

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
MARCH 12, 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, March 12, 2007 at 1:30 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
Health Director Don Moore
Public Works Director Jay Kinney
Captain Mike Marshall – Sheriff's Department
Arts Council Director Eddy McGee
Office Assistant III Karen Tilley – DRC

Chairman Leon Inman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Inman 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 March 12th meeting.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins requested to move Item A – Discussion Agenda – Presentation of the Local Business Plan for CenterPoint to the Action Agenda due to the March 23rd deadline for submission to the State.

Clerk to the Board Bullins also noted the following clarification received from Chairperson Kathy Ford-JCPC regarding the JCPC appointments in the Consent Agenda:

- Not all appointees are from Stokes County, appointees either work in Stokes or the catchment area for which they work is in Stokes County

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the March 12th agenda with the following amendment – move Item A – Discussion Agenda –Presentation of the Local Business Plan for CenterPoint to the Action Agenda. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT- HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

Chairman Inman called the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant- Housing Rehabilitation Project to order. There were no public comments.

Chairman Inman closed the Public Hearing.

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 6, 2007
- Minutes of February 26, 2007

Finance – Second Quarter Review- Budget Ordinance Amendment #54

Budget Ordinance Amendment #54 was presented and discussed at the February 26th meeting.

Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund - Budget Ordinance Amendment #55

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #55, which is necessary to amend the Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund to appropriate funds for the rental of blood pressure machine and William Camp Grant for massage therapy. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund		
204.5861.180	Professional Services		\$2,000.00
204.5861.411	Rental of Equipment		\$500.00
			<u>\$2,500.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$2,500.00 in the appropriations of the Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased:

Account Number	REVENUES	Decrease	Increase
204.3586.453	Walnut Cove Senior Center		<u>\$2,500.00</u>
			\$2,500.00

Finance Director Edwards noted the following justification for budget ordinance amendment #55 for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Walnut Cove Senior Center received a William Camp Grant for massage therapy and appropriating funds for the rental of the blood pressure machine.

Social Services – Day Care - Budget Ordinance Amendment #56

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance

Amendment #56, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate additional Funding for CCDF, SSBG, TANF, and State Funding for Day Care Services. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	DSS- Day Care		
100.5850.002	Day Care		\$23,084.00
			<u>\$23,084.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$23,084.00 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
100.3301.208	Day Care		\$23,084.00
			<u>\$23,084.00</u>

Finance Director Edwards noted the following justification for budget ordinance amendment #56 for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Department of Social Services received authorization of additional funding for day care services

Health Department - Budget Ordinance Amendment #57

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #57, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to transfer funds to cover the cost of a contracted Nurse Practitioner. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Health Department		
100.5100.000	Salaries & Wages	\$10,000.00	
100.5100.180	Professional Services		\$10,000.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the appropriations of the General Fund.

Finance Director Edwards noted the following justification for budget ordinance amendment #57 for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Request from Health Director to contract a nurse practitioner for office visits

Social Services - Budget Ordinance Amendment #58

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #58, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to transfer funds for Work First Funding for clients. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Social Services		
	Professional Services- TANF		
100.5310.186	Child Enrichment		\$10,000.00
100.5310.293	JOBS-Participation Expense		\$20,000.00
100.5850.000	TANF	\$30,000.00	
		<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

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

Finance Director Edwards noted the following justification for budget ordinance Amendment #58 for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Require to transfer funds for the Work First Program for clients

Sheriff's Department - Budget Ordinance Amendment #59

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #59, which is necessary to amend the General Fund to appropriate the Bullet Proof Vest Grant funding for 5 vests. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Sheriff's Department		
100.4310.511	Equipment-Non-Capitalized		\$1,350.00
			<u>\$1,350.00</u>

This will result in a net increase of \$1,350.00 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
100.3301.421	Dept. of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Grant		\$1,350.00
			<u>\$1,350.00</u>

Finance Director Edwards noted the following justification for budget ordinance amendment #59 for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Sheriff Mike Joyce is requesting the appropriation of Department of Justice Bullet Proof Grant Funding for 5 bulletproof vests. The County’s match has already been appropriated from State Fines and Forfeitures in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget.

Public Buildings - Budget Ordinance Amendment #60

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment #60, to amend the General Fund to transfer funds from contingency for the relocating of the Helipad. The appropriations are to be as follows:

Account Number	EXPENDITURES	Decrease	Increase
	Public Buildings		
100.4190.590	Improvements		\$8,552.00
	Contingency		
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$6,328.00	
100.9910.400	Capital Outlay	\$2,224.00	
		<u>\$8,552.00</u>	<u>\$8,552.00</u>

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

Finance Director Edwards noted the following justification for budget ordinance amendment #60 for fiscal year 2006-07:

- Approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting February 26, 2007 to relocate the Helipad.

Appointments

Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Nominated at the February 26th

meeting.

Re-Appointees

Kathy Ford	Judge's Designee	6/30/2008
Tiffany Cone	County Commissioner Appointee	6/30/2008
Jane Williams	Substance Abuse Professional	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
Leon Inman	County Commissioner	6/30/2007

New Appointees

Jeff Matkins	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
Mike Eiland	County Commissioner Appointee	6/30/2008

Board of Equalization and Review – Schedule

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

Vice Chairman Walker moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY - INFORMATION AGENDA

An Essential Alliance – The Guard/Reserve and Their Employers

Mr. Steve Page, North Carolina Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and

Reserve presented the following overview of “An Essential Alliance – The Guard and Reserve and Their Employers”:

- 1. 2 million Americans serve in the Guard and Reserve
- Represents 50% of the our total military force
- Reservists work side by side with their Active Duty counterparts
- Some Reserves are on their third and fourth tour to Iraq
- The Alliance is an advocate for the Guard and Reserve
- Mission is to gain and maintain as much active support as possible for the Guard and Reserve
- Request for employers to consider to give National Guard & Reserve the differential pay for the two week annual training

Mr. Page concluded with a request that the Board of Commissioners consider adopting the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve and also consider the differential pay for Guardsmen and Reserves while on two week annual training.

Piedmont Triad WIRED Initiative Presentation

Mr. Jim Donnelly – Vice President Innovation & Outreach – Piedmont Triad Partnership presented a Power Point presentation on the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED). Mr. Donnelly noted the following:

- \$15 million three year Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Grant to assist in transforming the regional economy
- Grant deadlines are the middle of March, April, and May
- Global Economy & Piedmont Triad Economic Realities
 - Tremendous losses in our legacy industries
 - Doing what we have always done is no longer sufficient
 - PTP Regional Vision Plan – Stronger economic future built on a foundation of educational excellence, progressive leadership and broad diversity
- Federal WIRED Initiative
 - Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development
 - Goal is to transform regional economics
 - Piedmont Triad region was one of 13 chosen to be a national demonstration project
 - Integrate economic development and workforce development strategies at regional level
 - Source of funding to foster innovation
 - Requires collaborative alliance of many partners

- WIRED in the Piedmont will create high-skill, high-wage jobs across the Piedmont Triad region and significantly strengthen the Region's global competitiveness
- WIRED Goals:
 - Goal 1 - Project Governance and Administration
 - Goal 2 - Leadership, Communication & Regional Integration
 - Goal 3 - Economic Growth and Competitiveness
 - Goal 4 – Education and Workforce Investment
- Piedmont Triad's Goal is to communicate WIRED to all 12 counties in the region
- Year One Projects
 - Launch region-wide leadership development initiative
 - Initiate regional asset mapping
 - Implement four industry cluster roundtables
 - Basic Manufacturing
 - Health Care
 - Logistics and Distribution
 - Creative Enterprises in the Arts
 - Support and enhance regional entrepreneurship development
 - Implement Higher Education Innovations Council
 - Engage rural areas and minority/underserved populations
 - Engage workforce development boards and other workforce resources in innovative programs through an initial series of Focus Grant
 - \$1.3 million funding available in three areas-
 - Entrepreneurial job creation and training
 - Workforce training development
 - Talent development
 - Identify K-12 school-to-work best practices and gaps
 - Establish dedicated to Manufacturing Extension Partnership for WIRED
 - Provide leadership for a region wide, lifelong learning project
 - Coordinate with PTP Committee on Tourism, Sports and Film to support regional effort to grow tourism as an economic development strategy

Vice President Donnelly concluded the presentation by inviting the Board to submit information to the PTP regarding the assets of Stokes County and the opportunities that can benefit citizens of Stokes County.

The Board discussed the WIRED Initiative.

E-Civis – Changing the Way You View Grants

Ms. Nicole Haskins –eCivis presented the following information regarding - eCivis

“Changing the Way You View Grants”. (Ms. Michelle Love –NCACC was also present for the presentation) Ms. Haskins noted the following:

- Grants locator is the web-based, searchable system of government and foundation grants, designed for local governments
- Quick access to Federal, State, and foundation grants
- Been in operation for approximately 6 years with over 400 clients (20 counties) in NC
- Provides access, customer support, and technical support for all \$300 billion in federal funds, \$700 million in state funds, and \$2 billion in foundation and private corporations who give funding to just local government
- Also would allow access for non-profits organizations in Stokes County
- Provides all applications, technical support, training, tracking and management of revenue for all county departments
- Currently serving Franklin, Iredell, Lincoln, Henderson, and Burke Counties
- Full program including access for non-profits supported by the County = \$19,200 annual membership which includes a NCACC 20% discount
- County departments only = \$15,200 annual membership

The Board discussed the eCivis Grant Locator Program and possible benefits for Stokes County.

CenterPoint – Second Quarter Report

CEO Betty Taylor-CenterPoint Human Services discussed the following Second Quarter Report Review:

- ACCESS- telephonic screening, triage, referral service provided by CenterPoint 24/7/365 – information and referral
- Psychiatric Services – continuing to focus on trying to achieve a balance between psychiatric services being provided by local contract providers and CenterPoint
- Effective July 2007 – focus is to make available psychiatric services to the smaller providers
- Psychiatric Services is the most expensive service to be delivered to the consumer – currently working with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center for two attendants
- Crisis Response Network - CenterPoint approved as one of the 15 “crisis regions” across the state, with plans to develop a continuum of crisis services- could possibly receive funding as early as April 1, 2007
- Identified community partner –Old Vineyard Youth Service that is a licensed facility already in place for 18 beds. Collaboration between Old Vineyard and CenterPoint for a three phase crisis service project:

- Phase 1 – use the 18 beds for acute crisis care – this would provide a community hospital for Stokes, Davie and Forsyth when a bed is not available at Forsyth, Baptist, etc.
- Phase 2 – crisis face to face assessment for consumers
- Phase 3 – begin to examine (January 2008) an additional 10-20 crisis beds at Old Vineyard
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for 25 law enforcement officers occurred in 2/07 in Forsyth County– equips officers to respond when they encounter mental health issues
- System of Care refers to an integrated network of community-based services and resources supported by collaboration among families, professionals and the community to develop child and family school-based teams. CenterPoint is also planning a system of care for adults.
- Through the recent mental health reform, Medicaid billing previously flowed through CenterPoint as a LME now goes directly to Division of Medical Assistance. This decreased CenterPoint’s revenue stream by 50%, which increased the fund balance. CenterPoint has been given until December 2007 to reduce the fund balance to a minimum of 15%. The Board of Directors allocated \$200,000 to each County (Stokes, Davie, and Forsyth) to be used for mental health, developmental disability or substance abuse
- Jeff Eads joined CenterPoint as a Manager of Community Operations and brings knowledge about Stokes County – Jeff worked for CenterPoint (before mental health reform) and Hoperidge serving citizens of Stokes County. Jeff has been assigned to help find what the prevailing recommendations are in Stokes County for the best use of the special funding for long term impact
- First Opinion Waiver is now before the Legislature as the request of the Secretary and is to be made a permanent law in the State of North Carolina
- Working with NC Baptist Hospital for the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team to have associate privileging credentials at Stokes Reynolds which would decrease the time spent regarding a commitment

Captain Mike Marshall, Sheriff’s Department, noted the biggest concern is the time being spent with a commitment, which can sometimes last 10-12 hours. Captain Marshall also noted that CenterPoint is continuing to work to decrease time being spent with a commitment and would participate in Crisis Intervention Training provided by CenterPoint. Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins noted that information from Jail Sergeant Jeff Whitaker noted no issues at the Stokes County Jail.

The Board discussed the second quarter review presented by Ms. Taylor and the possible use of beds at Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital for mental health. Ms. Taylor

stated that talks were currently underway between Mr. Doug Atkinson, NCBaptist, Lance Labine, Stokes Reynolds and CenterPoint regarding the use of beds at Stokes Reynolds.

Ms. Taylor concluded that the open communication with Stokes County is the most effective way to help provide CenterPoint with the needs of Stokes County and that CenterPoint is making progress to better serve the citizens of Stokes County.

Tax Administration Information Report

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented the total collections and remaining balances as submitted by the Tax Administrator per NCGS 105-350(7). Tax Administrator Carmichael also submitted information that advertisement of tax liens on real property would be advertised on April 5, 2007 per NCGS 105-369(b1).

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Arts Council – Upcoming 2007 Stokes Stomp

Arts Council Director Eddy McGee presented the following information regarding the upcoming 33rd Stokes Stomp scheduled for September 15 & 16, 2007:

- Longest running Arts Council sponsored event in North Carolina
- 2006 Stokes estimated crowd of over 22,000
- Stokes Stomp is not a fundraising event for Arts Council, but a break-even project at best
- Over 120 volunteers which provide approximately 2,000 volunteer hours of time
- Eight months of planning for the event
- 2007 Stomp will feature three nationally known Stokes County musicians:
 - Lou Reid whose group Carolina had a #1 single in 2006 with “TIME”
 - Alan Bibey who was SPBGMA 2007 Mandolin Player of the Year and 2005 Grammy nominee
 - Ronnie Bowman, three time IBMA Vocalist of the year
- Local and regional music and dance
- Native American Programs
- Dan River Duck Race
- Canoe and Kayak Race
- New this year – Fire Department Competition (Bucket Brigade –obstacle course)

- Stomp expenses include stage, entertainment, sound, security, port-a-lets, ice, drinks, cups, marketing, administrative, etc. 2007 budget is estimated at \$14,000
- Revenue is generated through sponsorship, vendor fees, and drink sales

Director McGee on behalf of the Arts Council would like to request permission to charge \$5 for parking at Moratock Park and the Stokes Government Center. Shuttle Service will be provided from the Government Center and HWY 8/Sheppard Mill Road parking areas. Those paying for parking on Saturday, September 15th will not have to pay to park on Sunday, September 16th. A percentage of the proceeds will go back to the fire departments assisting with parking. Director McGee also noted that major sponsors like to see a moderate return on the event.

The Board discussed the request presented by Director McGee. The Board expressed concerns charging a fee for parking, history of the stomp being free, impact on attendance, and the possible use of coupons on the back of the parking receipt.

Director McGee also presented a brief overview of the current 2006-07 Arts Council Programs being provided in Stokes County, which includes a pilot program sponsored by Davidson College that provides art students to assist teachers at Germanton Elementary School. The three week program will be evaluated at the end of April, if successful, a grant from the Apple Foundation will fund the program in all Stokes County Schools next year. Director McGee concluded that no Stokes County Tax Dollars have been spent on any arts council program since 2004.

Criminal Justice Partnership Program – Annual Plan/Application for Funding

Office Assistant III Karen Tilley-DRC (Director Tony Hill unable to attend the meeting) presented the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Annual Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding for the District Resource Center. Ms. Tilley noted the following:

- Criminal Justice Partnership Program Advisory Board approved the application
- Application is required annually by the State
- Application allows the County to accept CJPP Grant Funding and outlines how the funding will be used
- State funding being requested = \$71,944 to be used for personnel, substance abuse treatment and counseling, and operating costs
- Deadline for the application – March 30th

Ms. Tilley requested the Board consider the approval of the application at their

March 26th meeting.

Re-opening of King Clinic-Southwestern Service Center

Chairman Inman presented the following brief overview:

- Facility closed in 2003 due to mold concerns
- Proclean Inc. gave the facility “a clean bill of health” for occupancy in 2005
- Air quality check performed in 2005
- Public Works Director Jay Kinney, Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall, DSS Director Jan Spencer, Health Director Don Moore, Vice Chairman Walker and Chairman Inman toured the facility last Tuesday

Chairman Inman requested information from the following regarding the

re-opening of the King Clinic:

DSS Director Jan Spencer noted the following:

- DSS Board voted to request the opening of the King Clinic
- After reviewing the space, requested to share the upper level of the facility with the Health Department
- Expected to start one day a week with possibility of extending to two days a week later
- Administering the following Programs: Adult/Children Medicaid, Food Stamps, Intake for Crisis along with a clerical worker
- Need for a small amount of funding for supplies not included in the 2006-07 budget
- DSS has a volunteer to help with clerical duties at the Clinic

Public Works Director Jay Kinney noted the following:

- Proclean Inc. to perform another air quality check

Health Director Don Moore noted the following:

- Budget for King Clinic in fiscal year 2006-07 budget

- Plans were to be in the Clinic two days week
- At the start of the budget year, the building had to have renovations before occupancy
- The PA who was to be at the clinic resigned from the health department
- Without PA at the present time, there would be no way to maintain a clinic two days a week without closing on those days in Danbury
- Plans were to have a doctor in Danbury and the PA in King
- Clinic was to provide Primary Care, Family Care Coordination and WIC
- Must have a full time mid level provider in order to reopen the Clinic
- Salaries in the past five years demanded by mid level providers have increased by 50% to 60% - very difficult to recruit
- Need for an experienced mid level provider for the Clinic as well as the Health Department
- Currently pursuing a contract with mid level provider for one day a week who will only be able to see 14 years and older patients

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall noted the following:

- Met with contractors for telephones, carpet, paving, copiers, etc.
- Current telephone system can be upgraded
- DRC staff to paint interior of the facility
- Costs to be incurred include general cleaning and painting, telephone system, copier, internet, and carpet
- Estimated budget for all renovations to be presented at the March 26th meeting

Commissioner Carroll requested the County revert to the proper name of the facility – Southwestern Service Center – a multi service center.

Vice Chairman Walker requested a timetable to have the needed renovations at the facility ready for occupancy. Mr. Stovall, noted with adequate funding an approximate 30 day turnaround would be needed to have all services such as telephone, internet, etc. available at the facility.

Commissioner Lankford requested Health Director Moore to research Bowman Gray School of Medicine for any possibility for a PA.

Commissioner Smith requested Health Director Moore actively pursue the employment of a mid level provider in order to open the Southwestern Service Center.

The Board discussed staffing issues, lack of a mid level provider, and renovations to the facility in order to open the Southwestern Service Center.

Chairman Inman requested Health Director Don Moore to survey the market, area health departments, etc regarding salaries for a mid level provider and report back to the Board at the March 26th meeting. Chairman Inman confirmed with Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins that painting could start as soon as possible.

Proposed Resolution – In Support of Local Fees for Hotel and Lodging

Health Director Don Moore presented the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Health in Support of Local Fees for Food and Lodging on November 21, 2006:

**COUNTY OF STOKES
BOARD OF HEALTH
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL FEES FOR FOOD
AND LODGING**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina mandates that local government provide Food and Lodging support and inspections; and

WHEREAS, the State provides less than \$3,000 per year in support of providing Food and Lodging support and inspections; and

WHEREAS, it costs the local taxpayers of Stokes County upwards of \$45,000 to meet the State mandated requirements of the Food and Lodging Program, and

WHEREAS, the Stokes County Food and Lodging Program has been and continues to be compliant with the State mandate, and

WHEREAS, Local Health Departments fully support holding the State Environmental Health Division harmless for the funding to develop and maintain the environmental health data system; and

WHEREAS, the Stokes County Board of Health believes fee for service funding for Food and Lodging support and inspections would be a more equitable than asking county residents to bear the cost of this State mandated service through the use of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, other State mandated services such as the On-Site Sewage Program are funded using a fee for service approach; and

WHEREAS, Food and Lodging facility owners and operators are the ones who draw financial benefit from such facilities;

THEREFORE, the Stokes County Board of Health, meeting in regular session, hereby requests the General Assembly to enact legislation empowering local government to enact and collect fees for providing Food and Lodging support and inspections from such enterprises operating within their boundaries.

This the 21st day of November 2006.

Barbara Golden Watkins
Stokes County Board of Health

Attest:

Don Moore, Health Director
Secretary to the Board

Director Moore noted that a number of Boards of Health and Boards of County Commissioners have passed the resolution supporting local fees to support County expense in conducting food and lodging inspections. Director Moore noted the following:

- Food and lodging inspections are mandated from the state
- Stokes County expenses for food and lodging inspections = approximately \$45,000 per year
- State reimburses approximately \$2,000 for these inspections
- The proposed Resolution would allow Counties the option, if they so elect, to charge fees for food and lodging inspections
- There would be no fee for schools and hospitals
- Strong opposition against the resolution from the restaurants, hotels, etc.

The Board discussed the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner Carroll expressed concerns with the proposal allowing each county to have the option to charge a fee instead of all counties being on the same playing field – either all charging a fee or no one charging a fee.

Commissioner Lankford requested further lobbying to the General Assembly to provide additional funding for food and lodging inspections.

Tax Foreclosed Property

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following bid from Mr. Michael Morehead to purchase tax parcel number 6947-00-47-4709, deed book/page 539-2548 from the County for the sum of \$500. Mr. Morehead had offered the amount of \$500 to the County about a year ago at which time the Board of Commissioners rejected the offer. Mr. Stovall noted the following outstanding charges on this parcel as of March 7, 2007:

Mr. Stovall concluded with the following options:

- Reject the Bid
- Offer the parcel for upset bid

The Board discussed the tax-foreclosed property.

The Board unanimously agreed to reject the bid and start the upset bidding process at \$1,177.37.

Replacement of Handicap Ramp – Old Courthouse

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall briefed the Board that the Project to replace the handicap ramp at the Old Courthouse was underway and should be ready for the pouring of concrete within the next week.

Appointments

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins submitted the following re-appointments to the Stokes County Board of Adjustments: (Both individuals have agreed for re-appointment)

- Don Lester – Term to expire March 1, 2010
- Larry Boles – Term to expire March 1, 2010

The Board discussed advertising the appointments.

The Board directed Clerk Bullins to advertise the vacancies.

Vice Chairman Walker expressed that all appointments be advertised to inform citizens of vacancies.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Mr. Don Lester and Mr. Larry Boles to serve on the Stokes County Board of Adjustments.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Work First Plan – Fiscal Year 2007-2009

DSS Director Jan Spencer requested the approval for the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Work First Plan with the following incentive to be added to page 11 of the proposed plan:

We will offer an incentive for clients who turn in their time cards and required information by the required date on their Mutual Responsibility Agreement. This incentive is offered for clients who are required to complete work related activities. We will provide these clients with a \$20 gift card to WalMart for turning in the required information by the appropriate date. We will offer this incentive for a six-month period of time. This incentive will terminate when the client is no longer eligible for a Work First assistance check. This is a once-in-a-lifetime incentive.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Work First Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 with the added incentive. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Commissioner Carroll expressed concerns with offering clients a \$20 gift card as an incentive for providing required information by the appropriate date. The Board discussed the proposed added incentive. DSS Director Spencer noted the if the client did not turn in the paperwork by the appropriate date, DSS staff spent time calling and at times going to the client's home to obtain the necessary paperwork.

The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the Local Business Plan – F/Y 2008, 2009, 2010-CenterPoint

Deputy Area Director and Finance Director Kevin Beauchamp-CenterPoint presented the proposed CenterPoint Human Services Local Business Plan -2008, 2009, 2010. Director Beauchamp noted the following regarding the proposed plan:

- NCGS 122C-115 requires all Local Management Entities (LME) to create a Local Business Plan (LBP) which was mandated in October 2006
- LBP is an outline to provide of objectives and strategies to work together to provide proper consumer services to providers
- Format of the LBP is mandated by the State
- LBP must be approved by the CPHS's local County Board of Commissioners (Davie, Stokes and Forsyth)
- LBP must be submitted to the North Carolina Division of Mental Health by March 31, 2007
- LBP includes mission statements, current operations, resource allocation, business rules that both enhance and inhibit department efficiency, and most importantly objectives and strategies
- 42 objectives have been submitted to improve and maintain CPHS's overall function as an LME
- Stemming from those objectives, there are 129 strategies to achieve them
- Full intention is to adhere to all objectives and strategies to better serve all persons within the community and provider networks
- LBP has been approved by the CenterPoint Board of Directors and Davie County Board of Commissioners
- LBP will be presented to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners at their March 12th night meeting

Director Beauchamp concluded that the LBP is CenterPoint's roadmap (strategic plan) where they want to be after three years, which will ultimately benefit the delivery of services.

CEO Betty Taylor noted that the LBP will be a report card to counties served by CenterPoint.

The Board discussed the proposed LME submitted by CenterPoint.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the proposed Local Business Plan submitted by CenterPoint.

Commissioner Carroll moved to approve the Local Business Plan submitted by CenterPoint Human Services. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to enter closed session for the following:

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(6)

Commissioner Smith moved to enter into closed session for the following:

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(6).

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular March 12th meeting.

Appointment of County Manager

Vice Chairman Walker moved to offer Bryan Steen the position of County Manager for Stokes County. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Retreat Continuation

The Board discussed scheduling another meeting for continuation of the Board Retreat.

Farmer's Appreciation Day

Clerk to Board Darlene Bullins noted the upcoming Farmer's Appreciation Day on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at North Stokes High School.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman