

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGUST 9, 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, August 9, 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  
Health Director Josh Swift  
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 August 9, 2010 Agenda.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to approve the August 9, 2010 Agenda as submitted.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following spoke during public comments.

##### **Gary Gibson**

1937 Oscar Frye Road  
Pinnacle, NC 27043

Re: **Elderly Tax Exemption Appeal for Helen Gibson**

Mr. Gibson spoke to the Board regarding the appeal for his mother, Helen P. Gibson, who lives at 1023 Gibson Acres, Pilot Mountain, NC. Mr. Gibson provided the following information:

- Mother, Helen Gibson, is a 82 year old elderly lady with limited income
- Initially filed the first application for the elderly tax exemption in 2009 and didn't qualify due to a one-time payment
- Confirmed with the Tax Department that his mother, Helen Gibson, qualifies for the Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010
- His mother had full intention of filing the application in a timely manner, but due to her husband's terminal illness and death in February 2010, the application was not filed before the June 1, 2010 deadline
- Ms. Gibson cared for her husband during his terminal illness which started in March 2009
- His father normally took care of all the family business issues
- Ms. Gibson simply neglected to file the application before June 1, 2010 due to taking care of family matters

Mr. Gibson requested the Board give full consideration to his mother's application for the Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010 and expressed his appreciation to the Board for any consideration given to his mother's appeal.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Consent Agenda:

**Minutes**

- Minutes of June 16, 2010
- Minutes of July 26, 2010
- Minutes of August 3, 2010

**Jail - Budget Amendment #4**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #4.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Jail</b>				
100.4320.510	Equipment	\$00.00	\$32,730.00	\$32,730.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$32,730.00</b>	<b>\$32,730.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds to upgrade the camera security system in the Jail which will be paid from SCAAP funding.

Note: Procedures for purchasing equipment and connecting to the County's network are to be followed.

This will result in a net increase of \$32,730.00 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.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3301.418	SCAAP	\$00.00	\$32,730.00	\$32,730.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$32,730.00</b>	<b>\$32,730.00</b>

**Stokes Reynolds Hospital Fund - Budget Amendment #5**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #5.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Stokes Rey. Hospital Fund</b>				
500.5700.000	Hospital Operations	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$347,021.00</u>	<u>\$347,021.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$347,021.00</b>	<b>\$347,021.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To re-appropriate funds in the Stokes Reynolds Hospital Fund for hospital operations which are carryover funds from Fiscal Year 2009-10.

This will result in a net increase of \$347,021.00 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.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Stokes Rey. Hospital Fund</b>				
500.3991.000	Fund Balance	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$347,021.00</u>	<u>\$347,021.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$347,021.00</b>	<b>\$347,021.00</b>

**Emergency Medical Services - Budget Amendment #6**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #6.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>				
100.4370.511	Equipment - Non Capitalized	<u>\$27,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$33,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$27,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$33,000.00</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>				
201.4370.010	Emergency Medical Services	\$6,000.00	\$(6,000.00)	\$00.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	<u>\$50,600.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$56,600.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$56,600.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$56,600.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund to General Fund for the purchase of computers and mounting system for the ambulances.

This will result in a net increase of \$6,000.00 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.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>General Fund</b>				
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$50,600.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$56,600.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$50,600.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$56,600.00</b>

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Commissioner Smith confirmed with Finance Director Julia Edwards that the funding for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital (Budget Amendment #5) is being re-appropriated from Fiscal Year 2009-10. Commissioner Carroll noted that the Budget Amendment increases the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget even though it is not new funding. Vice Chairman Lankford confirmed with Finance Director Julia Edwards that the funding for EMS (Budget Amendment #6) computers and mounting system is being transferred from Capital Reserve into the EMS Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **Update – Manager and Board of Commissioners**

County Manager Bryan Steen noted the following:

- A new educational opportunity for Stokes County Schools and Forsyth Technical Community College became a reality today
- Students arrived today for Early College High School at the new location on Dodgetown Road
- Expressed appreciation in addition to the Board of Commissioners, to Dr. Gary Green-Forsyth Tech., Dr. Stewart Hobbs-Stokes Schools, Operations Director David Burge-Stokes Schools, Ann Watts-Forsyth Tech. and Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall who oversaw the project from the beginning to the end
- Also expressed appreciation to architects, engineers, and subcontractors who did everything they could to expedite the process

Chairman Walker expressed his appreciation to Manager Steen for his efforts in making the project a success and the teamwork done to have the project done and ready for students.

Members of the Board also expressed their appreciation regarding the completed project being ready for students.

Vice Chairman Lankford noted the following:

- Piedmont Triad Partnership (PTP) has recently done a re-organization plan
- Hired a new CEO- David M. Powell who will start August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- PTP now has 16 counties along with approximately 60 private enterprises
- Will continue to represent Stokes County and its needs

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **Tax Administration Report – July 2010**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data:

<b>Fiscal Year 2010-11</b>	<b>Budget Amt</b>	<b>Collected Amt</b>	<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>Under Budget</b>
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$(20,744,514.00)	\$218,462.04		\$20,526,051.96
<b>Prior Taxes 93-09 Tax Years</b>				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$ 700,000.00	\$118,297.44		\$581,702.56

**EMS Collections**

Total Collected  
(07-01-10/07-31-10) \$13,635.82  
 Total Collected  
(07-01-10/06-30-11) \$13,635.82  
 Delinquent accounts received  
 from EMS (July 2010)  
 accounts = none

<b>Personal Property Discovery Report Audit Dates</b>	<b># of Accts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Taxes Due</b>
07-01-10/07-31-11	42	\$768,250.00	\$6,278.43
07-01-10/06-30-11	42	\$768,250.00	\$6,278.43

<b>Business Personal Property Discovery Report Audit Dates</b>	<b># of Accts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Taxes Due</b>
07-01-10/07-31-10	0	\$00.00	\$00.00
07-01-10/06-30-10	0	\$00.00	\$00.00

<b>Motor Vehicle Release Report Audit Dates</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
07-01-10/07-31-10	51	\$1,227.69

<b>Motor Vehicle Refund Report Audit Dates</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
07-01-10/07-31-10	8	\$230.11
<b>Number billed for July 2010</b>	4951	

<b>Garnishment Totals</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Accounts</b>	<b>Original Levy Amt</b>	<b>Collected Amt</b>
F/Year 2010-11			
(July 1 – June 30)	267	\$61,948.04	\$44,324.43
<b>Interstate Collection Report (July 2010)</b>		<b>Collection</b>	<b>Total Collected</b>
Cumulative total Collected (to date)		NC Debt Setoff	\$27,888.69
Cumulative total Collected (to date)		Motor Vehicles	\$40,375.91
Cumulative total Collected (to date)		Property Taxes	\$10,062.59
Cumulative total Collected (to date)		EMS	<u>\$26,488.90</u>
Cumulative total Collected (to date)		All Categories	\$76,927.40

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Releases (July 2010) which are less than \$100 for the Board's review:

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Michael Tucker	10A597201969470	\$35.82
Troy Lee Jones	10A692301157998	\$41.28
Joseph Fortino	10A600100346060	\$46.55
Rupert McKinney	10A691604942509	\$23.28
Ricky Brown	09A30427.07	\$48.20
Billy Jones	09A26069.02	\$56.00
Arlie Hiatt	10A6223.01	\$56.37
Harold Whitman	10A55110.01	<u>\$12.00</u>
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$319.50</b>

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Releases (July 2010) which are more than \$100 for the Board's consideration:

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Brian Foster and	10A692301251565	\$232.90
Barbara Lakey	Incorrectly billed	
Ricky Sands	10A48555.04	<u>\$439.64</u>
	DWMH Double Listed	
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$672.54</b>

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Refunds (July 2010) which are more than \$100 for the Board’s consideration:

**Refunds (Real and Personal Property)  
More than \$100–July 2010-Per NCGS 105-381 (b)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Brian Foster	07A692301251565	\$176.74
Barbara Lakey	08A692301251565	\$176.74
	09A692301251565	<u>\$232.90</u>
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$586.38</b>

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following Late Applications for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010 for the Board’s consideration:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Assigned Tax Value</b>
Bob Hardie Mabe	6912-01-06-6108	\$20,651
Helen P Gibson	5988-00-45-3517	\$152,200

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley noted the following regarding the Late Application for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010 for Bob Hardie Mabe:

- Taxpayer owns a tract of land and a 1979 14x70 Oakwood single-wide mobile home located at 2491 Dodgetown Road in Walnut Cove with an assigned tax value of \$15,000 for the land and \$5,651 for the mobile home = \$20,651
- Mr. Mabe is requesting acceptance of a late application for the year 2010 for the disabled exemption
- Have been working with Mr. Mabe regarding a disabled application since February 2010
- Medical certificate verifying Mr. Mabe’s disability was not received until after June 1<sup>st</sup>

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley noted the following regarding the Late Application for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010 Appeal from Helen P. Gibson:

- Ms. Gibson does qualify for the exemption, but failed to turn in the application before the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- Being consistent this year, all those who have failed to meet the deadline have been denied and advised to file again after January 1, 2011

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley does not recommend approval for the Late Application for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for Helen P. Gibson.

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley recommends approval of the following:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00

- Late Application for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010 for Bob Hardie Mabe

The Board discussed the following with Tax Administrator Oakley regarding the Late

Applications for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010:

- General Statutes require that anyone who is applying for an Elderly/Disabled Exemption must file the application between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Application must be received by the Tax Department before June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Late applications can be appealed to the Board of Commissioners
- Both Mr. Mabe and Ms. Gibson qualify for the Elderly/Disabled Exemption for 2010
- Mr. Gibson, on behalf of his mother, Helen Gibson, requested to appeal the Tax Department's decision regarding his mother's Elderly/Disabled Exemption
- Approximately 6-7 individuals have filed a late Elderly/Disabled Exemption after June 1<sup>st</sup>, all have been denied by the Tax Department
- Every individual has been given information regarding the right to appeal to the Board of Commissioners
- Board of Commissioners have the authority to accept and approve Ms. Gibson's late application
- Discussed the terminal illness and death of Ms. Gibson's husband
- Consistency of the Tax Department regarding late applications for Elderly/Disabled Exemption 2010

Tax Administrator Oakley stated that if the Board chose to approve the Late Application for Ms. Gibson, he would have no issues with the Board's decision, the Board has the authority to override the Tax Department's recommendation upon reasonable cause.

Vice Chairman Lankford suggested appeals be considered separately.

The Board unanimously agreed to place the appeal from Ms. Gibson on the Action Agenda instead of the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00
- Late Application for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2010 for Bob Hardie Mabe

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the appeal from Ms. Helen Gibson on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

Tax Administrator Oakley noted that the County had already received approximately \$1.4 million dollars since tax bills were mailed in July and the lockbox payment system is working great.

### **Proposed Key Box Ordinance**

Fire Marshal Frankie Burcham presented the following information regarding a proposed Key Box Ordinance:

- Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association and Stokes County Fire Chiefs Council has determined that there is a need for a secure key box system in the county
- Nancy Reynolds Elementary School, currently under construction, is installing a key box
- School system has also decided that each school will have a key box

- In order to comply with NC Fire Code, the Board of Commissioners must adopt a county ordinance stating “if a commercial occupancy has a monitored sprinkler or alarm system, they must be able to provide a key holder on the scene within 15 minutes of the incident”
- County must have an ordinance in order for the Fire Marshal to enforce
- If the occupant can’t provide a key holder within 15 minutes, the NC Fire Code Section 506.1 requires that a key box be installed on the premises
- Proposed ordinance will affect approximately 100 commercial occupancies
- Average cost for the occupant is \$250.00
- Fire and Rescue Association would like to have a master key system that would unlock all key boxes in the county, this would allow whichever fire department arrives on the scene first to proceed to entry the facility and investigate
- A master key would be provided to each fire department
- In order to reduce the liability of the fire departments in the county, it is recommended that they each purchase a securelink box to house the key
- Several fire departments have had to wait up to one hour before someone arrived at the scene allowing the fire department to enter the facility
- This wait ties up a truck, waste volunteers’ time, and waste fuel
- If a fire department arrives on the scene and suspects fire, a key box would prevent forcible entry
- Fire and Rescue Association and Chief Council would like to put a control box in one truck in each department
- The key would only be released upon activation from Emergency Communications
- The key would only unlock the key box on the facility
- Each time a key is released by Emergency Communications, the name who takes the key out is reported to Communications
- The key would reduce the fire departments’ liability
- A fee of \$750 per control box will be incurred for each fire department
- Key box system can be used by homeowners if so desired
- Very complex, secure system
- System being considered has a strobe light on the top of the control box which is activated once the box is opened; strobe light will not turn off unless the key is placed back in the box
- With a Key Box Ordinance, there are proven savings for the fire departments and commercial occupants:
  - Fire departments would not need to force entry into the business which would eliminate costly repairs
  - Fire departments would not have to wait for an extended period of time on a key holder to open the business
  - Would allow the fire department and its apparatus to be back in service sooner
- Fire & Rescue Association requests an ordinance be adopted and the county fund all or part of this project for liability and security
- Business would not have to install a key box if a key holder could be at the business within 15 minutes
- A local municipality was enforcing the key box system without an adopted ordinance, an appeal was filed in Raleigh, the Building Code Council ruled in favor of the business
- To purchase the control box for 14 fire departments in the county, there would be an initial cost of \$10,542 with a one-time fee for radio programming of \$245
- Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association and Stokes County Fire Chiefs Council requested Fire Marshal Burcham present the request to the BOCC

The Board discussed a proposed Key Box System with Fire Marshal Burcham.

Vice Chairman Lankford expressed concerns with requiring private businesses to install a key box, not to mention the cost being incurred by each business along with costs to each fire department and the key having to be in one specific truck.



Chairman Walker confirmed with Fire Marshal Burcham that a business can choose not to participate in the program, as long as the business can provide a key holder at the facility within 15 minutes of the call.

Manager Bryan Steen noted that the county could implement a policy regarding consequences to businesses who don't provide a key holder to the facility within 15 minutes.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Walker directed Manager Steen to provide the Board with possible funding options at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Clerk Bullins confirmed with the Board of Commissioners that they did not wish to include a proposed ordinance on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, stated that the item is being placed on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda to decide if the Board wishes to proceed with the request regarding a key box ordinance.

### **Educational Facilities Construction Project**

Commissioner Carroll noted the following regarding educational facilities construction project:

- Request was presented by Dr. Stewart Hobbs, Stokes County School Superintendent, on behalf of the Stokes County Board of Education, regarding the next two top construction projects (new elementary school in Yadkin Township and renovations/new construction at Southeastern Middle School)
- Formal written request from Dr. Hobbs and Chairman Sonja Cox was provided to the Board this past week
- Board of Commissioners have discussed off and on regarding a permanent community college facility in Stokes County
- Feels these issues need to remain in front of the Board
- Feels the Board of Education desires some type of response from the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Carroll recommended that the Finance Director and Financial Advisor start exploring funding options for these three construction projects: new elementary school, renovations/construction at Southeastern Middle School, and permanent community college facility in Stokes County.

The Board continued discussion regarding the top two priority school construction projects along with a permanent community college facility.

Commissioner Inman agreed with Commissioner Carroll regarding the need to see the financial funding options, especially since there could possibly be a tax increase if all three

construction projects were approved.

Vice Chairman Lankford reiterated the loss of sales tax revenues and lottery funding that the Board is currently dealing with. Vice Chairman Lankford noted that there are several issues such as the decrease in students last year and this year, financial impact, renovations to present facilities, etc. that need to be investigated before moving forward with these construction projects.

Chairman Walker noted that he would like to visit Southeastern Middle School, review the plans for the new elementary school in the Yadkin Township and have further discussion with Forsyth Tech. regarding their community college needs.

The Board discussed whether to place the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Agenda or wait until the September 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda in order for members of the Board visit sites, acquire data, etc.

Commissioner Carroll noted that he had no issues in waiting as long as Financial Doug Carter could be present at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with funding options.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 13<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda providing financial funding is available at that time.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed members to send requests/questions regarding the construction projects to Manager Steen.

### **Smoking in County Facilities**

Commissioner Carroll noted that at the last meeting, the Health Director, on behalf of the Board of Health, presented the Board of Commissioners with a Resolution requesting the Board of Commissioners to take specific action with the specific action being:

- The adoption of a local ordinance or policy to prohibit smoking in buildings that are owned by Stokes County or any municipality within the County and used for governmental purposes and buildings or areas of buildings that are leased as lessee and occupied by the County or any municipality within the county and used for governmental purposes.

Commissioner Carroll noted that the Board of Commissioners directed the county manager to provide other options for consideration which were included in the Agenda packet:

### **Legal Prohibition and Penalties for Violations**

I'm not aware of any current statute requiring the prohibition of smoking in county owned /operated buildings.

Failure to prohibit smoking within fifty feet of Health Department buildings can lead to the loss of a point in the Health Department accreditation evaluation if the Health Director has not gone on the record requesting such a prohibition.

### **Background Information**

In 2002, the North Carolina Division of Public Health and the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors undertook an initiative to develop a mandatory, standards based, system for accrediting local public health departments throughout the state.

Accreditation is achieved by appropriately meeting a set of capacity-based benchmarks as evidenced by documented completion of prescribed activities.

**Relevant Statute**

GS 130A-498 Local Governments May Restrict Smoking in Public Places

The statute enables a local government to restrict smoking through adoption of an ordinance, law or rule.

**General Ideas / Possible Options**

I believe there are three general options: No Action, Request No Smoking or Prohibit Smoking.

- A) Take no action beyond recording in the minutes that the Health Director has requested a prohibition of smoking within fifty feet of any building where Health Department services are provided.
- B) By adoption of ordinance/ law/ rule for all County Buildings or selected buildings (such as ones in which Health Department services are provided), designate smoking areas, if physically possible, that are fifty feet from building entry doors that will be as convenient as possible for use by staff and citizens, place signs requesting smokers only smoke in designated locations due to difficulties tobacco smoke may cause non-smokers or persons using oxygen. Also mark buildings as “Smoke Free” and remove ash trays or similar receptacles. Place this information on the county web site and print, when possible, on notices/ bills/ etc. sent out by the county to make the public aware of the request not to smoke in covered county buildings.
- C) By adoption of ordinance/ law/ rule, prohibit smoking in all County Buildings or selected buildings (such as ones in which Health Department services are provided), post signage “Smoke Free” on entrance doors of buildings to be covered as well as signage prohibiting smoking and directing persons wanting to smoke to the nearest designated smoking area. Such signage, if possible, should be placed fifty feet from entrance doors of covered County Buildings. Place this information on the county web site and print, when possible, on notices/ bills/ etc. sent out by the county in order to make the public aware of the requirement not to smoke in covered buildings.

Chairman Walker noted that he had requested at the last meeting for the manager to research to see what would be the consequences if smoking is not prohibited in the Health Department.

Chairman Walker noted that he could not support any ordinance that restricts smoking outside of a building (not referring to schools).

Vice Chairman Lankford stated that he supported Chairman Walker’s viewpoint.

Manager Steen noted the following:

- I’m not aware of any current statute requiring the prohibition of smoking in county owned /operated buildings
- Failure to prohibit smoking within fifty feet of Health Department buildings can lead to the loss of a point in the Health Department’s accreditation evaluation if the Health Director has not gone on record with the Board of Commissioners requesting such a prohibition
- Health Director Swift had received information from a State Accreditation Consultant that recording in the minutes that the Health Director has requested a prohibition of smoking within fifty feet of any building where Health Department services are provided will prevent the Health Department from the loss of a point on the accreditation evaluation

Chairman Walker noted that the minutes of the July 26<sup>th</sup> reflect that Health Director Josh Swift presented a Resolution to the Board of Commissioners requesting the Board take the

following specific action:

- The adoption of a local ordinance or policy to prohibit smoking in buildings that are owned by Stokes County or any municipality within the County and used for governmental purposes and buildings or areas of buildings that are leased as lessee and occupied by the County or any municipality within the county and used for governmental purposes

Commissioner Carroll noted that the Board of Commissioners has received a request from a legally appointed autonomous board for specific action and the Board of Commissioners owes the Board of Health the courtesy of a response.

Commissioner Carroll suggested placing the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Walker directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

### **Proposal for County Ordinance Pertaining to House Bill 1766**

Commissioner Carroll noted that Governor Perdue signed House Bill 1766 last Monday and it is now law which exempts 3 or 5 (the number keeps changing) of 16,000 establishments in North Carolina that serve food on the premises of having to comply with any sanitation regulations.

Commissioner Carroll noted that the framework of his ordinance was to notify the public that they may be eating in one of the establishments that do not have to comply with any sanitation regulations.

Commissioner Carroll noted the ordinance would require the following:

- Signs must carry substantially the following message
  - “Notice to Customers: This store has not been inspected for compliance with North Carolina’s health and sanitation regulations governing food preparation. It is exempt from those regulations. This special privilege was granted by the N.C. General Assembly in 2010”

Chairman Walker asked if churches, service organizations, and non-profit organizations should be included in the ordinance. Commissioner Carroll noted that this applies to “traditional county stores” that have been given an exemption under G.S. 130A-250.13.

The Board continued discussion regarding the proposed ordinance regarding House Bill 1766.

Vice Chairman Lankford suggested placing the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda in order to resolve the issue.

The Board discussed placing the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Walker expressed concerns regarding putting the item on another Agenda and did not support placing the item back on another Agenda.

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Commissioner Smith: August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda  
Commissioner Inman: Whatever it takes to resolve the issue  
Vice Chairman Lankford: Can permanently table the issue today  
Commissioner Carroll: August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda

Chairman Walker (Board preference 3 to 2) directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

### **Revisions to the County Noise Ordinance**

County Manager Bryan Steen noted the following regarding revisions to the County Noise Ordinance:

- County Manager Steen, Chairman Walker, Sheriff Mike Joyce, King Police Chief Paula May and Mayor Jack Warren met last Tuesday regarding a recent incident (event) in King
- Current noise ordinance only has a civil penalty
- Discussed at the meeting the need to revise the current noise ordinance by converting the civil penalty to a criminal penalty

County Manager Bryan Steen presented the following proposed county noise ordinance which was drafted by County Attorney Edward Powell:

### **STOKES COUNTY NOISE ORDINANCE**

#### **Section I: AUTHORITY AND NEED FOR REGULATION OF NOISE.**

(A) The authority for the county to regulate noise is G.S. § 153A-133. A county may by ordinance regulate, restrict, or prohibit the production or emission of noises or amplified speech, music, or other sounds that tend to annoy, disturb, or frighten its citizens.

(B) It is found and declared by the Board of Commissioners that:

- (1) The making and creation of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises within the county limits is a condition which has existed for some time and the extent and volume of such noises are increasing.
- (2) The making and creation of excessive or unusually loud noises and sounds interfere with and pose a threat to the health of the sick, the young, and the elderly.
- (3) The making, creation or maintenance of such excessive, unnecessary, unnatural or unusually loud noises which are prolonged, unusual, and unnatural in their time, place and use are a detriment to the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity of the residents of the county.
- (4) The making of excessive or unusually loud sounds and noises constitute a nuisance which threatens the peace and dignity of the county.
- (5) The necessity and the public interest for the provisions and prohibitions hereinafter contained and enacted are declared as a matter of legislative determination and public policy, and it is further declared that the provisions and prohibitions hereinafter contained and enacted are in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity and the peace and quiet of the county and its inhabitants.

**Section II. PROHIBITION OF UNREASONABLE NOISE.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued or to create or knowingly assist in creating any unreasonably loud, excessive, unnecessary noise or sound at any time in the county, taking into consideration the volume, duration, frequency, time and other characteristics of the sound.

(B) Making such unreasonably loud, excessive or unnecessary noise or sound between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day of the week or continuing to make, create or knowingly assist in creating any unreasonably loud, excessive or unnecessary noise or sound after receiving actual knowledge that such noises or sounds are disturbing to persons in the vicinity shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this ordinance.

**Section III. EXEMPTIONS.**

The following are some mandated exemptions; however, the list is not inclusive.

(A) Athletic events and contests such as football games, baseball games and other outdoor sporting events shall be exempt from regulation hereunder so long as such events are sponsored under the authority of the county or the county public schools or any other governmental authority. The use of any loud speaker or electronic sound amplification equipment in connection with any other athletic event which results in the creation of unreasonably loud disturbing noises and sound levels which a reasonably prudent person would recognize as likely to unreasonably disturb persons in the vicinity shall not be allowed.

(B) Construction operations from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays for which building permits have been issued, or construction operations not requiring permits; provided all equipment is operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and with all standard equipment, manufacturer's mufflers and noise reducing equipment in use and in proper operating condition.

(C) Noises of safety signals, warning devices, emergency pressure relief valves and church bells.

(D) Noises resulting from any authorized emergency vehicles when responding to any emergency call or acting in time of emergency.

(E) Unamplified noises at street activity (such as fairs or parades) where the participants have a permit for the conduct of such activity and for use of the streets.

(F) All noises coming from the normal operation of properly equipped aircraft.

(G) All noises coming from motor vehicles properly equipped with the manufacturer's standard muffler and noise reducing equipment in use and in proper operating condition.

(H) Noise from lawful fireworks and noisemakers on holidays.

(I) Lawn mowers and agricultural equipment used between daylight and 9:00 p.m. when operated with all the manufacturer's standard mufflers and noise reducing equipment in use and in proper operating condition.

(J) Agricultural equipment operated for farming purposes. When operated in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and with all standard equipment, including manufacturer's mufflers and noise reducing equipment in use and in proper operating condition.

(K) Any sound resulting from activities of a temporary duration permitted by law and for which a license or permit has been granted by the county or a state or federal agency when such sounds do not exceed the conditions and limits stated in the license or permit.

**SECTION IV. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE STANDARDS BY RECEIVING LAND.**

(A) Sound levels received by the adjoining lands shall not exceed 50 decibels at any time during the day or night.

(B) Sound level measurements shall be made with a sound level meter using the “A” weighting scale set on “slow response”.

(C) Sound level meters shall be at least Type Three meeting American Standards Institute, Incorporated (ANSI) latest approved version thereof. The entire sound measurement system shall be serviced and operated as recommended by the manufacturer. The persons using the sound level meters shall be trained in sound level measurement and the operation of sound level meters.

(D) Noise measurements shall be taken at the corner of the primary structure of the complainant nearest the sound source.

**SECTION V. PENALTY.**

(A) Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to G.S. § 14-4, and any such person found guilty of such violation shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days pursuant to that same statute.

(B) Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall also be subject to the imposition by citation of civil penalty for each such violation in the amount of \$500 which shall be paid in full within 72 hours of the service of the citation in accordance with G.S. § 153A-123.

(C) Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall further be subject to the county enforcing the provisions of this ordinance by applying to a court of competent jurisdiction in the General Court of Justice for equitable relief including, but not limited to, mandatory or prohibitory injunctions and/or orders of abatement in accordance with G.S. § 153A-123.

(D) Each day a violation shall be considered a separate and distinct offense for the purpose of the enforcement of this ordinance.

(E) Failure to make payment and correct the violation within the 72-hour period will result in an additional fine of \$100 per day.

**SECTION VI. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS NOISE ORDINANCE.**

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, the previously adopted Noise Ordinance of Stokes County is hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall be effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Jimmy Walker, Chairman  
Stokes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Darlene Bullins, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Walker asked the Board if there were any issues with allowing Captain Mike Marshall, Major Durward Bennett, or King Police Chief Paula May to speak. The Board had no

issues with allowing Captain Marshall, Major Bennett or Police Chief May to speak.

Captain Mike Marshall noted the proposed ordinance could have affect on the following:

- County has two sawmills in the county that operate 24 hours a day
- County has two speedways within the county that operate pass 11:00 pm
- County has industries that initiate specific machinery procedures that cause loud noises

Captain Marshall noted that the proposed ordinance can have a “double edge sword” for some departments.

Major Durward Bennett spoke on behalf of Sheriff Mike Joyce who was unable to attend the meeting.

Major Bennett noted the following:

- Sheriff Mike Joyce requested the Board consider changing the civil penalty to a criminal penalty
- With a civil penalty, the citation is written and then it is the responsibility of the County to follow through to collect the money which can be a long execution process if the person refuses to pay
- With a criminal penalty, the citation is written, a court date is set and the judge renders a judgment, if the fine is not paid, the person can be placed in jail
- Be careful not to affect citizens who perform daily functions such as mowing their grass late, farmers plowing late at night, etc.
- The business in question was actually written a citation several years ago, but the county failed to follow the civil process
- Sheriff’s Department will be glad work with the county attorney if needed

County Attorney Edward Powell noted the following regarding the proposed ordinance:

- Met before the meeting today with members from the Sheriff’s Department to discuss the issues presented by Captain Mike Marshall and Major Durward Bennett
- More exemptions can be incorporated into the proposed ordinance as long the exemptions are general and do not name or imply certain businesses
- Revisions to the ordinance don’t require a public hearing
- Proposed ordinance must be introduced to the Board at one meeting
- Can be adopted at the same meeting it was introduced as long as there is an unanimous vote
- Can be adopted at the another meeting by a majority of the Board, as long as it has been presented at a previous meeting

King Police Chief May noted that the City of King Police Department can enforce the ordinance if it has a criminal penalty.

Attorney Powell noted that any municipality in the county can vote to “opt in” into the county’s ordinance.

Commissioner Inman noted the need for more time to review the document due to receiving the document the day before the meeting.



Major Bennett discussed the recent event in King which caused officials to review the ordinance. Major Bennett noted the following:

- Outdoor event which was fairly (loud music) noisy occurred a week ago Sunday in King (July 25, 2010)
- Emergency Communications received 64 actual complaints (Sheriff's Department was originally told there was approximately 500 complaints)

The Board discussed the current ordinance and the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Carroll confirmed with Attorney Powell that in Section II (Item B), an individual could be cited without prior notice or warning anytime between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am and outside that timeframe, the individual would be warned first and if such noises or sounds continue, then cited.

Commissioner Carroll also confirmed with Attorney Powell that there must be a complaint in order to have a violation and in order to verify the complaint, you must have a noise meter to verify the decibel level (Section IV – item A).

Commissioner Carroll questioned Attorney Powell if Section V (Item K) would take care of mass gatherings, turkey shoots, etc. Attorney Powell noted that after speaking with Major Bennett, Section K needed to be clearer.

Commissioner Carroll noted that he may have further concerns/questions later.

Vice Chairman Lankford agreed with Commissioner Inman the need for more time to review the document. Vice Chairman Lankford expressed concerns with the proposed ordinance and its effects on businesses, non-profit organizations, musical events, high school events, etc.

Chairman Walker confirmed with Police Chief May that another event similar to the one held in July is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. Chief May commented that other events such as fairs, parades can generate complaints.

Commissioner Inman noted the need to involve officials from the Town of Danbury and Town of Walnut Cove regarding the proposed ordinance.

County Attorney Powell noted that he would work with the county manager, officials from the municipalities, and Sheriff's Department to incorporate the comments made at today's meeting for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Carroll suggested placing the item on the Discussion Agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Discussion Agenda.

**Job Vacancy – Environmental Health Specialist**

County Manager Bryan Steen recommended the following permanent position be filled:

- Environmental Health Specialist will be vacant on August 12, 2010

Health Director Josh Swift noted the following:

- When fully staffed, department has 4 field workers
- Employee who is resigning is certified in the following areas:
  - Food and Lodging
  - On-site Wastewater
  - Wells
  - Tattoos
  - Pools
- Could take at least 2-3 months to fill the position and 5-6 months to get the individual certified and fully functional in the field which could cause a backlog
- Department has the responsibility of inspecting 108 food establishments which includes assisted living and school cafeterias that serve food
- Supervisor who also works in the field is out on family medical leave until after Labor Day
- Third inspector just came on board the last of June and is in a “trainee” position
- Some of the 130 establishments require inspections four times a year, some three times a year, some two times a year and some one time a year (there is a combined total of over 360 inspections each year)
- A recent manpower performed by Kae Arrington, Regional Environmental Health Specialist with the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources in April 2009 indicated the Environmental Health staff needed 4 non-supervisory staff to properly perform environmental health functions along with a supervisor who plans and conducts quality assurance and can help staff if needed

The Board discussed the job vacancy.

**Request for Contractual Services – Environmental Health**

Health Director Josh Swift presented the following regarding the request for contractual services:

- Reiterated the information submitted in the previous Agenda item regarding the need to fill the Environmental Health Specialist position that will be vacant on 8-11-10
- Currently have only one certified inspector until after Labor Day
- Request permission to contract with individuals on a limited part time basis (2-3 days per week) to assist Environmental Health until the vacancy is filled
- Contractual services will provide the following:
  - Prevent possible backlogs as building increases and the number of on-site wastewater and well inspections increase
  - Reduce the chance of any errors occurring while evaluation lots, which can lead to costly litigation
  - Continue to properly follow state public health guidelines and inspect all 108 food establishments

Director Swift submitted the following comparison information regarding the number of inspections in 2006, 2008, and 2010:

<b>Categories</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>
Improvement permits	180	141	62
Construction authorizations	227	140	75
System Checks	54	47	27
Finals	141	77	95
Well Permits	51	73	39
Grout Inspection	111	126	44
Food Inspection	133	135	192
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>534</b>

The Board discussed the information presented by Director Swift.

Director Swift also presented the following information regarding the current workload:

<b>Categories</b>	
Improvement permits/construction authorizations	9
System Checks	4
Repairs	1
Complaints	3
Water Samples	55
Pending: 30 files are in process at this time	

Commissioner Carroll noted that when the vacancy occurs, the department will only be operating at 25% until the supervisor returns from Family Medical Leave.

Chairman Walker expressed interest in using contractual services to fill the vacancy until the economy turns.

Commissioner Carroll requested to move the item along with filling the vacancy in Environmental Health to today's Action Agenda. Commissioner Smith agreed with Commissioner Carroll to move both items to today's Action Agenda.

Vice Chairman Lankford suggested August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Commissioner Smith: Today's Action Agenda  
 Commissioner Carroll: Today's Action Agenda  
 Commissioner Inman: August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda  
 Vice Chairman Lankford: August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda  
 Chairman Walker: August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda

Chairman Walker directed the Clerk to place the both items on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

**Job Vacancy**

County Manager Bryan Steen recommended the following permanent position be filled:

- Telecommunicator - vacated on July 9, 2010

Emergency Communications Director Del Hall submitted the following information regarding the need to fill the position:

- During month of July 2010, Communications had 4877 computer aided dispatch calls entered into the system
- Communications currently provides emergency dispatching protocols for medical and police and will go live with Fire within the next month
- Filling the position will save part time monies
- New employee must attend required training which can take up to 5 months before the employee is fully trained
- Request approval to fill the position

The Board discussed the job vacancy.

Vice Chairman Lankford suggested placing the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Carroll suggested placing the item on today's Action Agenda.

Chairman Walker confirmed with Manager Steen that Director Hall had not requested the item be moved to today's Action Agenda. Chairman Walker agreed with placing the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Walker directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

#### **Proposed Resolution – Opposing Federally Mandated Collective Bargaining**

County Manager Bryan Steen submitted the following proposed Resolution for the Board's consideration regarding Opposing Federally Mandated Collective Bargaining:

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **OPPOSING FEDERALLY MANDATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed H.R. 413, the so-called Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act, as part of H.R. 4899, a mammoth appropriations act that includes funding for military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, additional funding for domestic programs, and other unrelated provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the misleading bill title, the provisions of H.R. 413 directly and completely override the longstanding North Carolina law that prohibits collective bargaining in the public sector, and mandates collective bargaining by state and local governments with public employee labor unions that represent law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local elected officials understand that they have an obligation to take appropriate measures to attract and retain highly capable employees to provide essential public services, including providing adequate salaries and benefits, fair employment policies, safe working conditions and adequate training; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed legislation is an unnecessary and inappropriate federal intrusion into public employment matters that should be decided by the people's elected representatives at the state and local levels of government, and an unfunded mandate at a time when state and local budgets are extraordinarily challenging; and

**WHEREAS**, although this very significant proposed federal mandate is so intrusive that it might be unconstitutional, there has been no deliberation about it in any committee of the House or Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of this proposed legislation and other provisions in a bill intended primarily for war funding jeopardizes continued timely and adequate funding to support operations by our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED**, the **Stokes County Board of Commissioners** hereby expresses its strong opposition to federally mandated collective bargaining and urges members of the North Carolina delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to oppose any bill that contains these provisions, and do nothing on any procedural vote to increase the likelihood of passage.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**Chairman Jimmy Walker**

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**Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford**

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**Commissioner J. Leon Inman**

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**Commissioner Ron Carroll**

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**Commissioner Stanley Smith**

Attest:

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**Darlene M. Bullins - Clerk to the Board**

Vice Chairman Lankford stated that he opposes federally mandated collective bargaining.

Commissioner Carroll noted the following:

- Multiple questions and problems with the proposed Resolution
- Title and Therefore Be It Resolved clause are inconsistent with the body of the Resolution
- Federally mandated collective bargaining in the private sector has been federally mandate since 1935
- “So called” in the first clause should be deleted
- Civil Rights Act of 1964 reversed longstanding North Carolina law
- Not sure it is an unfunded mandate
- Believe the last two Whereas clauses are the same objections raised by me regarding House Bill 1766

Vice Chairman Lankford suggested the Board take action on the item at the next meeting and modify the Resolution to state the Board’s position which opposes collective bargaining for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel.

Commissioner Carroll suggested, if it is the intent of the Board to oppose federally mandated collective bargaining for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, the Board should direct the manager to write a letter to the congressional delegation stating the Board’s position.

Commissioner Inman noted that Commissioner Carroll said it all.

Chairman Walker stated that he did not favor federally mandated collective bargaining for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel.

The Board discussed directing the manager to draft a letter to the congressional delegation stating the Board's intention which opposes federally mandated collective bargaining.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the manager to draft a letter to the congressional delegation stating the Board's opposition to federally mandated collective bargaining for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel for the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Action Agenda.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA**

### **Appointments – Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Council**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the following recommendations were submitted by JCPC for re-appointment at the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

<b>Specific Members</b>	<b>JCPC Recommendation</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
School Superintendent, Designee	Becky Boles	6/30/2012
County Commissioner Appointee	Kendra Eldridge	6/30/2012
CenterPoint Human Services	Ed Eklund	6/30/2012
Unlimited Success	Terri Fowler	6/30/2012
Stokes SCAN	Melissa Hiatt	6/30/2012
King Police Department, Designee	Kim Palmer	6/30/2012
Chief Court Counselor, Designee	Rusty Slate	6/30/2012
County Commissioner	Stanley Smith	6/30/2012
County Commissioner Appointee	Hope Sprinkle	6/30/2012

Clerk Bullins noted that the County had not received any applications for appointment consideration. Clerk Bullins noted that the recommendations could be nominated and polled at today's meeting.

Commissioner Inman nominated the recommendations submitted by JCPC.

Commissioner Smith nominated Pam Hooker to serve as a County Commissioner Appointee.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Smith moved to close the nominations. Vice Chairman Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Vice Chairman Lankford: Yes for JCPC recommendations and Pam Hooker

Chairman Walker: Yes for JCPC recommendations and Pam Hooker

Commissioner Carroll: Yes for JCPC recommendations and Pam Hooker

Commissioner Smith: Yes for JCPC recommendations and Pam Hooker

Commissioner Inman: Yes for JCPC recommendations and Pam Hooker

The Board unanimously approved the JCPC recommendations along with Pam Hooker to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

## **Stokes Health Services Alliance - Appointments**

Chairman Walker noted that the Board has been requested to appoint one member from the Board of Commissioners to serve on the Alliance along with recommending two at large members.

Chairman Inman nominated Chairman Walker to serve on the Health Services Alliance.

Vice Chairman Lankford nominated Susie Grabs and Linda Stevens to serve on the Health Services Alliance as at large members.

Commissioner Carroll questioned the Clerk as to Linda Stevens wanting to be appointed as an at large member. Clerk Bullins stated that Linda Stevens had confirmed on Wednesday that she would serve as an at large member.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Inman moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Vice Chairman Lankford: Yes for Chairman Walker, Susie Grabs, Linda Stevens

Chairman Walker: Yes for Chairman Walker, Susie Grabs, Linda Steven

Commissioner Carroll: Yes for Susie Grabs

Commissioner Smith: Yes for Chairman Walker, Susie Grabs, Linda Stevens

Commissioner Inman: Yes for Chairman Walker, Susie Grabs, Linda Stevens

The Board approved Chairman Walker as the Commissioner appointee and recommended Linda Stevens and Susie Grabs to serve as at large members.

## **Closed Session**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to enter Closed Session for the following:

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

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

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

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner Carroll voting against the motion.

The Board re-entered the regular session of the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Danbury Art Market**

Commissioner Inman requested the Danbury Art Market be placed on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Discussion Agenda in order to provide the Town of Danbury an answer.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the Danbury Art Market on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Discussion Agenda.

**Adjournment**

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

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

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**Darlene M. Bullins**  
**Clerk to the Board**

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**Jimmy Walker**  
**Chairman**