceeding with any option.

Chairman Inman directed Mr. Stovall to proceed with testing the units for asbestos and obtain quotes for Option #3 for the Board's consideration.

Chairman Inman also noted the need to start a clean up project at the old prison camp site. Chairman Inman directed Mr. Stovall to also obtain information regarding the removal of the fencing and metal bars for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Stovall also presented Board members with General Statute information pertaining to the Disposition of County Property for the Board's review.

Budget Ordinance Amendment #54

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #54 which necessary to transfer funds from the second quarter review process of the Departmental Budgets. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Listed Below	<u>\$374,621.00</u>	<u>\$254,599.00</u>
		\$374,621.00	\$254,599.00

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased.

REVENUES			
GENERAL FUND			
100.3519.410	Home Health Fees	\$	51,140.00
100.3301.234	Food & Lodging	\$	1,382.00
100.3519.411	Family Planning Fees	\$	12,500.00
100.3519.412	Primary Care Child	\$	25,000.00
100.3519.413	Primary Care Adult	\$	3,000.00
		<u>\$</u>	<u>120,022.00</u>

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Governing Body		
100.4110.112	Retiree Insurance		\$ 8,300.00
100.4110.040	Special Achievement Award	\$	1,210.00
100.4110.113	Unemployment Insurance	\$	4,960.00
	Administration		
100.4120.110	Group Insurance	\$	1,980.00
100.4120.111	Dental Insurance	\$	150.00
	Finance		
100.4130.090	Social Security	\$	250.00
100.4130.091	Medicare Tax	\$	50.00
100.4130.101	401(k)	\$	380.00
100.4130.340	Printing	\$	730.00
	Purchasing		
100.4131.090	Social Security	\$	160.00
100.4131.091	Medicare Tax	\$	35.00
	Tax Administration		
100.4140.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	2,500.00
100.4140.090	Social Security	\$	900.00
100.4140.091	Medicare Tax	\$	200.00
100.4140.100	Retirement	\$	100.00
100.4140.101	401(k)	\$	900.00
100.4140.110	Group Insurance	\$	280.00

100.4140.111	Dental Insurance	\$	20.00	
	Mapping/GIS			
100.4141.090	Social Security	\$	650.00	
100.4141.091	Medicare Tax	\$	140.00	
100.4141.101	401(k)	\$	200.00	
100.4141.311	Employee Training	\$	2,780.00	
	Legal			
100.4150.180	Professional Services			\$ 622.00
100.4150.260	Departmental Supplies	\$	100.00	
100.4150.340	Printing	\$	100.00	
	Elections			
100.4170.020	Salaries/Wages-Part Time	\$	715.00	
100.4170.090	Social Security	\$	150.00	
100.4170.091	Medicare Tax	\$	18.00	
100.4170.321	Postage	\$	1,880.00	
100.4170.350	Maint & Repair-Equipment	\$	8,000.00	
100.4170.390	Precinct Officials	\$	1,393.00	
100.4170.440	Misc Contractual Services	\$	1,000.00	
	Register of Deeds			
100.4180.020	Salaries/Wages-Part Time	\$	250.00	
100.4180.090	Social Security	\$	425.00	
100.4180.091	Medicare Tax	\$	60.00	
100.4180.100	Retirement	\$	115.00	
100.4180.450	Insurance and Bonds	\$	12.00	
100.4180.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized	\$	24.00	
	Public Buildings			
100.4190.000	Salaries and Wages			\$ 1,000.00
100.4190.090	Social Security	\$	1,000.00	
100.4190.091	Medicare Tax	\$	225.00	
100.4190.100	Retirement			\$ 100.00
100.4190.101	401(k)	\$	600.00	
100.4190.110	Group Insurance	\$	845.00	
100.4190.111	Dental Insurance	\$	60.00	
100.4190.250	Auto Supplies	\$	800.00	
	Information Systems			
100.4210.090	Social Security	\$	250.00	
	Vehicle Maintenance			
100.4250.090	Social Security	\$	250.00	
100.4250.091	Medicare Tax	\$	60.00	
100.4250.101	401(k)	\$	175.00	
	Sheriff's Department			
100.4310.000	Salaries and Wages			\$ 79,405.00
100.4310.040	Separation Allowance			\$ 1,775.00
100.4310.090	Social Security			\$ 7,500.00
100.4310.091	Medicare Tax			\$ 2,000.00
100.4310.100	Retirement			\$ 1,000.00
100.4310.101	401(k)			\$ 5.00
100.4310.102	401(k) 5%			\$ 7,200.00
100.4310.110	Group Insurance	\$	2,500.00	
100.4310.111	Dental Insurance	\$	150.00	

100.4310.250	Auto Supplies	\$	15,000.00		
100.4310.510	Equipment	\$	24,767.00		
100.4310.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized			\$	24,767.00
	Jail				
100.4320.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	20,000.00		
100.4320.020	Salaries/Wages-Part Time			\$	20,000.00
100.4320.090	Social Security	\$	2,000.00		
100.4320.091	Medicare Tax	\$	450.00		
100.4320.100	Retirement	\$	1,600.00		
100.4320.101	401(k)	\$	250.00		
100.4320.110	Group Insurance	\$	3,600.00		
100.4320.111	Dental Insurance	\$	200.00		
	District Resource Center				
100.4321.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	100.00		
100.4321.250	Auto Supplies	\$	1,200.00		
	Emergency Communications				
100.4325.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	1,480.00		
100.4325.090	Social Security	\$	1,000.00		
100.4325.091	Medicare Tax	\$	200.00		
100.4325.100	Retirement	\$	150.00		
100.4325.101	401(k)	\$	300.00		
100.4325.320	Telephone			\$	1,700.00
100.4325.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized	\$	1,140.00		
	Emergency Management				
100.4330.090	Social Security	\$	250.00		
100.4330.091	Medicare Tax	\$	60.00		
100.4330.101	401(k)			\$	5.00
100.4330.340	Printing	\$	50.00		
100.4330.370	Advertising	\$	50.00		
	Fire & Rescue				
100.4340.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	150.00		
100.4340.090	Social Security	\$	450.00		
100.4340.091	Medicare Tax	\$	100.00		
100.4340.100	Retirement	\$	275.00		
100.4340.101	401(k)	\$	50.00		
100.4340.110	Group Insurance	\$	1,495.00		
100.4340.111	Dental Insurance	\$	370.00		
100.4340.250	Auto Supplies	\$	350.00		
100.4340.320	Telephone			\$	780.00
100.4340.351	Maint & Repair-Auto			\$	200.00
	Emergency Medical Ser				
100.4370.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	5,000.00		
100.4370.090	Social Security	\$	2,000.00		
100.4370.091	Medicare Tax	\$	250.00		
100.4370.100	Retirement	\$	1,000.00		
100.4370.101	401(k)	\$	2,850.00		
100.4370.110	Group Insurance	\$	4,745.00		
100.4370.111	Dental Insurance	\$	530.00		
	Animal Control				
100.4380.000	Salaries and Wages			\$	130.00

100.4380.090	Social Security	\$	500.00	
100.4380.091	Medicare Tax	\$	90.00	
100.4380.250	Auto Supplies	\$	1,600.00	
100.4380.320	Telephone			\$ 525.00
100.4380.321	Postage	\$	500.00	
100.4380.351	Main & Repairs to Auto			\$ 250.00
100.4380.510	Equipment	\$	10.00	
100.4380.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized	\$	50.00	
	Solid Waste			
100.4720.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	5,900.00	
100.4720.020	Salaries/Wages-Part Time			\$ 3,700.00
100.4720.090	Social Security	\$	800.00	
100.4720.091	Medicare Tax	\$	175.00	
100.4720.101	401(k)	\$	200.00	
	Planning			
100.4910.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	200.00	
100.4910.090	Social Security	\$	1,400.00	
100.4910.091	Medicare Tax	\$	300.00	
100.4910.101	401(k)	\$	200.00	
100.4910.250	Auto Supplies	\$	1,300.00	
	Economic Development			
100.4920.090	Social Security	\$	400.00	
100.4920.091	Medicare Tax	\$	90.00	
	Natural Resources			
100.4960.101	401(k)	\$	325.00	
	Health Department			
100.5100.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	87,500.00	
100.5100.090	Social Security	\$	1,800.00	
100.5100.230	Medical Supplies			\$ 20,000.00
100.5100.330	Utilities			\$ 1,800.00
	Home Health			
100.5190.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	50,000.00	
100.5190.020	Salaries/Wages-Part Time	\$	34,000.00	
100.5190.030	Salaries/Wages-Perm Part time	\$	700.00	
100.5190.081	On Call Pay			\$ 1,650.00
100.5190.090	Social Security	\$	6,000.00	
100.5190.091	Medicare Tax	\$	1,000.00	
100.5190.100	Retirement	\$	1,000.00	
100.5190.101	401(k)	\$	1,500.00	
100.5190.110	Group Insurance	\$	3,270.00	
100.5190.111	Dental Insurance	\$	240.00	
100.5190.230	Medical Supplies			\$ 25,000.00
100.5190.250	Auto Supplies	\$	2,000.00	
100.5190.490	Dues and Subscriptions	\$	80.00	
	Environmental Health			
100.5192.000	Salaries and Wages			\$ 2,000.00
100.5192.030	Salaries/Wages-Perm Part time	\$	250.00	
100.5192.090	Social Security	\$	600.00	
100.5192.091	Medicare Tax	\$	150.00	
100.5192.101	401(k)	\$	500.00	

100.5192.110	Group Insurance	\$	900.00		
100.5192.111	Dental Insurance	\$	70.00		
100.5192.260	Departmental Supplies			\$	1,000.00
100.5192.261	Office Supplies			\$	1,610.00
100.5192.511	Equipment	\$	2,610.00		
	Social Services				
100.5310.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	7,000.00		
100.5310.083	CAP-C and CAP-DA			\$	5,500.00
100.5310.090	Social Security	\$	3,000.00		
100.5310.091	Medicare Tax	\$	750.00		
100.5310.100	Retirement	\$	750.00		
100.5310.101	401(k)	\$	1,900.00		
100.5310.110	Group Insurance	\$	3,000.00		
100.5310.111	Dental Insurance	\$	200.00		
	Special Assist. For the Blind				
100.5840.000	Aid to the Blind	\$	5,500.00		
	Senior Services				
100.5860.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	1,200.00		
100.5860.030	Salaries/Wages-Perm Part time	\$	2,500.00		
100.5860.090	Social Security	\$	250.00		
100.5860.091	Medicare Tax	\$	60.00		
100.5860.100	Retirement	\$	110.00		
100.5860.101	401(k)	\$	125.00		
	Arts Council				
100.6150.000	Salaries and Wages	\$	5,500.00		
100.6150.020	Salaries/Wages-Part Time			\$	500.00
100.6150.090	Social Security			\$	100.00
100.6150.091	Medicare Tax			\$	30.00
100.6150.100	Retirement			\$	60.00
	Contingency				
100.9910.000	Contingency			\$	12,135.00
100.9910.100	Leave Cost	\$	372.00		
100.9910.000	Fuel Cost Contingency			\$	22,250.00
		\$	374,621.00	\$	254,599.00

Finance Director Edwards noted that the following justification of the budget ordinance amendment for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Second Quarter Review of Departmental Budgets
- \$12,135.00 reverted back to the Contingency
- \$22,250.00 reverted back to the Fuel Cost Contingency
- \$120,022.00 Revenues in the Health Department reduced due to revenues not coming as projected
- All budgets were reviewed

Commissioner Carroll noted the following change to the Budget Amendment:

- To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased- increased should be changed to **decreased**

Budget Amendment Ordinance #54 can be considered at the March 12th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Relocation of Medical Helicopter Helipad- Budget Proposals

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following estimated budget for the relocation of the Medical Helicopter Helipad with county staff constructing the pad, seeding grass, and spreading out the gravel along the roadway:

• Grading/drainage pipe installation	\$2,700.00
• Concrete for pad 17 yards -1” thick	\$1,802.00
• Concrete for walkway 5 yards -4”thick	\$515.00
• Rebar/forming supplies	\$450.00
• Gravel	\$1,860.00
• Seeding Supplies	\$225.00
• Lights/Electrical	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$8,552.00

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins informed the Board that there was \$2,224 remaining in Capital Outlay and approximately \$47,000 in Contingency.

The Board discussed the proposed budget and reiterated having the items ready to be able to proceed when Mr. Walker –YVEDDI receives approval from the State.

Commissioner Lankford moved to accept the budget proposal, have items ready to proceed immediately when approval is received from the State, and funding allocated from capital outlay and contingency. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Property – Cat Cages – Animal Shelter

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall requested the Board’s approval for the

following Resolution in order to proceed with the private sale of seven (7) old cat cages to Animal Rescue of Stokes County as directed by the Board at the February 12th meeting:

**Resolution authorizing sale of personal property worth less than \$30,000
(G.S. 160A-266;267)**

WHEREAS, County of Stokes owns seven (7) fiberglass cat cages that have become surplus; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute, 153A-176, 160A-266 and 160A-267 permits the County to sell such property by private sale at a negotiated price upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting;

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorized the Support Services Supervisor to sell by private sale at a negotiated price the following items to Animal Rescue of Stokes County; (7) Fiberglass cat cages with wire bottoms and plastic trays
2. The Support Services Supervisor shall publish a notice summarizing this resolution, and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least ten (10) days after the day the notice is published.

Adopted this 26th day of February 2007.

J. Leon Inman- Chairman

Jimmy Walker – Vice Chairman

Ron Carroll - Commissioner

Ernest Lankford - Commissioner

Stanley Smith - Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk to the Board

Mr. Stovall concluded a summary of the Resolution will be advertised in the Stokes News per NC General Statute 160A-267.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve Resolution Authorizing the Sale Of Personal Property worth less than \$30,000.00.

Vice Chairman Walker moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property worth less than \$30,000.00. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

District System

Commissioner Carroll moved that the Board of Commissioners establish a special bipartisan citizens' committee to study a district system for electing commissioners and school board members and to recommend whether or not the Board should develop a plan to implement such a system, subject to the approval process as provided by law.

Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Walker presented the following information to the Board:

- 41 counties elect Board of Commissioners at large
- 23 counties elect Board of Commissioners with a combination of at large and districts with some residency requirements for the districts
- 22 counties elect Board of Commissioners at large with district residency required
- 10 counties elect Board of Commissioners entirely by districts
- 4 counties elect Board of Commissioners under limited voting plans

Vice Chairman Walker also noted the need for unity in the County and feels that there are more pressing, urgent issues to deal with at the present time especially with the upcoming budget. Vice Chairman Walker feels the Board should take ample time before approving the committee selection and criteria.

Commissioner Smith stated that he personally does not support a district system, but

supports the motion to form a committee to gather information and return that information to the Board.

Chairman Inman stated that he does support a committee to gather information and return information for the Board's consideration.

The motion carried 4-1 with Vice Chairman Walker voting against the motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved that the special bipartisan citizens' committee consist of 7 seven members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, to include 3 registered Republican voters, 3 registered Democrats voters, and 1 registered unaffiliated voter, with at least 1 committee member residing in each of the County's quadrants.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Walker expressed concerns about deciding on the makeup of the committee at this particular meeting. Vice Chairman Walker noted that he was unprepared to discuss the requirement of the appointments to the committee and thought the decision for the appointment of the committee would be decided at a later meeting.

Commissioner Carroll noted the need to proceed with establishing the requirements of Committee appointments in order to appoint the committee, meet and educate with the committee, and ample provide time for meetings in all the precincts.

Commissioner Lankford noted that he feels strongly about the representation being from the nine (9) townships instead of using the four geographic quadrants.

Vice Chairman Walker reiterated the need for additional time to study the makeup and requirements of the appointments of the committee.

Vice Chairman Walker questioned if the Board had not agreed at the last Board Retreat to use a second after a motion is made.

Clerk to the Board Bullins noted that no official vote had been approved by the Board to start requiring a second to a motion.

Chairman Inman also noted the need to have representation from the nine (9) townships for the committee.

The motion failed 2-3 with Commissioner Lankford, Vice Chairman Walker, and Chairman Inman voting against the motion.

Commissioner Lankford moved that the special bipartisan citizens' committee consist of (9) nine members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, to include 4 registered Republican voters, 4 registered Democrats voters, and 1 registered unaffiliated voter, with at least 1 committee member residing in each of the County's townships with the appointments being approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Walker reiterated the need for more time to consider Commissioner Lankford's motion regarding such an important issue.

The motion carried 4-1 with Vice Chairman Walker voting against the motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved that the Board compile a roster from which members of the special bipartisan citizens' committee will be selected, and that the roster be compiled as follows: (a) interested citizens as always may volunteer, (b) the executive committees of the Stokes County Republican Party and the Stokes County Democrat Party may each recommend up to 5 individuals, (c) each Commissioner may recommend 2 individuals, (d) the Stokes County Board of Education may recommend up to 5 individuals; provided that no elected official and no government or school employee may be recommended.

Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Walker expressed concerns including the Board of Education without first notifying or discussing the issue with them. Vice Chairman Walker reiterated the need for more time to consider such an important issue.

Commissioner Carroll noted that if the Board of Education had concerns, that would be an issue to discuss when the study is done and it is presented to the Legislative delegation. The Board of Commissioners nor the Board of Education will not have any say so on the final decision.

Commissioner Carroll noted that this committee will be receiving input from the citizens on whether or not this is the direction they wish to go.

Commissioner Smith reiterated his support of this committee as being formed for a fact finding mission, to bring back input from the citizens regarding the issue of Districts, and that this Board can only decide whether to place this item on the ballot.

Chairman Inman also reiterated that this committee will be a fact finding committee to bring back input to the Board of Commissioners.

The motion carried 4-1 with Vice Chairman Walker voting against the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Inman entertained a motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 4:00 pm to discuss additional allocation of \$200,000 from CenterPoint Human Services for mental health services in Stokes County.

Commissioner Smith moved to recess the meeting until Tuesday, February 27th at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimous.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman