

Commissioner Lankford requested to move the following from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda:

- Appeal Request – Robert Lee Lackey – Adjustment for Vehicle Value

County Manager Bryan Steen requested to add the following to the Discussion Agenda:

- State Public School Building Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Projects which were approved in the 2008-09 County Budget

Chairman Inman requested to add the following to the Discussion Agenda:

- Legislative Goals Conference – Voting Delegate

Vice Chairman Walker requested the topic of school land purchase be added to the School Facility Needs discussion.

The Board unanimously agreed to the requests from Commissioner Carroll, Commissioner Lankford, Vice Chairman Walker, Chairman Inman and Manager Steen.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the December 22, 2008 Agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during public comments:

Linda Hicks

Madison, NC 27025

RE: **Administration Building**

Ms. Hicks spoke regarding the renaming of the Administration Building done by a previous Board. Ms. Hicks noted that the renaming of the building took place before any public input could be presented. Ms. Hicks expressed her appreciation to Commissioner Carroll, a fellow Republican, for putting “common sense” above politics and for standing up for all the people in the County regarding the renaming of the Administration Building. Ms. Hicks agreed that a committee should be appointed to survey citizens regarding matters such as the renaming of county facilities.

Pam Gibson

Nancy Reynolds Historic Committee

RE: **Nancy Reynolds**

Ms. Gibson, on behalf of the Nancy Reynolds Historic Committee, expressed appreciation to the Stokes County Board of Commissioners and Stokes County Board of Education for the progress that has been made during the last week towards finding the best solution for Nancy Reynolds Elementary School and the safety of its children. Ms. Gibson noted it is time to act now and that the additional information from the other two feasibility studies will prove beneficial to both Boards in their decision-making regarding the options and costs. Ms. Gibson expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for approving funding for the additional feasibility studies, which are desperately needed.

Chairman Inman noted the following clarification: At the present time, no funding has been allocated by the Board of Commissioners for the additional feasibility studies.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of December 1, 2008
- Minutes of December 2, 2008
- Minutes of December 8, 2008

Grant Fund – Budget Amendment #34

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #34.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Grant Fund				
203.4330.510	Equipment	\$00.00	\$78,520.00	\$78,520.00
203.4330.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized	\$00.00	\$101,030.00	\$101,030.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$179,550.00	\$179,550.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To re-appropriate the Homeland Security Grant for the Buffer Zone Protection Program in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

This will result in a net increase of \$179,550.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County’s annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following

revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
203.3301.257	Homeland Security Grant	\$00.00	\$179,550.00	\$179,550.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$179,550.00	\$179,550.00

Service District Fund – Budget Amendment #35

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #35.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Service District Fund				
209.4340.012	Double Creek Vol. Fire Dept.	\$119,081.00	\$5,000.00	\$124,081.00
	Totals	\$119,081.00	\$5,000.00	\$124,081.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate Fund Balance for the Double Creek Volunteer Fire Department escrow account appropriation.

This will result in a net increase of \$5,000.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County’s annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
209.3991.000	Fund Balance	\$5,300.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,300.00
	Totals	\$5,300.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,300.00

Health Department – Budget Amendment #36

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #36.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Health Department				
100.5100.000	Salaries and Wages	\$938,965.00	\$(50,000.00)	\$888,965.00
100.5100.180	Professional Services	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
	Totals	\$988,965.00	\$00.00	\$988,965.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Salaries & Wages to Professional Services for contract pay.

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Social Services – Budget Amendment #37

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #37.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Social Services				
100.5480.000	Crisis Intervention	\$85,036.00	\$31,998.00	\$117,034.00
	Totals	\$85,036.00	\$31,998.00	\$117,034.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate additional funding for Crisis Intervention, which is 100% Federal Funding.

This will result in a net increase of \$31,998.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.202	Crisis Intervention	\$1,964,787.00	\$31,998.00	\$1,996,785.00
	Totals	\$1,964,787.00	\$31,998.00	\$1,996,785.00

Emergency Communication – Budget Amendment #38

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #38.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Emergency Communications			
100.4325.350	Maint. & Repairs- Equipment	\$26,700.00	\$7,200.00	\$33,900.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$136,505.00	\$(7,200.00)	\$129,305.00
	Totals	\$163,205.00	\$00.00	\$163,205.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency to replace the effective microwave link from Danbury to/from Booth Mountain and to also replace all the power supplies bricks at Danbury and Booth Mountain sites.

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Tax Administration Report – November 2008

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Real and Personal Property Releases and Refunds (November 2008) which are more than \$100 at the December 8th meeting, with a request for action by the Board of Commissioners at the December 22nd meeting:

Real and Personal Property Releases More than \$100 –November- Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Name	Account Number	Amount	Reasons
Donald Dotson	99A1999005516	\$142.25	SWMH Taxed in Yadkin County
	Total	\$142.25	

Real and Personal Property Refunds More than \$100 –November- Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Name	Account Number	Amount	Reasons
Patrick Roberts	07A155902641.07	\$148.74	SWMH was reposed in 2005
		\$12.40	
	Total	\$161.14	

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Update – Manager and Board of Commissioners

County Manager Bryan Steen noted the following:

- Preliminary meetings have been taking place regarding the proposed EMS (Pinnacle) Station with Emergency Management Director Monty Stevens and his staff regarding potential floor plans
- Hope to have proposed floor plans ready for the Board’s review at the first meeting in January
- There was some question about a recent meeting held by NCACC and League of Municipalities regarding capital needs for each County, those projected costs for capital needs for Stokes County have already been submitted to NCACC

Commissioner Smith noted the following:

- New executive director for the Regional Tourism Initiative (RTI) is on board and will be visiting Stokes County and the Board after the first of the year

Commissioner Lankford noted the following:

- NCACC Insurance Pool is reorganizing, trying to be more efficient in order to offer the best insurance at the best rate possible for the counties

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Copier Services for Government Center Complex – Continuation

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall, per Board direction at their November 24th meeting, presented the following new bid proposals for 36 and 48 month rentals for copier services:

	36 months	48 months
Dean's Office Machines	\$2,862.00	\$2,562.00
Sharp Business Systems	\$3,074.00	\$2,756.00
Kelly Office Solutions	\$3,168.89	\$2,811.73
Applied Copier Concepts	\$3,174.64	\$2,850.90
COECO Office Systems	\$3,189.04	\$2,780.73
Ikon Office Solutions	\$3,452.00	\$2,975.80

Mr. Stovall noted the following regarding the bid proposals:

- **Dean’s Office Machines** – Proposal is non-compliant with bid specifications for the following reasons:
 1. Bid specifications called for a 25-28 page per minute copier – their proposal list a 23 page per minute machine for the following locations: Government Center, Tax Department, Register of Deeds, Art Council, Southwest Service Center, Danbury Library, Walnut Cove Library, and King Library
 2. Bid specifications called for a 25-28 page per minute copier with a document feeder, duplex, finisher, stapler, and stand for Natural Resources – their proposal list a 20 paper per minute machine with document feeder, duplex, electronic sorting and stand
- **Sharp Business Systems** –All copies and features are within bid specifications
- **Kelly Office Solutions** –All copies and features are within bid specifications
- **Applied Copier Concepts** –All copies and features are within bid specifications
- **COECO Office Systems** –One copier is above paper per minute specification range, two copiers have features above specification rage, all other copiers and features are within bid specifications
- **Ikon Office Solutions** – Five copiers have missing specification items, two copiers have features listed above specifications, all other copiers and features are within bid specifications
- Lowest bidder’s proposal (36 or 48 month) is within budget

Mr. Stovall noted that NCGS 143-131 states that “all contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the contract”.

Mr. Stovall concluded that to ensure the integrity of the bid process and to avoid a potential contract award protest, the Board has the following options:

Option 1

- Reject non-compliant bid from Dean’s Office Machines
- Award a contract to Sharp Business Systems – their proposal complies with all specifications and is the lowest cost proposal meeting all bid specifications

Option 2

- Reject all bids and re-bid

The Board discussed the bids presented by Mr. Stovall.

Commissioner Carroll reiterated the need to look at a plan to reduce the amount of paper generated by Stokes County.

Chairman Inman confirmed with Mr. Stovall that all bidders had a chance to re-bid

according to the new bid specifications and the proposal submitted by Dean's Office Supply is non-compliant.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on today's Action Agenda.

School Facility Needs

Commissioner Carroll, who requested the item be placed on today's Discussion Agenda, noted the following:

- After the joint meeting with the Board of Education on December 19th, it is time for the County to start discussion with the County's Financial Advisor Doug Carter regarding potential financing agencies to look at to determine how much can be borrowed, and at what interest rate
- The County needs to have this information as soon as possible
- The Board of Education should receive information from the two other feasibility studies being conducted regarding Nancy Reynolds Elementary School by the end of January
- Ready to designate an amount of funding specifically to the Nancy Reynolds Project when the information is received from Board of Education regarding the two additional feasibility studies and the County's Financial Advisor regarding funding resources
- Have no problem considering an additional amount of funding for land purchase for a new elementary school and for architect services for a new elementary school
- Need to move on the Nancy Reynolds Project as soon as possible

Commissioner Lankford noted the following:

- Supports the idea of receiving information regarding the County's financial status regarding funding for the Schools' Capital Needs
- Supports the Nancy Reynolds Project
- Need information from the Board of Education regarding the two additional feasibility studies for Nancy Reynolds Elementary School as soon as possible

Vice Chairman Walker noted the following:

- Comfortable with the direction things are moving toward addressing school needs
- Need information from the two feasibility studies as soon as possible
- Need to look at other possible projects besides the Nancy Reynolds Project
- Need the County's current financial status as soon as possible

- Need to have financial advisor run the financial model with several scenarios
- Supports moving forward with as many of the top priorities recommended by the Board of Education as possible

Commissioner Smith noted the following:

- Ready to move forward, need the County's financial status as soon as possible
- Willing to take the necessary steps for the first two priorities recommended by the Board of Education – Nancy Reynolds Project and new elementary school
- No problem with looking at financing for Nancy Reynolds Project, land acquisition and a new elementary school in Yadkin Township
- County is obligated to provide a safe environment for all students in Stokes County

Chairman Inman noted the following:

- County is in a financial position to be able to borrow funding to build schools upon approval from the Local Government Commission
- Two financing options available – Certificates of Participation or Bond Referendum (Bond Referendum must be approved by the citizens)
- In my opinion, there is not enough time to wait for a Bond Referendum regarding the situation at Nancy Reynolds Elementary School- possibly start looking at Certificates of Participation
- County must be concerned with the State's financial situation, in case the State decides to withhold funding from the County
- Board must be prudent in looking at financial obligations
- Commercial financing rates have increased, not decreased

Vice Chairman Walker reiterated the need to have input from the County's financial advisor and an action plan.

Commissioner Lankford noted the State's current shortfall – estimated \$1.6 billion to balance the State's budget for the next two years which that could affect the County.

Commissioner Carroll reiterated the need to start with finding out who has the money, can the County borrow the needed funding, and at what rate. Commissioner Carroll also noted his desire to not allocate any further funding other than the immediate need at Nancy Reynolds Elementary School until the State has finalized a budget.

Chairman Inman confirmed with Board members that the Board would be ready to

discuss financial allocations for Nancy Reynolds Elementary School after hearing from the County's financial advisor and the additional information from the School Board regarding renovation options at Nancy Reynolds Elementary School.

Chairman Inman stated the School Board had been given notification from their insurance carrier that Nancy Reynolds Elementary School will be closed at the end of this school year, students will have to have somewhere to go at the beginning of the school year in August 09.

Chairman Inman directed Finance Director Julia Edwards to contact Financial Advisor Doug Carter and have Mr. Carter apply several different amounts of funding such as \$10.2 million, \$12 million, \$22.5 million to the County's financial model and return the information to the Board as soon as possible.

Forsyth Technical Community College in Stokes County

Commissioner Carroll, who requested the item be placed on today's Discussion Agenda, noted the following:

- Committed to having a stand alone Forsyth Tech. campus in Stokes County
- Time to give specific directions to the County Manager involving a future campus in Stokes County
- Time to start planning with Director Ann Watts and get together with Forsyth Tech's grant writers
- Time to get in touch with Golden Leaf regarding guidelines, rules, procedures, deadlines, etc. as soon as possible
- Time to possibly consider contracting with professional grant writers if necessary
- Time to contact North Carolina Legislature for any available funding
- Explore all avenues possible for funding for a stand alone campus
- Need to start immediately on a plan for a stand alone campus

Vice Chairman Walker noted the following:

- Agreed with Commissioner Carroll, it is the time to start making plans for a stand alone campus in Stokes County

- There is public support across Stokes County regarding a stand alone community college campus in Stokes County
- Need an action plan for a stand alone community college campus
- Need to have Plan B in case the Meadows location does not work out
- Look at other options in cleaning up the Meadows property
- Need plans for water and sewer availability at the Meadow property
- Need to have parallel plans to make the stand alone campus a reality

Manager Steen noted that estimated acreage for a sand field sewage system would encompass approximately 4.50 acres of the 9-acre Meadows tract, which could limit future expansion and the need to start inquiring about additional land acquisition.

Commissioner Lankford noted there needs to be a lot of planning done before giving any direction.

Commissioner Smith expressed his support for a stand-alone Forsyth Tech. campus in Stokes County, the need to get water and sewer to any location suitable for a stand alone campus, and the need to see where we are, and most important, be responsible spenders.

Chairman Inman noted the following:

- Urgent need for a stand alone Forsyth Tech campus with Early College High School possibly starting in August 09
- Need to think about an alternative site for a stand alone campus
- Possibly look at land available above the Government Center Complex
- Investigate land adjoining Meadows location for possible purchase

Manager Steen noted that he would be meeting with NCDOT officials after the first of the year to discuss the Meadows site.

Vice Chairman Walker requested that the County not wait to see that plans are not going to work out, have other options in place if plan A will not make a stand-alone campus possible.

Chairman Inman agreed that there needs to be an action plan, which can be further discussed at the next Goal Planning Session.

State Public School Building Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Projects

Chairman Inman presented the following request from the Stokes County School Board of Education, which was approved in the County Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget:

- Use of \$210,000.00 State Public School Building Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Projects with a required match of \$70,000.00
- Stokes County Board of Education has approved the following projects:
 - North Stokes High School - New student parking area = \$75,000.00
 - North Stokes High School - Replace old greenhouse roof = \$10,000.00
 - North Stokes High School – Painting = \$40,500.00
 - Piney Grove Middle School – Re-surface and re-stripe 4 Tennis Courts = \$25,000.00
 - South Stokes High School – Upgrade Wastewater Treatment to Ultraviolet System = \$75,000.00
 - South Stokes High School – Asbestos Abatement and New Tile in Wrestling Room and Foyer = \$14,000.00
 - South Stokes High School – Painting = \$40,500.00
- State Funding = \$210,000.00
- Local Funding = \$70,000.00
- Total Funding = \$280,000.00
- In order for funding to be released from the State Public School Building Capital Fund, funding applications must be approved by the Board of Commissioners
- Approval of these applications will allow the school system to move forward in completing the projects.

The Board discussed the School Board's request.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on today's Action Agenda.

NCACC -Legislative Goals Conference– Voting Delegate

Chairman Inman requested the Board approve him to be the Voting Delegate at the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference in January 09.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on today's Action Agenda

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Stokes Opportunity Center – Renovation Project

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall reviewed the following: (Discussion Agenda – December 8th meeting)

- Bids for installing the revised mechanical systems were received as follows:
 - Bryant Heating and Air = \$18,555.00
 - Stanley Heating and Air = \$20,422.00
 - Professional Air = \$38,600.00
 - Bowman Heating & Air = \$39,950.00
 - Frye Heating and Air No Bid
 - Brady Flanary Heating/Air No Bid
- Allocation of \$14,325 from County’s Contingency – Approval of Budget Amendment #33
- Award bid to Bryant Heating and Air

Capital Project Fund – Budget Amendment #33

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Capital Project Fund				
400.5200.000	Construction	\$200,000.00	\$14,325.00	\$214,325.00
	Totals	\$200,000.00	\$14,325.00	\$214,325.00
General Fund Contingency				
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$158,930.00	\$(14,325.00)	\$144,605.00
100.9820.961	Transfer to Capital Projects	\$00.00	\$14,325.00	\$14,325.00
	Totals	\$158,930.00	\$00.00	\$158,930.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds for the additional funding for the Stokes Opportunity Center HVAC from contingency. .

This will result in a net increase of \$14,325.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County’s annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
400.3981.004	Transfer from General Fund	\$00.00	\$14,325.00	\$14,325.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$14,325.00	\$14,325.00

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Lankford moved to award the bid to Bryant Heating and Air in the amount of \$18,555.00 and approve Budget Amendment #33. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CenterPoint Transportation Funding

County Manager Bryan Steen presented the following additional information regarding the CenterPoint Transportation Funding:

- Information received from Director Cathy Long indicates that the passenger levels and number of trips continue to be stable and passenger ability to utilize voucher systems remains consistent with passenger survey
- Although the voucher system seems to be the best route to take, not all passengers can utilize the voucher system; many do not drive, do not have a vehicle, do not have a vehicle that can be driven or do not have a friend/neighbor/relative who can give them a ride; therefore, a small percentage of passengers will have to be transported by YVEDDI
- Additional funding needed through December 2008 = \$2948
- Estimate funding needed for January – June 09 = \$5130
- Estimate funding for fiscal year 08/09 = \$8100
- Director Cathy Long will continue to approve transportation requests with payments to vendors processed by the County’s Finance Department
- Any unused appropriation will be reverted back to the County’s fund balance at the end of the fiscal year
- Budget Amendment #39 allocates the estimated funding needed for this fiscal year

Manager Steen presented Budget Amendment #39 for the Board’s consideration.

Budget Amendment #39

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Mental Health			
100.5200.680	Mental Health	\$395,820.00	\$2,948.00	\$398,768.00
100.5200.681	Stokes Opportunity Center	\$00.00	\$5,152.00	\$5,152.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$144,605.00	\$(8,100.00)	\$136,505.00
	Totals	\$540,425.00	\$00.00	\$540,425.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
To transfer funds from Contingency for the Stokes Opportunity Center Transportation Program.

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Director Cathy Long noted that a couple of grant applications have been completed with hopes of some funding in 2009, which would be used before any county funding.

The Board discussed using the voucher system on a trial basis. Commissioner Carroll suggested a report regarding the voucher system be submitted to the Board in March 09.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved to approve Budget Amendment #39 for the Stokes Opportunity Center Transportation Program with the requirement that a report regarding the voucher system be submitted to the Board in March 09. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Order – Closing a Portion of SR #1700- Otis Woods Road

Chairman Inman submitted the following proposed Order to Close a Portion of SR #1700 – Otis Woods Road which was presented at the December 8th meeting, with a request for action by the Board of Commissioners at the December 22nd meeting:

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

ORDER

CLOSING A PORTION OF SR#1700 – OTIS WOODS ROAD

The Stokes County Board of County Commissioners, after notice and public hearing pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241, makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. The State of North Carolina abandoned the road outlined in red on the attached map of SR#1700- Otis Woods Road and will not maintain that portion of the road;
2. The requesting property owners are the sole property owners along the portion of the road to be closed;
3. Closing the public road is not contrary to the public interest and no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road would be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to this property;
4. The Board of County Commissioners concludes that closing of the portion of the road pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241 is in the best interests of the sole property owners and the citizens of the County of Stokes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Stokes that since the State will not maintain the abandoned portion of SR#1700 – Otis Woods Road, the abandoned portion of SR#1700 – Otis Woods Road be closed pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing **Order** was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes at a meeting on the ___ day of **December 2008**, and appears on the minutes of the said Commission. A certified copy of the order shall be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County.

WITNESS, my hand and official seal this the ___ day of **December, 2008**.

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

Chairman Inman reiterated that no one spoke during Public Hearing and that the Order is the final step in approving the closure of a portion of the road.

Manager Steen noted that the County had received a call from a land surveyor (working for the New family) stating that the State’s markings for a turnaround were not at the end of the road. District Engineer John Rhyne, NCDOT, assured the County that the turnaround did

not have to be at the end of the road (sometimes it is placed before the end of the road due to land contours-cost issues) and that road maintenance would continue up to the New property line.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Walker moved to approve the Order to Close a Portion of State Road #1700- Otis Woods Road. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Request for Transfer of Property – Scattered Site Housing Grant Program

Chairman Inman submitted the request from Mr. Sam Couch, on behalf of the Calvin Overby Family, to transfer property deeded to Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Overby to their three children with life time rights for Mr. & Mrs. Overby. The request was presented at the December 8th meeting with request for action by the Board of Commissioners at the December 22nd meeting. (Family members will assume all obligations of the original agreements regarding the Scattered Site Housing Grant).

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Smith moved to allow the motion to allow the Overby Family to proceed with having documentation prepared for the land transfer, which will include lifetime rights for Mr. and Mrs. Overby for review and approval by the County Attorney with final approval by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Community College Facility – Early College

County Manager Bryan Steen submitted the request from Forsyth Tech. Community College and Stokes County Board of Education for direction regarding the Early College High School Program, which was presented at the December 8th meeting with a request for action by the Board of Commissioners at the December 22nd meeting. Manager Steen noted that Dr.

Stewart Hobbs, Stokes Superintendent, noted that the Board of Commissioners must give the Stokes County Board of Education and Forsyth Technical Community College direction to move forward with Early College High School Grant Application (\$1.5 million) and the Board's commitment to provide temporary classrooms for the program until a permanent facility is ready. Manager Steen noted that a temporary facility would need to be ready by fall 2010, with classes starting in fall 09 to be held temporarily in the new Forsyth Tech. facility located in King.

Manager Steen noted that information received from Economic Development Commission members along with officials from the Town of Danbury both agree that a facility located on the Government Center Complex would be an economic boost to the Danbury area by stabilizing current retail businesses in the area and also attracting new businesses to the Danbury area.

Commissioner Lankford noted the need to look at all options, possibly designing a building on County property that could be used for other county services after a permanent facility is located for the Early College High School, this eliminates renting a POD for the Early College High School –saving county funding.

The Board unanimously agreed to explore all options regarding a facility for the Early College High School Program.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Walker moved to give direction to Forsyth Technical Community College and Stokes County School System to proceed with the Early College High School Application to secure the Grant which obligates the County to provide a facility for the Early College High School Program. Commissioner Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appeal Request – Robert Lee Lackey – Adjustment for Vehicle Value

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following correction regarding the Appeal Request from Mr. Robert Lee Lackey that was presented at the December 8th meeting:

- After receiving additional information from Mr. Lackey after the December 8th meeting pertaining to the type of Chevrolet Colorado Truck, the assigned value should be \$13,020 instead of \$17,480 and the salvage title value should be \$9,114 instead of \$12,236

Tax Administrator Oakley noted that Mr. Lackey is still requesting a reduction to \$6,000 per the Bill of Sale.

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the Board of Commissioners accept the correction to the assigned value and deny Mr. Lackey's appeal and uphold the assigned value of \$12,236 in order to remain consistent and fair in the department's pricing of motor vehicles carrying a "salvage title".

The Board discussed the correction submitted by Tax Administrator Oakley regarding Mr. Lackey's appeal.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved that Mr. Lackey' appeal request be denied and the Board uphold the new assigned salvage title value of \$9,114 submitted by Tax Administrator Oakley. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Copier Services for Government Center Complex – Continuation

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the additional bid information submitted by Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall.

Commissioner Lankford moved to reject the non-compliant bid received from Dean's Office Machines and to award the bid (48 months) for copier services to next lowest bid -Sharp Business Systems in the amount of \$2,756.00. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion

carried unanimously.

State Public School Building Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Projects

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the request from Stokes County Board of Education to use of \$210,000.00 State Public School Building Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Projects with a required match of \$70,000.00 which was approved in the 2008-09 Fiscal Budget.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the request from Stokes County Board of Education to use \$210,000.00 State Public School Building Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Projects with a required match of \$70,000.00, which was approved in the 2008-09 Fiscal Budget. Commissioner Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Goals Conference– Voting Delegate

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved to designate Chairman J. Leon Inman to serve as the Voting Delegate for the Legislative Goals Conference. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Chairman Inman entertained a motion 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).
- To consult with an Attorney employed or retained by the Public Body in Order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the Attorney and the Public Body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, and to consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure G.S. 143-318.11(3).

Commissioner Lankford 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).
- To consult with an Attorney employed or retained by the Public Body in Order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the Attorney and the Public Body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, and to consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure G.S. 143-318.11(3).

Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the open session of the December 22nd meeting.

Economic Development

Vice Chairman Walker requested that Economic Development in Stokes County be placed on a Discussion Agenda early in the upcoming year for further discussion.

Chairman Inman directed the Clerk to place the item on the January 12th –Discussion Agenda.

Goals Planning Session

Chairman Inman requested the Board have at least two dates other than January 14th, 15th or 16th available for a Goals Planning Session at the January 12th meeting.

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. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman