

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 23, 2009

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 (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager K. Bryan Steen
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall
Public Works Director Mark Delehant

Chairman J. Leon Inman called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Smith 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 February 23, 2009 Agenda.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the February 23, 2009 Agenda as submitted.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during public comments:

Ms. Jennifer Martin

735 Dodson Drive
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: Schools

Ms. Martin spoke on behalf of Southeastern Middle School. Ms. Martin expressed appreciation to Commissioner Carroll for his recent visit to Southeastern Middle School and to Chairman Inman for his quick response to an email. Ms. Martin reiterated the need to not forget Southeastern Middle School. Ms. Martin spoke on the unsafe conditions at Southeastern and noted that the facilities do not create an environment where the students are best able to learn. Ms. Martin stated renovations to the school would not require PODS and could be “shovel ready” for stimulus funding. Ms. Martin concluded that any funding available for Southeastern would be greatly appreciated.

Ms. Kimble McEachern

610 School Street
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: Schools

Ms. McEachern yielded her time to Ms. Martin.

Mr. Mike Rogers

1695 Greenfield Street
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: Schools

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Southeastern Middle School Athletic Boosters, echoed Ms. Martin’s comments. Mr. Rogers noted that there were huge issues with falling ceiling tiles at the school, students not being able to use particular restrooms if it rains, and that recently he had observed for the first time ever an inside basketball game stopped due to rain. Mr. Rogers, who stated he has a civil engineering background, noted that the school had structural issues and some of the walls are separating. Mr. Rogers stated that the community just wants a safe learning environment for the kids to participate in and a facility that the county can be proud of.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the following items

on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of February 3, 2009
- Minutes of February 9, 2009

Superior Court – Budget Amendment #53

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #53.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Superior Court				
100.4160.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized	\$2,000.00	\$390.00	\$2,390.00
		<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$390.00</u>	<u>\$2,390.00</u>
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.4160.000	Superior Court	\$19,387.00	\$(390.00)	\$18,997.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	\$388,785.00	\$390.00	\$389,175.00
	Totals	<u>\$408,172.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$408,172.00</u>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund to purchase office furniture for the Clerk of Court’s offices.

This will result in a net increase of \$390.00 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
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	\$228,785.00	\$390.00	\$229,175.00
	Totals	<u>\$228,785.00</u>	<u>\$390.00</u>	<u>\$229,175.00</u>

Regional Sewer Fund – Budget Amendment #54

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #54.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Regional Sewer Fund				
501.7140.510	Equipment	\$00.00	\$3,842.00	\$3,842.00
	Totals	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$3,842.00</u>	<u>\$3,842.00</u>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds to purchase a Spectro w/o battery pack and the necessary apparatus/equipment for the testing of water required by the State.

This will result in a net increase of \$3,842.00 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
501.3714.630	Sewer Fees	\$166,070.00	\$3,842.00	\$169,912.00
	Totals	\$166,070.00	\$3,842.00	\$169,912.00

Vice Chairman Walker requested additional information regarding whether the County could possibly borrow the testing equipment instead of having to purchase the equipment.

Public Works Director Mark Delehant noted that the equipment must be calibrated and once it is set up and calibrated, it should not be moved in order to obtain accurate data. Director Delehant also noted that the equipment is being purchased at the request of a new State inspector. The current contractor who performs the water test stated that the County would be responsible for purchasing the equipment. The testing will be done by Director Delehant once he completes his certification.

Tax Administration Report – January 2009

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Real and Personal Property Releases (January 2009) which are more than \$100 at the February 9th meeting, with a request for action by the Board of Commissioners at the February 23rd meeting:

Real and Personal Property Releases More than \$100–January 09-Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Name	Account Number	Amount	Reasons
Doris Fritts	08A691401058421	\$334.50	Approval of Late Elderly Exemption
Shelly Conner	08A155928458.09	\$106.22	Owned by another taxpayer
		\$440.72	

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following EMS Delinquent Release Report (January 2009) at the February 9th meeting, with a request for action by the Board of Commissioners at the February 23rd meeting:

Name	Call		Reason
	Number	Amount	
April Smith	201512	\$ 464.87	Deceased-no estate
April Smith	201515	\$ 486.75	Deceased-no estate
April Smith	203158	\$ 410.17	Deceased-no estate
Total		1,361.79	

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

Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

YVEDDI – Purchase of New Headquarters Facility

Mr. Jack Koontz, Chairman of the YVEDDI Facilities Committee, presented the following information and power point presentation regarding the relocation of the YVEDDI District Office:

- YVEDDI has been paying \$30,000 a year for their location in an old school building which has several problems, some of which were thought to be making employees sick
- YVEDDI recently purchased the New Hope Baptist Church property located on HWY #601 north of Boonville (at the city limits)
- Facility was used as a Christian school
- Church facility has 11,703 sq. ft. (with a 632 sq. ft. overhang in the back)
- Fellowship Hall has 2,826 sq. ft. which will be used for Head Start classroom, office, and break area
- Full gym has 9,591 sq. ft.
- Gym has 2,400 sq. ft. of upstairs unfinished space
- Picnic shelter has 2,980 sq. ft.
- Property also has a ball field
- Currently working with the Town of Boonville to lease the gym and ball field for recreational purposes
- Sanctuary will be used for Boardroom and training classes
- Property consists of 24 acres
- Well on the property has been rated at 300 gallons per minute, currently talking with the Town of Boonville regarding the purchase of water by the Town of Boonville

- Purchased the property for \$696,032.00
- Relocation fees were \$24,436.00
- Recently approached Davie County for funding, Davie County appropriated a grant for \$50,000 this year and has pledged \$25,000 for fiscal year 2009/10
- Recently approached Yadkin County for funding, Yadkin County appropriated a grant for \$50,000 this year and has pledged \$25,000 for fiscal year 2009/10
- Will be going to Surry County to request the same appropriation of \$75,000
- YVEDDI also received a \$50,000 grant from the Medlin Foundation
- Moved into the new location in January 2009

Chairman Koontz requested the County consider allocating the same amount as the other counties - \$75,000.00.

The Board discussed the new facility with Mr. Koontz.

Chairman Inman requested the County Manager consider the \$75,000 a formal budget request.

YEDDI - Update

YVEDDI Executive Director Jo Ann Larkins presented the following YVEDDI update: (YVEDDI Property Officer Diane Webb, CSBG Program Director Mary Owens, Transportation Manager Charlie Walker, Stokes Transportation Director Pearl Clearly, and Stokes CSBG Specialist Felicia Steele were also in attendance for the presentation)

- Brief history of Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc. which was founded in 1965 as a part of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty"
- Private, non-profit corporation designated as the local Community Action Agency serving Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties
- Administers Human Services and Community Development Programs which are funded through Federal, State, County Governments, United Way/United Funds, and other resources
- YVEDDI Board of Directors consist of twenty seven members with Chairman Inman and Vice Chairman Walker serving on the Board of Directors
- YVEDDI operates the following programs in Stokes County:
 - Yadkin Valley Head Start Program provides comprehensive child development to 385 children in the four county area (68 children in Stokes County) (all county Head Start centers have a five star State rating which is the highest you can achieve from the State)
 - Community Services Block Grant assists eligible and qualified families to raise their income above the poverty guideline by providing a variety of services, including employer incentives (presently serving 24 families in Stokes County)

- Weatherization Assistance Program helps to lower energy costs and consumption for elderly, disabled, and low income citizens (7 homes were weatherized last year)
- Heating Appliance Repair and Replacement Program (HARRP) assists low-income, elderly, and disabled citizens and their families with heating system repair and replacement (4 heating systems were replaced in Stokes County last year)
- Legal Program provides attorney assistance to persons 60+ year of age with personal and non-criminal issues such as wills, powers of attorney, etc. (Served 92 participants in three counties last year)
- Transportation Program provides transportation for seniors 60+ year of age to and from community resources (Manager Charlie Walker noted that there would be stimulus funding which could be used for transportation and maybe a facility in Stokes)
- Domestic Violence Program provides emergency services and assistance to persons who have been victimized by domestic violence and to let every victim know they are free to be safe and that domestic violence is a crime.
- YVEDDI needs additional space in Stokes County

Director Larkins expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their continued support.

Chairman Inman expressed the Board's appreciation to Director Larkins and Facility Committee Chair Koontz for their presentations.

Update – Manager and Board of Commissioners

County Manager Bryan Steen noted the following:

- Recently received information that additional testing would be done at the Meadows Site and is expecting to have the complete report in early April regarding the Meadows Site
- Currently reviewing all stimulus information for possible Stokes County funding
- Recently advised department heads that vacant positions will be hired on a case by case basis
- New Economic Development Director Alan Wood will be at the March 9th meeting
- In the process of hiring a Veteran Service Officer, Mr. Lawson will be leaving the first of March

Commissioner Lankford noted the following:

- Attended a NC Risk Management Meeting which discussed new programs being administered by the NCACC Risk Pool

- Recently received a handout regarding the stimulus funding at the NWPCOG meeting

Northwest Development Work Force – Stimulus Meeting

Chairman Inman noted that the upcoming Stimulus Meeting (Wed. - February 25th) being sponsored by the Northwest Development Work Force needs to have one Commissioner to speak on behalf of the County. Chairman Inman stated that Commissioner Lankford serves on the Work Force Development Board. The Board unanimously agreed to have Commissioner Lankford speak on behalf of Stokes County.

Chairman Inman noted the following:

- Attended the Transportation Advisory Committee which met last week, the widening of Main Street in King will be placed out for bids this Spring
- Approximately \$735 million stimulus funding will be coming to North Carolina dedicated to transportation – roads, bridges, etc.
- Attended the NCACC District Meeting last week in Raleigh, Rural Conservation and Development (RC&D) requested \$650,000 from State, NCACC Board of Directors did not endorse the request
- NCACC Board of Directors voted to reduce the County’s NCACC membership fee by 10%

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Mental Health Coordinator Position

Chairman Inman briefly reviewed the following regarding the Stokes County Mental Health Coordinator position:

- Contracted coordinator has issued a letter of resignation effective March 16, 2009
- Letter stems from the uncertainty of funding for the position for fiscal year 2009-10
- Position is currently funded by CenterPoint Human Services who has notified the County that they will not be able to fund the position for fiscal year 2009-10 due to budget cuts
- Another funding grant is being pursued; however, if obtained, the grant will not completely fund the position and would likely require a significant change in the scope and purpose of the current position

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Carroll, who serves as the Board of Commissioners' representative on the Board of Health, reported that the Board of Health unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the continuation of the Mental Health Coordinator and further asked for consideration to place this position in the Health Department after July 1st.

Commissioner Carroll noted that the Health Department is a major source of referrals and this would sort of eliminate the question between Health and Mental Health and be seen as Health. Commissioner Carroll stated that he concurs with the position of the Board of Health, feels this is a very worthwhile position particularly with the current times, and considers this a high priority issue. Commissioner Carroll stated that he supports using County revenue if necessary to continue the position.

Chairman Inman concurs with placing the position under the Health Department and supports the Mental Health Coordinator position.

Commissioner Smith stated that he also concurs with Commissioner Carroll with placing the Mental Health Coordinator position under the Health Department. Commissioner Smith also stated that he has no problem with funding the position with county funding for another fiscal year and has received several positive comments regarding the position.

Vice Chairman Walker stated that he is convinced that the position is helping citizens in the County locate the services that they need and feels the position should continue as a contract position possibly reporting to the Health Director. Vice Chairman Walker also stated that the position should be funded jointly between Stokes County and CenterPoint and that possibly some of the funding allocated to CenterPoint could be used to fund the Mental Health Coordinator position. Vice Chairman Walker reiterated that he is very committed to keeping the position.

Commissioner Lankford stated that he has been a supporter of mental health over

thirty years and believes that the Board of Commissioners should try to do as much as possible for mental health, but must look at the current economic situation and the potential situation the County could be in July 1st.

Commissioner Lankford noted the following:

- County's sales tax revenue for Nov. 2008 was \$113,000 less than Nov. 2007
- County's sales tax revenue for Dec. 2008 was \$127,000 less than Dec. 2007
- Stokes County in 2008 has lost 332 jobs which continues to increase
- County has approximately 300 employees that also must be taken into consideration
- Uncertainty about revenue sources between now and July 1st

Commissioner Lankford stated because of these uncertainties, it would be very hard to commit to fund the position with County funding at this time and suggested trying to find grant funding to continue the position.

Chairman Inman, who serves on the CenterPoint Board of Directors, stated that he did not feel there would be available funding from CenterPoint to fund the Mental Health Coordinator position and if CenterPoint used allocated funding from Stokes County, this would decrease services to those who need the services.

The Board continued discussion regarding funding for the Mental Health Coordinator position.

Commissioner Carroll requested County personnel research to see if the position could be a county contract position and reiterated that for him the Mental Health Coordinator position is a very high priority and is at the top of his list.

Chairman Inman expressed concerns with making a budgetary decision in February regarding the Mental Health Coordinator position.

Chairman Inman directed the Clerk to place the item on the March 9th Action Agenda and directed the County Manager to find out the legal issues regarding the

County contracting the position.

Architectural Proposals – Proposed Pinnacle EMS Station

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following architectural proposals for providing architectural/engineering services necessary to construct the proposed EMS Station on Chestnut Grove Road:

- Peterson Gordon Architects - \$24,000
 - Construction work will be performed by a “Licensed General Contractor”
 - Project Design – drawings will be completed within 60 days after contract is signed
 - Bidding timeframe – 30 days
- Robbins Architecture - \$38,500
 - Firm does not recommend for Stokes County to serve as its own General Contractor
 - In the event that Stokes County does proceed with this project and serves as the General Contractor, additional time would be required to coordinate this project and the fixed fee would increase by \$2,500.00
 - Project Design – drawings will be completed within 90 days after contract is signed
 - Bidding timeframe – 30 days

Mr. Stovall also presented the following estimated costs and schedule along with information pertaining to dollar thresholds in North Carolina Public Contracting Statutes:

Proposed EMS Facility

	70.00 sq. ft.	\$280,000.00	\$127,500.00	\$407,500.00
	75.00 sq. ft.	\$300,000.00	\$127,500.00	\$427,500.00
	80.00 sq. ft.	\$320,000.00	\$127,500.00	\$447,500.00
	85.00 sq. ft.	\$340,000.00	\$127,500.00	\$467,500.00
Grading		\$15,000.00		
Septic System		\$5,000.00		
Water Line Connection		\$10,000.00		
Parking Lot/Driveway pavement		\$30,000.00		
Lawn seeding		\$5,000.00		
Sprinkler System		\$20,000.00		
Generator/transfer switch		\$22,500.00		
Split face block		20,000.00		
Total Amount		\$127,500.00		

February 23, 2009	Board Meeting
	Board Approval –
March 9, 2009	architect
	Architect/Contract
March 10-17	Approval
	Architect/County staff meeting 'floor
March 18-31	plan"
	Commissioner' approval of building
April 13, 2009	design
April 14-May 11	Plans prepared
May 11-June 10	Bid Project
June 22, 2009	Preset bid to Board of Commissioners
July	Bank/Local Government Commission
August	Contracts in place
6-7 months	Construction timeframe

Mr. Stovall stated the dual bidding (single and multi prime) would be used for this project.

Commissioner Smith reiterated that it was the right and best time to bid for construction projects.

Vice Chairman Walker agrees with Commissioner Smith that it is the opportune time for bidding.

The Board discussed the County being its own General Contractor and bidding prime and multi prime.

Commissioner Carroll stated he is ready to vote for an architect.

Commissioner Lankford expressed concerns with the architects referencing Stokes County being its own General Contractor in their proposals.

Mr. Stovall reiterated that if the total project is over \$125,000.00, county employees cannot participate in the building project.

County Manager Bryan Steen noted that this type of building requires additional inspections by the architect beyond just drawing the plans and if the building permit is obtained before July 1, 2009, the County will not be subject to the new 2009 building codes.

Commissioner Lankford noted that Planning Director Sudderth had stated that it was uncertain at this time what codes would be changed.

The Board unanimously agreed to move the item to today's Action Agenda.

Social Services – Temporary Staffing Needs

County Manager Bryan Steen noted the following regarding the DSS temporary staffing needs:

- After discussion with DSS Director Jan Spencer and other department heads, two of the temporary positions can be filled by current county employees from other departments
- Following departments will participate in the reassignment: Finance, Tax, Register of Deeds, Day Reporting, Planning, Environmental Health, and Fire Marshal
- Reassignment of these employees is underway
- County funded employees' positions who are being reassigned will be able to be claimed on the 1571 State Reporting which will be funded by State and Federal Funding which will save County funding
- The Social Worker III cannot be addressed with current employees from other departments due to the credential and experience requirement
- The Social Worker III will need to be authorized by the Board as a new temporary position and follow the normal posting process
- Cost for the Social Worker III can be funded
- Very pleased with the response received from the other departments who are willing to assist DSS

Vice Chairman Walker commended the idea of using available county resources.

Vice Chairman Walker suggested looking into current staffing starting the imaging process.

Commissioner Lankford noted that there was going to be stimulus funding for part time positions for the youth who could possibly start the imaging process.

Commissioner Smith has no issues with the County Manager's recommendation.

The Board unanimously agreed to move the item to today's Action Agenda.

Appointment – King Planning Board/Board of Adjustments – ETJ Vacancy

Clerk Darlene Bullins reported to the Board that the County had not received any applications for the City of King – ETJ vacancy.

There were no nominations.

Appointment – CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors

Clerk Darlene Bullins noted that DSS Director Jan Spencer was nominated at the February 9th meeting for reappointment to the CenterPoint Human Services Board of Directors.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Smith moved to re-appoint DSS Director Jan Spencer to serve on the CenterPoint Board of Directors. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Stokes County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Clerk Darlene Bullins noted that Myra Morgan was nominated at the February 9th meeting. (5 vacancies)

Vice Chairman Walker volunteered to serve on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee if there were no conflicts.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Ann Blaylock and Sylvia Gordon to serve on the Stokes County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

(Approval on March 23rd to rescind the nomination of Sylvia Gordon and nominate Sylvia Grogan due to correction of last name)

Chairman Inman directed the Clerk to contact the NWPCOG regarding Vice Chairman Walker serving on the committee.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Walker moved to appoint Myra Morgan to serve on the Stokes

County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Stokes County Adult Care Homes Community Advisory Committee

Clerk Darlene Bullins informed the Board that Dennie Charland was nominated at the February 9th meeting.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Carol Tilley to serve on the Stokes County Adult Care Homes Community Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Smith nominated Zollie Smith to serve on the Stokes County Adult Care Homes Community Advisory Committee.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved to re-appoint Dennie Charland to serve on Stokes County Adult Care Homes Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointment – Planning Board of Adjustments

Clerk Darlene Bullins informed the Board that Planning Director David Sudderth had recently notified the County of the following Board of Adjustments' vacancies:

- Stephen Jessup – member since 1983
- Jake Oakley – member since 1997
- Carl Hill – member since 2000
- Tim Flinchum – alternate member since 2006

Planning Director Sudderth also noted that all members would like to be considered for re-appointment.

The County has not received any applications for the vacancies.

Vice Chairman Walker nominated Marvin Cavanaugh for regular position.

Commissioner Carroll nominated Stephen Jessup and Carl Hill for regular position.

Commissioner Smith nominated Jake Oakley for regular position.

Commissioner Smith nominated Tim Flinchum for the alternate position.

Commissioner Carroll requested information regarding who else serves on the Board and the area where they reside.

Appointment – Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc.

Clerk Darlene Bullins informed the Board that YVEDDI had recently notified the County that the terms for current representative, Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker and Alternate Representative Victoria Jessup will expire April 23, 2009.

Clerk Bullins noted that the County had received no applications for the alternate appointment.

Commissioner Smith nominated Vice Chairman Walker for the Commissioner appointment. Vice Chairman Walker nominated Victoria Jessup for the alternate appointment.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Proposed Reduction of Solid Waste Facilities Saturday Operational Hours

County Manager Bryan Steen notified the Board that information had been received from Public Works Director Mark Delehant regarding the changing of operational hours at Hanes Mill Landfill. Hanes Mill Landfill will be closing at 12:00 noon on Saturdays starting on March 7, 2009 which compels consideration of reducing our Greenbox Site hours due to container capacity limitations and the inability to remove and transport trash to the Hanes Mill location. It is Director Delehant's recommendation to start closing the Greenbox Sites at 12:00 noon on Saturdays to avoid the overflow of containers with an effective date of Saturday,

March 7, 2009.

Manager Steen stated that final notification from Hanes Mill was not received until February 16th. The Stokes News published an article discussing the possible change of Saturday operational hours in order to start getting the proposed information to Stokes County citizens and flyers have been posted at the Greenbox Sites with the same information.

The Board discussed the change of operational hours at the Greenbox Sites with Public Works Director Mark Delehant and Solid Waste Supervisor David Nelson.

Solid Waste Supervisor David Nelson stated that the County picked up approximately 51 tons of waste last Saturday and that most of that trash comes in after 12:00 noon which would have no everywhere to go with the 12:00 noon closing of Hanes Mill Landfill. Supervisor Nelson noted that Stokes County is the only contractor that delivers waste on Saturdays to the Hanes Mill location.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved to approve Director Delehant's recommendation to reduce the Greenbox Sites operational hours by closing on Saturdays at 12:00 noon starting March 7, 2009. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Architectural Proposals – Proposed Pinnacle EMS Station

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

County Manager Bryan Steen requested the Board to include in the motion authorization of Budget Amendment #55 which will allocate funding from Contingency. Manager Steen noted the County has approved a Resolution, which will allow reimbursement back to the County when the financing is received for the complete project.

General Fund – Budget Amendment #55 – Architectural Fees

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Ordinance Amendment #55.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
General Fund				
100.9910.00	Contingency	\$129,305.00	\$(24,000.00)	\$105,305.00
100.9820.961	Transfer to Capital Projects	\$00.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
		\$129,305.00	00.00	\$129,305.00
Capital Projects				
400.5912.601	Architect Fees	00.00	24,000.00	\$24,000.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from General Fund Contingency to Capital Projects Fund for the Pinnacle EMS Station architect fee.

This will result in a net increase of \$24,000.00 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
400.3982.002	Transfer from General Fund-EMS St	00.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
	Totals	00.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

Commissioner Smith moved to instruct the purchasing agent to contract with Peterson Gordon Architects in the amount of \$24,000 to provide architectural/engineering services necessary to construct the proposed EMS Station on Chestnut Grove Road and along with Budget Amendment #55 for allocation from contingency. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Social Services – Temporary Staffing Needs

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved to authorize the DSS Director to employ a temporary

Social Worker III for the remainder of the fiscal year. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

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).

Vice Chairman Walker 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 Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the open session of the February 23rd meeting.

Health Department – Salary Recommendation – Nutritionist II

Chairman Inman entertained a motion.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request from Health Director Josh Swift for salary approval for a WIC Nutritionist with a starting salary of \$31, 500 with no county funding

and the salary being placed on the appropriate grade and step on the County's Salary Plan.

Commissioner Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Vice Chairman Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman