

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
APRIL 12, 2010

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, April 12, 2010 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager K. Bryan Steen
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Fire Marshal Frankie Burcham
Public Works Director Mark Delehant
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

Chairman Jimmy Walker called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Inman delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Walker 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 Walker entertained a motion to approve or amend the April 12, 2010 Agenda.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the April 12, 2010 Agenda as submitted.

Vice Chairman Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during public comments:

Gareath Meadows
2504 Mountainview Church Road
King, NC 27021
Re: **Illegal Dumping**

Mr. Meadows spoke to the Board regarding the illegal dumping being done in Stokes County, particularly a recent incident on Dodgetown Road. Mr. Meadows expressed his appreciation

to Gary Williams in the Planning Department who took immediate action to have this situation corrected. (Several members of the Stokes County Historical Society were also in attendance for the meeting)

Linda Hicks

1131 Rock Road
 Madison, NC 27025
 Re: **Illegal Dumping**

Ms. Hicks spoke to the Board regarding the ongoing battle to get Stokes County residents to clean up their property which affects other individual's property. Ms. Hicks noted several unattractive areas located on the following roads: Piney Mtn. Road, Highway #8 (Ross Town), Highway #89, Highway #311, Highway #772, etc. Ms. Hicks noted that she had spoken to Planning and Zoning about the situations. Ms. Hicks requested the Board consider "putting some teeth in the zoning laws" such as fines to keep people from having "dumps" on their property. Tourists do not want to come to Stokes County to see these dumps.

Patti Dunlap

3270 Dodgetown Road
 Walnut Cove, NC 27052
 Re: **Illegal Dumping**

Ms. Dunlap spoke to the Board regarding illegal dumping in Stokes County and the huge problem of illegal dumping which is occurring on Davis Chapel Road. Ms. Dunlap also expressed appreciation to the Planning Department regarding the recent illegal dumping on Dodgetown Road. Ms. Dunlap noted the abandoned mobile homes across the county that have been partially dismantled, but never finished and cleaned up. Ms. Dunlap requested the Board consider adopting fines for individuals illegally dumping trash and make the public know that fines will be imposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to approve or amend the following items on the

Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of March 15, 2010
- Minutes of March 22, 2010
- Minutes of March 25, 2010

Finance Department - Budget Amendment #71

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #71.

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			
	See below	\$10,218,817.00	\$60,528.00	\$10,279,345.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.300	Personnel Cost	<u>\$ 141,000.00</u>	<u>\$(60,528.00)</u>	<u>\$ 80,472.00</u>
	Totals	\$10,359,817.00	\$00.00	\$10,359,817.00

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Finance			
100.4130.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 144,116.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 144,996.00
100.4130.090	Social Security	\$ 8,935.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 8,990.00
100.4130.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,915.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,930.00
100.4130.100	Retirement	\$ 7,105.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,155.00
100.4130.101	401K	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,294.00

Purchasing				
100.4130.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	48,033.00	\$ 535.00 \$ 48,568.00
100.4130.090	Social Security	\$	2,978.00	\$ 35.00 \$ 3,013.00
100.4130.091	Medicare Tax	\$	696.00	\$ 8.00 \$ 704.00
100.4130.100	Retirement	\$	2,368.00	\$ 27.00 \$ 2,395.00
100.4130.101	401K	\$	486.00	\$ 6.00 \$ 492.00
Tax Administration				
100.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	238,144.00	\$ 1,045.00 \$ 239,189.00
100.4140.090	Social Security	\$	14,940.00	\$ 65.00 \$ 15,005.00
100.4140.091	Medicare Tax	\$	3,521.00	\$ 16.00 \$ 3,537.00
100.4140.100	Retirement	\$	11,831.00	\$ 55.00 \$ 11,886.00
100.4140.101	401K	\$	2,079.00	\$ 11.00 \$ 2,090.00
GIS/Mapping				
100.4141.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	118,065.00	\$ 583.00 \$ 118,648.00
100.4141.090	Social Security	\$	7,320.00	\$ 37.00 \$ 7,357.00
100.4141.091	Medicare Tax	\$	1,712.00	\$ 9.00 \$ 1,721.00
100.4141.100	Retirement	\$	5,821.00	\$ 30.00 \$ 5,851.00
100.4141.101	401K	\$	911.00	\$ 6.00 \$ 917.00
Elections				
100.4170.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	68,012.00	\$ 552.00 \$ 68,564.00
100.4170.090	Social Security	\$	4,385.00	\$ 35.00 \$ 4,420.00
100.4170.091	Medicare Tax	\$	1,027.00	\$ 8.00 \$ 1,035.00
100.4170.100	Retirement	\$	3,353.00	\$ 28.00 \$ 3,381.00
100.4170.101	401K	\$	680.00	\$ 6.00 \$ 686.00
Register of Deeds				
100.4180.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	105,577.00	\$ 873.00 \$ 106,450.00
100.4180.090	Social Security	\$	6,932.00	\$ 55.00 \$ 6,987.00
100.4180.091	Medicare Tax	\$	1,623.00	\$ 13.00 \$ 1,636.00
100.4180.100	Retirement	\$	5,290.00	\$ 43.00 \$ 5,333.00
100.4180.101	401K	\$	821.00	\$ 9.00 \$ 830.00
Public Buildings				
100.4190.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	219,478.00	\$ 721.00 \$ 220,199.00
100.4190.090	Social Security	\$	12,789.00	\$ 45.00 \$ 12,834.00
100.4190.091	Medicare Tax	\$	2,998.00	\$ 11.00 \$ 3,009.00
100.4190.100	Retirement	\$	10,857.00	\$ 36.00 \$ 10,893.00
100.4190.101	401K	\$	1,296.00	\$ 8.00 \$ 1,304.00
Information System				
100.4210.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	98,435.00	\$ 798.00 \$ 99,233.00
100.4210.090	Social Security	\$	5,819.00	\$ 50.00 \$ 5,869.00
100.4210.091	Medicare Tax	\$	1,388.00	\$ 12.00 \$ 1,400.00
100.4210.100	Retirement	\$	4,840.00	\$ 40.00 \$ 4,880.00
100.4210.101	401K	\$	1,086.00	\$ 8.00 \$ 1,094.00
Vehicle Maintenance				
100.4250.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	94,969.00	\$ 547.00 \$ 95,516.00
100.4250.090	Social Security	\$	5,675.00	\$ 34.00 \$ 5,709.00
100.4250.091	Medicare Tax	\$	1,328.00	\$ 8.00 \$ 1,336.00
100.4250.100	Retirement	\$	4,673.00	\$ 27.00 \$ 4,700.00
100.4250.101	401K	\$	867.00	\$ 6.00 \$ 873.00
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	1,394,827.00	\$ 6,395.00 \$ 1,401,222.00
100.4310.090	Social Security	\$	92,838.00	\$ 400.00 \$ 93,238.00
100.4310.091	Medicare Tax	\$	22,414.00	\$ 100.00 \$ 22,514.00
100.4310.100	Retirement	\$	68,196.00	\$ 320.00 \$ 68,516.00
100.4310.102	401K 5%	\$	66,519.00	\$ 320.00 \$ 66,839.00
100.4310.101	401K	\$	1,233.00	\$ 3.00 \$ 1,236.00
Jail				
100.4320.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	622,336.00	\$ 4,531.00 \$ 626,867.00
100.4320.090	Social Security	\$	48,476.00	\$ 281.00 \$ 48,757.00
100.4320.091	Medicare Tax	\$	10,647.00	\$ 66.00 \$ 10,713.00
100.4320.100	Retirement	\$	32,566.00	\$ 223.00 \$ 32,789.00
100.4320.101	401K	\$	1,733.00	\$ 46.00 \$ 1,779.00
District Resource Center				
100.4321.000	Salaries & Wages	\$	82,426.00	\$ 377.00 \$ 82,803.00
100.4321.090	Social Security	\$	5,463.00	\$ 24.00 \$ 5,487.00
100.4321.091	Medicare Tax	\$	1,178.00	\$ 6.00 \$ 1,184.00
100.4321.100	Retirement	\$	4,090.00	\$ 19.00 \$ 4,109.00
100.4321.101	401K	\$	740.00	\$ 4.00 \$ 744.00

	Emergency Communications				
100.4325.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 336,341.00	\$ 1,609.00	\$ 337,950.00	
100.4325.090	Social Security	\$ 23,602.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 23,702.00	
100.4325.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 5,754.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 5,778.00	
100.4325.100	Retirement	\$ 18,232.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 18,312.00	
100.4325.101	401K	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 1,700.00	
	Emergency Management				
100.4330.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 103,952.00	\$ 646.00	\$ 104,598.00	
100.4330.090	Social Security	\$ 6,345.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 6,385.00	
100.4330.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,492.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,502.00	
100.4330.100	Retirement	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 5,157.00	
100.4330.101	401K	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 1,047.00	
	Fire Marshal				
100.4340.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 133,067.00	\$ 757.00	\$ 133,824.00	
100.4340.090	Social Security	\$ 7,658.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 7,705.00	
100.4340.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,803.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,814.00	
100.4340.100	Retirement	\$ 6,534.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 6,572.00	
100.4340.101	401K	\$ 247.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 255.00	
	Emergency Medical Services				
100.4370.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,110,945.00	\$ 6,329.00	\$ 1,117,274.00	
100.4370.090	Social Security	\$ 84,897.00	\$ 393.00	\$ 85,290.00	
100.4370.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 20,024.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 20,116.00	
100.4370.100	Retirement	\$ 61,087.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 61,399.00	
100.4370.101	401K	\$ 6,145.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 6,209.00	
	Animal Control				
100.4380.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 91,460.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 92,130.00	
100.4380.090	Social Security	\$ 4,955.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 4,997.00	
100.4380.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,173.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,183.00	
100.4380.100	Retirement	\$ 4,547.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 4,580.00	
100.4380.101	401K	\$ 497.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 504.00	
	Solid Waste				
100.4720.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 168,151.00	\$ 744.00	\$ 168,895.00	
100.4720.090	Social Security	\$ 19,991.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 20,037.00	
100.4720.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 4,626.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 4,637.00	
100.4720.100	Retirement	\$ 8,157.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 8,194.00	
100.4720.101	401K	\$ 725.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 733.00	
	Planning				
100.4910.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 272,583.00	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 273,998.00	
100.4910.090	Social Security	\$ 15,869.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 15,957.00	
100.4910.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 3,645.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 3,666.00	
100.4910.100	Retirement	\$ 13,414.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 13,484.00	
100.4910.101	401K	\$ 2,487.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,502.00	
	Economic Development				
100.4920.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 69,038.00	\$ 623.00	\$ 69,661.00	
100.4920.090	Social Security	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 4,314.00	
100.4920.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,001.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,011.00	
100.4920.100	Retirement	\$ 3,409.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 3,440.00	
100.4920.101	401K	\$ 695.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 702.00	
	Natural Resources				
100.4960.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 90,113.00	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 91,731.00	
100.4960.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 14,677.00	\$ 177.00	\$ 14,854.00	
100.4960.090	Social Security	\$ 6,289.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 6,401.00	
100.4960.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 1,501.00	
100.4960.100	Retirement	\$ 5,157.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 5,246.00	
100.4960.101	401K	\$ 697.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 715.00	
	Health Department				
100.5100.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,024,209.00	\$ 6,110.00	\$ 1,030,319.00	
100.5100.030	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 12,249.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 12,298.00	
100.5100.090	Social Security	\$ 67,748.00	\$ 382.00	\$ 68,130.00	
100.5100.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 16,033.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 16,122.00	
100.5100.100	Retirement	\$ 51,125.00	\$ 304.00	\$ 51,429.00	
100.5100.101	401K	\$ 5,402.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 5,464.00	
	Home Health				
100.5190.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 234,312.00	\$ 1,243.00	\$ 235,555.00	
100.5190.030	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 2,609.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 2,620.00	
100.5190.090	Social Security	\$ 18,488.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 18,566.00	
100.5190.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 4,259.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 4,278.00	

100.5190.100	Retirement	\$ 12,277.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 12,339.00
100.5190.101	401K	\$ 744.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 757.00
	Environmental Health			
100.5192.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 188,820.00	\$ 1,211.00	\$ 190,031.00
100.5192.030	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 2,609.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 2,620.00
100.5192.090	Social Security	\$ 11,113.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 11,189.00
100.5192.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 2,605.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 2,623.00
100.5192.100	Retirement	\$ 9,387.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 9,448.00
100.5192.101	401K	\$ 1,205.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 1,218.00
	Social Services			
100.5310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,628,789.00	\$ 11,112.00	\$ 1,639,901.00
100.5310.090	Social Security	\$ 101,237.00	\$ 689.00	\$ 101,926.00
100.5310.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 23,797.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 23,959.00
100.5310.100	Retirement	\$ 84,439.00	\$ 547.00	\$ 84,986.00
100.5310.101	401K	\$ 9,876.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 9,888.00
	Veteran Service			
100.5820.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 13,558.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 13,619.00
100.5820.090	Social Security	\$ 851.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 855.00
100.5820.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 197.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 198.00
100.5820.100	Retirement	\$ 681.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 685.00
	Senior Services			
100.5860.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 86,489.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 86,761.00
100.5860.030	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 31,195.00	\$ 178.00	\$ 31,373.00
100.5860.090	Social Security	\$ 8,496.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 8,524.00
100.5860.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 1,999.00
100.5860.100	Retirement	\$ 5,927.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 5,950.00
100.5860.101	401K	\$ 822.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 827.00
	Arts Council			
100.6150.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 59,917.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 60,322.00
100.6150.090	Social Security	\$ 3,715.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 3,741.00
100.6150.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 869.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 875.00
100.6150.100	Retirement	\$ 2,954.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,974.00
100.6150.101	401K	\$ 603.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 608.00
	Total General Fund	\$ 10,218,817.00	\$ 60,528.00	\$ 10,279,345.00
	Revaluation			
202.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 93,876.00	\$ 631.00	\$ 94,507.00
202.4140.090	Social Security	\$ 5,815.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5,855.00
202.4140.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,361.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,371.00
202.4140.100	Retirement	\$ 4,628.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 4,660.00
202.4140.101	401K	\$ 653.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 660.00
202.4140.321	Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (720.00)	\$ 1,280.00
	Total Revaluation Fund	\$ 108,333.00	\$ -	\$ 108,333.00
	Danbury Water Fund			
502.7140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 12,959.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 13,015.00
502.7140.090	Social Security	\$ 803.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 807.00
502.7140.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 188.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 189.00
502.7140.100	Retirement	\$ 639.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 642.00
502.7140.101	401K	\$ 91.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 92.00
502.7140.311	Training	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (65.00)	\$ 1,435.00
	Total Danbury Water Fund	\$ 16,180.00	\$ -	\$ 16,180.00
	Regional Sewer Fund			
501.7140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,636.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 10,681.00
501.7140.090	Social Security	\$ 659.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 662.00
501.7140.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 154.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 155.00
501.7140.100	Retirement	\$ 524.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 527.00
501.7140.101	401K	\$ 81.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 82.00
501.7140.310	Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (53.00)	\$ 1,947.00
	Total Regional Sewer Fund	\$ 14,054.00	\$ -	\$ 14,054.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer personnel cost contingency funds for the longevity increases for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

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 this fiscal year.

Jail/Emergency Communications/Senior Services - Budget Amendment #72

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #72.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Jail				
100.4320.000	Salaries and Wages	\$622,336.00	\$10,670.00	\$633,006.00
Emergency Communications				
100.4325.000	Salaries and Wages	\$336,341.00	\$705.00	\$337,046.00
Senior Services				
100.5860.030	Salaries & Wages – Perm. P/T	\$31,195.00	\$1,155.00	\$32,350.00
Contingency				
100.9910.100	Leave Cost	\$4,605.00	\$(4,605.00)	\$00.00
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$94,375.00</u>	<u>\$(7,925.00)</u>	<u>\$86,450.00</u>
Totals		\$1,088,852.00	\$00.00	\$1,088,852.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency for employee payoffs for vacation, holiday, and comp. time due to resignations, retirement, and dismissal. Total for payoffs are vacation \$5,875, Holiday \$6,640, and Comp. Time \$15.00.

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 this fiscal year.

EMS, Fire Marshal, GIS/Mapping, Sheriff's Department, Tax Administration, Natural Resources, Transfers, Contingency, and Capital Reserve Fund- Budget Amendment #73

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #73.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
EMS				
100.4370.250	Auto Supplies	\$129,000.00	\$(32,720.00)	\$96,280.00
100.4370.510	Equipment - Non Capitalized Bariatric Stretcher, Radio System Upgrade & Two Pulse Oximeters	\$252,000.00	\$5,720.00	\$257,720.00
Fire Marshal				
100.4340.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized Computer	\$19,792.00	\$700.00	\$20,492.00
GIS/Mapping				
100.4141.350	Maint. & Repairs - Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$(1,500.00)	\$00.00
100.4141.510	Equipment HP Color Laser Jet Printer	\$11,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$15,500.00

	Sheriff's Department			
100.4310.250	Auto Supplies	\$192,000.00	\$(5,400.00)	\$186,600.00
100.4310.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized Three (3) Computers	\$44,672.00	\$5,400.00	\$50,072.00
	Tax Administration			
100.4140.311	Training	\$2,600.00	\$(1,200.00)	\$1,400.00
100.4140.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized Two (2) Computers	\$00.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
	Natural Resources			
100.4960.511	Equipment- Non Capitalized Computer paid from Dan River 319 Grant	\$00.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
	Transfers			
100.9820.960	Transfer to Capital Reserve Six (6) Computers for EMS Units	\$14,015.00	\$27,000.00	\$41,015.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$94,375.00</u>	<u>\$(700.00)</u>	<u>\$93,675.00</u>
	Totals	\$760,954.00	\$7,200.00	\$768,154.00
	Capital Reserve Fund			
201.4370.010	EMS	\$00.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
201.4141.015	Tax	\$8,000.00	\$(5,000.00)	\$3,000.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	<u>\$134,948.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$139,948.00</u>
	Totals	\$142,948.00	\$27,000.00	\$169,948.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
To transfer funds for the purchase of the equipment listed above.

This will result in a net increase of \$34,200.00 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 this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	General Fund			
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Reser. Fd	\$134,948.00	\$5,000.00	\$139,948.00
100.3301.420	Dan River 319 Grant	<u>\$44,233.00</u>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	<u>\$46,433.00</u>
	Totals	\$179,181.00	\$7,200.00	\$186,381.00
	Capital Reserve Fund			
201.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$14,015.00</u>	<u>\$27,000.00</u>	<u>\$41,015.00</u>
	Totals	\$14,015.00	\$27,000.00	\$41,015.00

Walnut Cove Senior Center - Budget Amendment #74

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #74.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	W.C. Senior Center			
204.5861.180	Professional Services	\$20,653.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,653.00
	Totals	\$20,653.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,653.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
To appropriate funding due to a grant received from the Apple Foundation.

This will result in a net increase of \$10,000.00 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 this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
204.3586.453	W. C. Senior Center Fund	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
Totals		\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00

Social Services Department - Budget Amendment #75

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #75.

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				
100.5310.511	Equipment	\$6,355.00	\$30,000.00	\$36,355.00
Totals		\$6,355.00	\$30,000.00	\$36,355.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding to purchase computer, and equipment, request has been approved by the State for the equipment purchases. Equipment line item is going to be paid through DSS (MOE) monies which have been approved by the State.

This will result in a net increase of \$30,000.00 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 this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.202	SS County Federal	\$00.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Totals		\$00.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #76

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #76.

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				
100.5100.261	Office Supplies	\$62,363.00	\$750.00	\$63,113.00
100.5100.320	Supplies	\$22,459.00	\$500.00	\$22,959.00
Totals		\$84,822.00	\$1,250.00	\$86,072.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Health Department’s WIC Program was awarded additional funds to enhance the Breastfeeding Program. Part of the requirements of the contract addenda states that the BF Peer Counselor will be available by phone 24 hours a day. The WIC Program would like to purchase a cell phone for the BFPC so that this objective can be met. Funding will also be used to purchase a locking cabinet to store breast pumps.

This will result in a net increase of \$1,250.00 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 this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.226	Breastfeeding Promotional Grant	\$20,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$21,250.00
Totals		\$20,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$21,250.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #77

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #77.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.5192.260	Health Department Departmental Supplies	\$5,390.00	\$1,783.00	\$7,173.00
Totals		\$5,390.00	\$1,783.00	\$7,173.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Health Department's Food & Lodging Program has been awarded additional funding for Fiscal Year 2009-10 based on their compliance rating which is given for restaurant inspections. Funding will be used for the purpose of purchasing New Well Kits which have proven to be very costly for Environmental Health.

This will result in a net increase of \$1,783.00 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 this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.234	Food & Lodging	\$1,500.00	\$1,783.00	\$3,283.00
Totals		\$1,500.00	\$1,783.00	\$3,283.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #78

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #78.

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				
100.5100.230	Medical Supplies	\$116,142.00	\$1,803.00	\$117,945.00
100.5100.261	Office Supplies	\$62,363.00	\$6,400.00	\$68,763.00
100.5100.311	Employee Training	\$11,760.00	\$360.00	\$12,120.00
100.5100.320	Telephone	\$22,459.00	\$2,112.00	\$24,571.00
100.5100.352	M&R – Buildings	\$00.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
100.5100.490	Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,450.00	\$1,737.00	\$4,187.00
100.5100.511	Non Capital Equipment	\$13,710.00	\$6,600.00	\$20,310.00
Totals		\$228,884.00	\$21,012.00	\$249,896.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Health Department has received additional state funds for participating in the Random Moment Time Study performed by DMA. Funding will be used to purchase items that will enhance programs and clinical needs of the Health Department.

This will result in a net increase of \$21,012.00 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 and verified through the WIRM Reporting System.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.225	General Aid to County	\$83,660.00	\$21,012.00	\$104,672.00
Totals		\$83,660.00	\$21,012.00	\$104,672.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #79

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #79.

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				
100.5100.370	Advertising	\$3,290.00	\$12,420.00	\$15,710.00
100.5100.511	Non Capital Equipment	\$13,710.00	\$6,800.00	\$20,510.00
Totals		\$17,000.00	\$19,220.00	\$36,220.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Health Department's Immunization Program was awarded additional funds for providing seasonal flu vaccine clinics in the schools. Funding will be used to purchase computers to support the NC Immunization Registry and to do advertising regarding the flu to the communities and parents of school-aged children in the county.

This will result in a net increase of \$19,220.00 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 and verified through the WIRM Reporting System.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.239	Immunization Action Plan Grant	\$24,052.00	\$19,220.00	\$43,272.00
Totals		\$24,052.00	\$19,220.00	\$43,272.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #80

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #80.

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 & Wages	\$1,024,209.00	\$(3,200.00)	\$1,021,009.00
100.5100.180	Professional Services	\$127,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$130,200.00
Totals		\$1,151,209.00	\$00.00	\$1,151,209.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds to contract a Nutritionist through Nutrition Plus due to a vacancy in WIC.

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 this fiscal year.

Public Buildings/Social Services - Budget Amendment #81

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #81.

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				
100.5310.510	Equipment	\$13,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$15,250.00
Public Buildings				
100.4190.350	M&R – Buildings	\$40,000.00	\$(715.00)	\$39,285.00
Totals		\$53,500.00	\$1,035.00	\$54,535.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funding for the purchase of HVAC replacement unit for the Social Service's building.

This will result in a net increase of \$1,035.00 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 this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.202	DSS Federal	\$1,913,438.00	\$938.00	\$1,914,376.00
100.3301.413	DSS State	\$301,055.00	\$97.00	\$301,152.00
Totals		\$2,214,493.00	\$1,035.00	\$2,215,528.00

Public Buildings - Budget Amendment #82

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #82.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Public Buildings				
100.4190.350	M&R – Equipment	\$40,000.00	\$(8,320.00)	\$31,680.00
100.4190.590	Improvements	\$00.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
100.4190.510	Equipment	\$00.00	\$6,320.00	\$6,320.00
Totals		\$40,000.00	\$00.00	\$40,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds for the replacement of a HVAC unit and (7) seven windows at the Arts Council.

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 this fiscal year.

Commitment Letter – Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital

Chairman Walker submitted the following proposed commitment letter regarding funding for the operations of Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc through July 1, 2010 at the March 22nd meeting with a request for approval at the April 12th meeting:

Board of Trustees
Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc

- ❖ The local government of Stokes County, North Carolina is committed to funding the continuing operations of Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc. through July 1, 2010 and has agreed to make advances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 for operating and capital purposes
- ❖ Advances must be requested by the Hospital and will only be provided based on cash flow needs of the Hospital.

Jimmy Walker
Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners

Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Criminal Justice Partnership Application for Funding

District Resource Director Tony Hill submitted the annual Criminal Justice Partnership Application for state funding for the upcoming 2010-11 Fiscal Year for the Board's approval.

A copy of the proposed application is on file with the DRC Director and the Clerk to the Board. The County is requesting \$73,746 CJPP Funding.

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

Commissioner Inman 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:

- Early College Site is moving along very well
- County received the water test results which indicate only a minimal treatment for the water – very good news for the County

CenterPoint Human Services – Quarterly Review

Assistant Area Director Kevin Beauchamp noted CEO Betty Taylor was unable to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Assistant Director Beauchamp presented the following information:

- Total number of persons served by disability = 826 (unduplicated)
 - Adults = 584
 - Children = 242
- Mental Health = 60.7% of unduplicated services
- Critical Access Behavioral Health Agency (CABHA)
 - Beginning July 1, 2010, providers of mental health and substance abuse services must be certified as a CABHA by the Division of MH/DD/SA to deliver State and Medicaid funded services
 - Advantages for Consumers
 - Less fragmentation of services
 - Continuum of services to step treatment up or down
 - Care management availability

- Increased clinic oversight of services
 - Improved quality of care
 - CABHA providers must have the following on staff:
 - Medical Director
 - Clinical Director
 - QI Director
 - Currently, these positions are not required by the Division of MH/DD/SA to deliver services
 - CABHA can be very costly to the provider
 - CenterPoint feels that CABHA will be an advantage for consumers by improving quality of care
 - CenterPoint feels that Stokes County will not see a decrease in the delivering of services with the CABHA requirement
- Operating Results YTD thru February 2010
 - Revenue less expenditures = \$2,763,831
 - Cash decrease = \$(708,792) due to delay in state funding
- 3-party Inpatient Contract
 - Forsyth Medical Center, CenterPoint, & Dept. of Health/Human Services
 - Provides access to separate state funding stream created by NC Legislature for inpatient care at Forsyth Medical Center at no cost to Stokes County
 - Stokes Utilization thru February 2010
 - 136 bed days utilized at a cost of \$102,000 (Stokes County Funding = zero)
- Old Vineyard Behavioral Health
 - Utilization reduces wait time by law enforcement
 - Local inpatient care benefits consumers and families
 - Stokes County Utilization thru February 28, 2010
 - 22 admissions at a cost at \$92,612 (Stokes Funding=\$58,333)

Assistant Director Beauchamp noted there could be a possible 5-7% cut in state funding in the upcoming budget.

Chairman Walker, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to Assistant Director Beauchamp for his report.

Presentation – Engineering Study – Water & Sewer Planning Grant – Meadows Property

County Manager Bryan Steen noted that the presentation by Mr. Lester is a requirement to close out the Rural Center Grant.

Mr. Bill Lester, Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, presented the following Engineering Study regarding water and sewer to the Meadows property:

(Copies of the executive summary have been provided to Board members with a complete copy of the Engineering Study presented to Public Works Director Mark Delehant and County Manager Bryan Steen)

- Planning Grant was received from the North Carolina Rural Center in April of 2009 to provide alternatives for extending water and sewer service to the Forsyth Technical Community College and Stokes County Campus Early College site
- Additional items to be completed were a Capital Improvement Plan for the Danbury Water and Sewer System and a Water and Sewer rate analysis for the Danbury Systems
- Water System Alternatives considered:
 - Interconnection with Stokes Water and Sewer Authority Water System (cost for service to site only = \$5,325,000)

- Interconnection with the Town of Walnut Cove Water System (cost for service to site only = \$2,431,000)
- Interconnection with the Town of Danbury System (cost for service to site only = \$2,477,000)
- On-site well system (cost for service to site only = \$685,000) (preferred)
- Costs to provide service to the NCDOT maintenance offices and existing businesses near the intersection of Dodgetown Road/HWY 8&89 were considered separately
- Long term goal is recommended that the water system serving the site be connected to the Danbury Water System; however, the initial project needs the preferred alternative #4 (on-site well system which is underway)
- Sewer System Alternatives Considered:
 - Discharge to the Town of Walnut Cove Sewer System (cost for service to site only = \$2,259,000)
 - Discharge to the Danbury/Stokes Sewer System with Force Main and Gravity Sewer (cost for service to site only = \$1,351,000) (preferred)
 - Discharge to the Danbury/Stokes Sewer System with Force Main only (cost for service to site only = \$1,200,000)
 - On-site Treatment with Surface Water Discharge (cost for service to site only = \$1,354,000)
- Preferred sewer alternative is Sewer #2 – Discharge to the Stokes County/Danbury Water Discharge
- Additional alternatives for service to NCDOT & businesses, to Meadows community for both water and sewer are included in the executive summary
- Estimated cost (preferred) to provide water and sewer service to the project area totals approximately \$2,036,000 and includes construction, construction contingency, engineering design, construction administration, and inspection
- Sufficient water and sewer users currently are not available to make the proposed project financially self-sufficient
- Most attractive funding sources for the proposed project are the North Carolina Rural Center and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RA)
- Capital Improvement Plan – proposed 1-5 year capital water projects estimated at \$1,275,000
- Capital Improvement Plan – proposed 6-20 year capital water projects estimated at \$8,018,250
- Capital Improvement Plan – proposed 1-5 year sewer water projects estimated at \$1,665,000
- Capital Improvement Plan – proposed 6-20 year capital water projects estimated at \$1,623,250
- Capital Improvement Plans can provide the county with a plan to appropriate the necessary funds for needed repairs, system upgrades and service expansion required to ensure reliable service to residents of the Town of Danbury and Stokes County and can help to acquire grant funding
- Water and Sewer Rate Analysis provides a review of the existing customer base, usage, operation expenses, and revenues to make recommendations on the water and sewer structure
- Engineer Study also helped Public Works Director Delehant prepare a proposed grease control ordinance for the Board's consideration

The Board discussed the executive summary with Mr. Lester.

Commissioner Carroll confirmed with Mr. Lester that the estimated cost for the proposed (preferred) water and sewer projects would cost approximately \$2,036,000.

Vice Chairman Lankford confirmed with Mr. Lester that the estimated cost for the proposed (preferred) water and sewer projects costing an estimate \$2,036,000 would be the starting point for grant applications.

Mr. Lester discussed the sewer system with force main only and force main/gravity.

Manager Steen noted that the use of force main would not allow local businesses to connect.

Chairman Walker noted the need to consider regional systems which could help in acquiring funding. Mr. Lester agreed regional systems can help in acquiring grants.

Chairman Walker expressed the Board's appreciation for the presentation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Early College – Update

County Manager Bryan Steen requested the Board allow Danny Stovall to present a short power point presentation update regarding the Early College Site Project.

The Board unanimously agreed to allow Mr. Stovall to present the Early College Site Project update.

Mr. Stovall presented the Board with a power point presentation of the Early College Site Project.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the update.

Tax Administration Report – March 2010

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data:

Fiscal Year 2009-10	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$(20,702,277.00)	\$19,967,751.74		\$734,525.26

Prior Taxes 93-08 Tax Years

County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$ 600,000.00	\$600,425.26	\$425.26
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EMS Collections

Total Collected (03-01-10/03-31-10)	\$17,115.65
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Total Collected (07-01-09/6-30-10)	\$80,509.82
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Delinquent accounts received from EMS (March 2010)
43 accounts = \$20,352.07

Personal Property Discovery Report Audit Dates	# of Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
03-01-10/03-31-10	17	\$327,961	\$3,043.54

Business Personal Property Discovery Report Audit Dates	# of Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
03-01-10/03-31-10	0	\$00.00	\$00.00

Motor Vehicle Release Report Audit Dates	Accounts	Total Value
03-01-10/03-31-10	40	\$1,319.61

Motor Vehicle Refund Report Audit Dates	Accounts	Total Accounts
03-01-10/03-31-10	4	\$109.74
Number billed for Mar. 2010	3397	

Garnishment Totals

Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amt	Collected Amt
F/Year 2009-10			
(July 1 – June 30)	1600	\$324,966.31	\$290,459.50
March-2010	116	\$87,883.26	\$53,360.68

Interstate Collection Report	Collection	Total Collected
Cumulative total Collected (to date)	NC Debt Setoff	\$16,110.37
Cumulative total Collected (to date)	Motor Vehicles	\$30,271.32
Cumulative total Collected (to date)	Property Taxes	\$4,931.04
Cumulative total Collected (to date)	EMS	<u>\$16,522.60</u>
Cumulative total Collected (to date)	All Categories	\$67,522.60

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Release

(March 2010) which is less than \$100 for the Board’s review:

**Releases (Real and Personal Property)
Less than \$100–March 2010–Per NCGS 105-381 (b)**

Name	Bill Number	Amount
Thelma Brewer	09A155894364.09	<u>\$69.65</u>
	Total Amount	\$69.65

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Present-Use Late Applications for the

Board’s consideration:

Name	Parcel Number	Acreage
J. C. Campbell	598304645639	35.59 Agricultural-Woodland has been under Forestry since 1988 and now qualifies for the Agricultural Deferment also
Katherine Campbell		

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Exempt Property Late Application:

- Mountain Top Youth Camp
 - Parcel #599600302773 =1.86 acres
 - Parcel #599600301274 =1.49 acres
 - Parcel #599600209446 = .59 acre
 - Parcel #599600207134 = .65 acre
- Mountain Top Youth Camp already owns over 180 acres that has been exempt for many years, the above small recently acquired parcels are not part of their camp.

Tax Administrator Oakley noted the Tax Office recommends approval of the Exempt Property Late Application for Mountain Top Youth Camp.

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Discovery Appeal - Gabriel Juan

Chavez: (14x70 Single Wide Mobile Home)

- Mr. Gabriel Juan Chavez is requesting a refund/release covering a portion of a discovery billing for the years 2005-2008 and an annual billing for 2009 covering a 14x70 single wide mobile home
- Owner listed a 1998 mobile home for the years 2005-2008 but in February 2010 presented a title to the Tax Office showing that the dwelling was actually a 1991 model
- Mr. Chavez is requesting a refund/release of the taxes relating to the difference in value between a 1998 and a 1991 model for the years of 2005-2009
- Tax Office contacted Mr. Kirk Boone of the NC Department of Revenue regarding this matter
- All requirements of NCGS 105-312 were met (signed listing forms stating a 1998 model and no appeal was filed within the required 30 days)
- Mr. Boone recommends a denial of this taxpayer’s request

- Tax Office concurs with a recommendation of denial for Mr. Chavez’s request

Tax Administrator Oakley recommends approval of the following:

- Present-Use Value Late Applications
- Late Application for Exempt Property – Mountain Top Youth Camp

Tax Administrator Oakley recommends denial of the following:

- Discovery Appeal – Gabriel Juan Chavez

The Board had no issues with the requests presented by Administrator Oakley.

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley requested direction from the Board regarding the 2% discount for early payment of annual tax bills (real/personal) prior to September 1, per NCGS 105-360(c).

Tax Administrator Oakley noted the following:

- Unless the Board chooses to alter the 2% early payment discount, no action will be needed
- Any amendment to the existing policy must be approved by the Board before May 1st
- New or revised schedules must be submitted to the Property Tax Division for approval and then published once in a newspaper

The Board discussed the 2% early payment discount with Administrator Oakley.

The Board unanimously agreed to continue the 2% early payment discount.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following items on the April 26th Consent Agenda:

- Present-Use Value Late Applications
- Late Application for Exempt Property – Mountain Top Youth Camp
- Discovery Appeal – Gabriel Juan Chavez

Proposed Resolutions – Delegate Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits to the Town of Walnut and the City of King

Fire Marshal Frankie Burcham presented the following proposed Resolutions for the Board’s consideration:

Resolution of Approval by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners to Delegate the Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits to the City of King

WHEREAS, House Bill 701 and Senate Bill 563 have ratified General Statutes 14-410 and 14-413 to improve pyrotechnic safety in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, General Statute 14-413 (a1) provides that a board of commissioners may authorize the governing body of any city in the county to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions; and,

WHEREAS, the resolution granting the authority to the city shall remain in effect until withdrawn by the board of commissioners adopting a subsequent resolution withdrawing the authority; and

WHEREAS, this ratification became effective February 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Stokes County Board of Commissioners authorizes the governing body of the City of King to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of

General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions.

Approved and adopted the ____ day of _____, 2010.

Chairman Jimmy Walker

Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford

Commissioner J. Leon Inman

Commissioner Ron Carroll

Commissioner Stanley Smith

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

**Resolution of Approval by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners
to Delegate the Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits to the Town of Walnut Cove**

WHEREAS, House Bill 701 and Senate Bill 563 have ratified General Statutes 14-410 and 14-413 to improve pyrotechnic safety in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, General Statute 14-413 (a1) provides that a board of commissioners may authorize the governing body of any city in the county to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions; and,

WHEREAS, the resolution granting the authority to the city shall remain in effect until withdrawn by the board of commissioners adopting a subsequent resolution withdrawing the authority; and

WHEREAS, this ratification became effective February 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Stokes County Board of Commissioners authorizes the governing body of the Town of Walnut Cove to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions.

Approved and adopted the ____ day of _____, 2010.

Chairman Jimmy Walker

Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford

Commissioner J. Leon Inman

Commissioner Ron Carroll

Commissioner Stanley Smith

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Fire Marshal Burcham noted the following:

- Recent change in House Bill 701 and Senate Bill 563 has ratified General Statutes 14-410 and 14-413 to improve pyrotechnic safety in North Carolina due to the tragedy involving pyrotechnics
- GS 14-413 provides that a Board of Commissioners may authorize the governing body of any city in the county to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of GS 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions

- Ratification became effective February 1, 2010
- Both the City of King and Town of Walnut Cove have concurred that they would like for the Board to Delegate the Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits
- Town of Danbury and the remaining parts of Stokes County will remain the same, pyrotechnics permits would be approved by the County Fire Marshal
- No major changes for the public, the pyrotechnic technicians will see the most changes
- County Attorney Powell has reviewed and approved the proposed resolutions

Fire Marshal Burcham requested the Board approve the proposed Resolutions.

The Board had no issues with Fire Marshal Burcham’s request.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the April 26th Consent Agenda.

Proposed Resolution – Opposing Involuntary Annexation in North Carolina

Chairman Walker opened discussion regarding recent approved Resolutions received from other counties Supporting Legislation Against Involuntary Annexations.

Chairman Walker requested if there was any interest from the Board to consider a Resolution in Support of Legislation Against Involuntary Annexation. Chairman Walker noted that he opposes involuntary annexation.

The Board discussed the item.

Commissioner Carroll noted that County Commissioners have no control over annexation and should let the state and cities deal with that issue; commissioners should focus on their areas of responsibility.

Commissioner Inman stated he opposes involuntary annexation and did agree with Commissioner Carroll. Vice Chairman Lankford and Commissioner Smith agreed it deals with states and municipalities.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, noted that the Board of Commissioners have no interest in pursuing this issue.

Proposed Bids – Health and Dental Coverage for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Manager Bryan Steen presented the following proposed bid information:

- This year, the County issued an Invitation for Proposal (IFP) for group health and dental benefits to six vendors
- Six vendors responded that they could not provide a competitive bid this year

Health Insurance

NCACC –CIGNA provided the following quotes:

Insurance Provider	Rate	Estimated County
HMO	Increase	Annual Increase
NCACC-CIGNA		
Renewal-Current Plan	4.2%	\$50,517.12

Alternate 1	3.1%	\$37,887.84
Alternate 2	3.0%	\$36,594.48

- ❖ **Renewal- Current Plan** – 4.2% increase would give the County employees the same exact coverage – no changes
- ❖ **Alternate 1** - 3.1% increase changes the current \$150 co-pay for an emergency room visit to \$250
- ❖ **Alternate 2** - 3.0% increase changes the current \$25/\$40 co-pays for prescription drugs to \$30/\$45

Administration recommends selection of Alternate 1 for the upcoming fiscal year for the following reasons: (only change will be a \$100 increase in the co-pay when utilizing services in the ER)

- Statistical information received from NCACC reveals that during the period from July 08 to December 08, only 49 participants utilized services in the emergency room and during that same period in 2009, only 42 participants utilized the service which indicates our participants are trying to use the services only when needed
- Alternate 1 will also save employees a 1.1% increase in dependent premiums

Dental Insurance

NCACC –CIGNA provided the following quotes:

Dental	Rate Increase	Estimated County Annual Increase
NCACC-CIGNA		
Renewal –Current Plan	3.5%	\$2,377.20
Alternate 1	1.0%	\$950.88

Administration recommends maintaining the current level of coverage with NCACC-CIGNA for the upcoming fiscal year for the following reasons:

- Administration has received several comments from county employees that our current CIGNA plan is paying a lot better than the previous Ameritas Plan
- Orthodontics is a very expensive procedure and the \$1,000 lifetime maximum is a very valuable benefit for the employee

Last year, the County saved an additional \$5,490 by participating in all three NCACC insurance pools and is estimated to save around the same amount if participating in all three pools this year.

The Board discussed the proposed bids with Manager Steen and Personnel Officer Darlene Bullins.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the April 26th Action Agenda.

Proposed Budget Work Sessions/Public Hearing Schedule for Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget

Chairman Walker opened discussion regarding possible dates for the upcoming Budget Work Sessions and Public Hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget:

The Board discussed the following dates:

- Public Hearing:** Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 pm (large courtroom)
- Work Sessions:** Wednesday, June 9th at 1:00 pm
- Thursday, June 10th at 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 16th at 9:00 am

Thursday, June 17th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 22nd at 9:00 am
Wednesday, June 23rd at 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 24th at 9:00 am

The Board unanimously agreed to meet with the Board of Education.

The Board discussed meeting with the Board of Education on June 17th. Clerk to Board Bullins requested if June 17th did not work for the Board of Education, could the joint meeting be either June 16th or June 22nd. The Board had no issues with using the June 16th or June 22nd dates for a Board of Education joint meeting.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the tentative dates on the April 26th Consent Agenda.

Proposed Grant – Day Care Facility

Vice Chairman Lankford reiterated the need to proceed with grant applications for requesting funding to renovate a county owned facility that could be used for a business that could create jobs with no county funding. Vice Chairman Lankford noted that the issue had been previously discussed by the Board at several meetings since the closing of the Day Care Center in September 2009, which was located at Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Vice Chairman Lankford also noted that if renovated, the county could receive revenue from renting the building and that one of the Board's 2010 Goals recently adopted was to put high priority on grant applications.

Manager Steen, as requested by the Board, provided the Board with information regarding the NC Rural Center Building Reuse Grant.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman confirmed that when the Day Care Center was originally opened, the hospital managed and operated the Day Care Center providing a facility that offered day care services for hospital and county employees.

The Board further discussed the issue.

Commissioner Smith, who had no issues with applying for grants, noted that one of the grants is tied to job creation which would place the County liable if the business failed. Commissioner Smith suggested possibly incorporating the job creation liability into a lease agreement with the business who submits the required business plan with the application.

Commissioner Carroll confirmed with Manager Steen that the County did not incur any cost for renovations with the lease agreement with Artist Way.

Commissioner Carroll reiterated the issues were that the County had not looked at the County's long term space needs (possibly needing the building) and no outreach has been undertaken to see if there was any other business that has an interest in leasing the facility.

Commissioner Carroll suggested starting with the Economic Development Commission to do some type of outreach to see if there is any interest from any other type of business other than day care.

Manager Steen noted that the application process had been put on hold waiting for direction from the Board. Manager Steen noted the need to also contact HMC to see if they have any need for the facility.

Chairman Walker requested what was the pleasure of the Board concerning the proposed grants for renovating the county owned facility.

Commissioner Lankford moved to start the grant application process.

Commissioner Carroll noted the motion was out of order.

Commissioner Lankford moved to place the item on today's Action Agenda due to the next grant cycle begins May 4th. Commissioner Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walker directed the Clerk to place the item on today's Action Agenda.

Further Discussion – Scheduling Public Hearing Regarding Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.

Commissioner Carroll started the discussion with presenting the following possible options regarding Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.

- Possible combination of 712 options (based on separating the three very distinct components = hospital, JRJones, and long term care)
- **Option** - Go back to the original concept – county owns and operates all components as a government agency
- **Option** - Lease the hospital to a private agency (no public involvement or subsidy)
- **Option** - Lease to private agency and provide some level of public subsidy
- **Option** – Lease to private agency to operate and the county assumes responsibility for the operating losses if any
- **Option** – Continue to own the hospital and employ a private management agency to operate the facilities for the County
- **Option** – Spin-off the entire operation as an independent, self governing, non-profit corporation
- **Option** – Sell the operation to a private agency
- **Option** – Close the doors and get out of the hospital business

Commissioner Carroll noted that there could be other options.

Commissioner Inman noted the Board needed to present all available information to the public regarding the possible options.

Vice Chairman Lankford emphasized that the public needs to know that it is this Board's intent to continue to provide health care accessibility to county citizens in some form or fashion.

Commissioner Smith noted that the public needs to know (if available) the cost for the options in order to provide input to the Board.

Chairman Walker reiterated the Public Hearing is scheduled for May 27th at 7:00 pm in the large courtroom.

Commissioner Carroll reiterated the need to place the item on each agenda until the public hearing simply for the purpose of getting options on the table that the Board has identified so that they can be pulled together to present at the public hearing.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the April 26th Discussion Agenda.

Job Vacancy

Manager Steen submitted the following request from Health Director Josh Swift to fill the following recent vacated Public Health Nurse II position:

- Public Health Nurse II (Funded 100% by Northwest Community Care Network)

Health Director Swift noted in his correspondence to the Board the duties include home visits throughout the county and case management to the most vulnerable residents.

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

Appointments – Board of Health

Chairman Walker announced the vacancy of an at large appointment on the Board of Health due to the appointment of Jerry Mitchell to the unexpired Professional Engineer position.

Chairman Walker noted the at large appointment has been advertised in the Stokes News and on the County's website.

Chairman Walker noted the County had received an application from David Smith who desires to fill the unexpired at large appointment.

Commissioner Inman nominated David Smith.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on April 26th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Stokes County Board of Health

Chairman Walker noted Cheryl Ferguson was nominated at the March 22nd meeting

to fill the unexpired term of the at large appointment (optometrist appointment designated as an at large appointment).

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Commissioner Smith: Cheryl Ferguson
Commissioner Inman: Cheryl Ferguson
Chairman Walker: Cheryl Ferguson
Vice Chairman Lankford: Cheryl Ferguson
Commissioner Carroll: Cheryl Ferguson

Chairman Walker noted the Board unanimously appointed Cheryl Ferguson to fill the unexpired term of the at large appointment on the Board of Health.

Proposed Grant – Day Care Facility

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the submission of grants for renovations to a county owned facility for a day care operation which was discussed at today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to make grant applications to renovate a county owned facility for the purpose of day care services. Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion failed (2-3) with Commissioner Carroll, Chairman Walker, and Commissioner Smith voting against the motion.

Commissioner Carroll moved to direct the County Manager and appropriate staff to evaluate the county's possible needs for that building for county agencies and request the Economic Development Director and Economic Development Commission to do some type of outreach to determine if there is interest from any entrepreneurs or other businesses in possibly using that building if the Board decides to make it available for private use. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

The Board further discussed the item.

Commissioner Inman reiterated the Manager needs to contact HMC to see if they have any interest in using the facility.

Chairman Walker questioned if the interested day care provider understands the potential cost for renting the facility. Manager Steen reiterated that no further action had been done, waiting for direction from the Board. The Board discussed using an estimated figure of \$8 a square foot if providers call requesting information about the rental fee.

The motion carried (4-1) with Vice Chairman Lankford voting against the motion.

Job Vacancy

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the PHNII job vacancy presented by Manager Steen at today's meeting.

Commissioner Smith moved to honor the request from Health Director Josh Swift to fill the PHNII position funded by the Northwest Community Care Network. Commissioner Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Inman moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy Walker
Chairman