

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 11, 2011

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 11, 2011 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Ernest Lankford
Vice Chairman J. Leon Inman
Commissioner Jimmy Walker
Commissioner Ronda Jones
Commissioner James D. Booth

County Personnel in Attendance:
Interim County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

Chairman Ernest Lankford called the meeting to order.

Chairman Lankford presented the following "Thought for the Day":

- "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Commissioner Booth delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lankford opened the meeting by inviting the citizens in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to approve or amend the April 11, 2011 Agenda.

Chairman Lankford requested to add a short presentation from Stokes Partnership for Children along with a Proclamation "The Week of the Young Child" to the Information Agenda for the Board's consideration. Chairman Lankford noted that he had learned last Thursday that the week of April 10-16th is recognized as the "The Week of the Young Child" and felt it was appropriate to add the item to today's Agenda with many Stokes County children attending programs at Stokes Partnership such as "More at Four".

The Board unanimously agreed to add the item to the Information Agenda.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the April 11, 2011 Agenda as amended.

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - Stokes County Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chairman Lankford called to order the Public Hearing for the Stokes County Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. There were no public comments.

Chairman Lankford closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING - Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc. – RFP Proposal

Chairman Lankford called to order the Public Hearing for the Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc – RFP Proposal.

Chairman Lankford noted the County had received only one Proposal from Pioneer Health Services, Magee, Mississippi.

The following spoke during the Public Hearing:

Keith R. Lawson
1327 Weldon Smith Road
Lawsonville, NC 27022

Mr. Lawson noted the following comments regarding the RFP Proposal for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.:

- Rural counties across the nation are faced with providing needed services with limited tax dollars

- Questions that need to be answered:
 - What do the citizens want?
 - What does the county need regarding health care?
 - How can the county provide the needs?
- Personally use the county facility, received quality care from Stokes Reynolds Hospital
- Quality of care is why patrons return to Stokes Reynolds
- Stokes Reynolds has dedicated employees with years of experience, who have been recognized locally and nationally, that deliver passion, high quality healthcare
- Need to work toward building a new facility
- Improve upon our existing system by providing tools necessary to perform the jobs
- Need the ability to provide for family and friends and not have to worry that someone might have to travel an hour outside the county to get life saving care
- Given the right tools, services and revenues can increase
- Need to maintain the skilled nursing center along with the hospital
- Need to assure staff that they will receive competitive compensation
- With guidance of the current management company, financial burden on the county has decreased
- Recent information indicated that the hospital has not required financial assistance from the county since last June
- It is not the philosophy of hospital employees to say “it is not my job”, we all work together
- Hospital employees work as a team
- If wages are cut, dedicated employees may look at other facilities in the region
- The decision the county makes to sell or lease should be based on building a new facility
- The county needs to support the hospital
- Over the past year, the hospital has proven it can make it, we need guidance from someone that shares the hospital’s philosophy and is willing to help the hospital grow

Melody J. Bowman
 7242 Delta Church Road
 Sandy Ridge, NC 27046

Ms. Bowman noted the following comments regarding the RFP Proposal for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.:

- Speaking as a citizen and an employee
- Been at Stokes Reynolds for 21 years starting as a CNA and currently the Director of Nursing
- Hospital facility is 57 years old
- Addition for the long term care was completed 1977
- Many changes have occurred over the past 57 years

- In the past, intensive care beds, long term care beds, and inpatient beds all were utilized to capacity on most days with surgical procedures being an ongoing service
- Health care has continuously progressed
- Need to move forward with the changes
- Need a new facility to meet the needs of the community
- Need to be able to increase services
- Need newer equipment for evaluation and maintenance of patient care
- Need to be able to provide services in our community and not have to transfer residents to another facility for testing or follow ups
- Patients desire the best facility possible
- Need places to store equipment
- Required by the State to make long term care be a home for the residents, size of the rooms make it difficult for the residents to be able to bring a lot of items from home
- Have an excellent staff who have gone without raises for many years in the past
- Overall facility needs updates and renovations
- Decreases in wages and benefits would be a detriment to the hard working dedicated staff
- Request the Board focus to maintain the best care possible for the residents of Stokes County and not just look for a quick solution
- Ask yourself if you and your family would use the services that you decide on, if not, then it is not what is best for everyone

Monique McKinney
 1133 Gene Martin Road
 Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Ms. McKinney noted the following comments regarding the RFP Proposal for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.:

- Speaking on behalf of the employees who work in the lab at Stokes Reynolds Hospital
- Echo the comments presented by Melody Bowman and Keith Lawson
- Stokes Reynolds Hospital has a loyal and dedicated staff that care for the patients at the hospital, employees who could have gone to larger facility have stayed at Stokes Reynolds Memorial
- Staff is well trained and work well together
- A hospital can replace staff, but can't replace experience
- Many employees have dedicated their entire career to Stokes Reynolds
- As you strive to make important decisions regarding the future of Stokes Reynolds, try to remember these thoughts:
 - Emergency room is a necessity for the county and its residents
 - Outpatients services are needed for local residents and their physicians
 - Immediate care is essential for a patient's outcome
 - Inpatient stays are convenient for the patient and their family
 - Care a patient receives at a small hospital is exceptional
 - A new facility is a must for this community to grow

- Maintaining benefits and current pay is very important for staff
- Staff is dedicated to providing service to the hospital and community
- Keep in mind Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital is essential in providing quality healthcare to the community and its residents

Jennifer Amos
2249 Sisk Road
Lawsonville, NC 27022

Ms. Amos noted the following comments regarding the RFP Proposal for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.:

- Social worker at Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital as well as a resident of Stokes County
- Would like the Board to keep these points in mind during the negotiation:
 - In order for healthcare to grow in Stokes County, negotiations need to include a new facility to ensure the growth to bring in new services and doctors to Stokes County
 - Staff needs to receive equivalent salaries and benefits
 - Skilled nursing facility is very important to this area of the county

Marvin Gentry
925 Spainhour Road
King, NC 27021

Mr. Gentry noted the following comments regarding the RFP Proposal for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.:

- Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital has long been a source of pride in Stokes County
- Remember meetings that were held in my father's kitchen to raise the funds to build Stokes Reynolds
- Recently found the information pertaining to the first budget, who gave the land, who did the grading, etc.
- Healthcare is constantly changing
- Served ten years on the Wake Forest Medical Center's Board of Directors
- Feels that Stokes County needs to think about a way to provide healthcare on an emergency basis and as needed basis for the entire county
- Stokes County, for many reasons, needs to get out of the healthcare business at some point because it is changing so fast and financially that sooner or later it will become a real burden
- Upcoming 2013 revaluation should have 20% to 30% cuts in valuations
- Challenge the Board to review the RFP, not obligate the county long term and try to facilitate with whoever, a way to take care of short term needs of people who have emergencies
- History proves most patients who are real sick are transferred to other facilities

- Can we afford to provide the needed care
- Believes that Wake Forest Medical Center still has an interest in Stokes County and will help in any way possible with something that makes sense to cover the needs of the County

Pam Tillman
113 Gayle Drive
King, NC 27021

Ms. Tillman noted the following comments regarding the RFP Proposal for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.:

- Would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Commissioners for the time and energy spent over the recent months to find the best option for Stokes Reynolds and its future
- Much work has been done during the past year not only to control cost, but to study and determine ways to increase services to the citizens of Stokes County
- Still much work to be done
- Many patients and family members have commended the importance the quality services they have received over the last year have been for either themselves or a family member
- Encourage and support the Board as decisions are made regarding the next steps for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital
- The decision is not whether Stokes Reynolds needs to be here, but what are the next steps necessary to move Stokes Reynolds forward so that vital healthcare is available to the citizens of Stokes County

Gary Merritt
220 Whispering Creek Road
King, NC 27021

Mr. Merritt noted the following comments regarding the RFP Proposal for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc.:

- Reviewed the proposal received from Pioneer, as a businessman wanting to make a business decision would tell Pioneer thank you for the paper it is written on and don't need to talk any further and send it back to Mississippi
- Spent a lot of time in meetings with Baptist in 2008 and gathered a lot of information about Stokes Reynolds Hospital
- No question about the quality of care received by patients at Stokes Reynolds
- No question about the integrity and professionalism of the staff at Stokes Reynolds
- The problem with Stokes Reynolds is that it is an obsolete facility
- The perception of the public is that Stokes Reynolds can't provide the needed services
- If revenues can't cover the expenses, then it is a real drain on the county

- Talked to neighboring county managers who feel that the county needs to get out of the hospital business
- Been associated with the operation of a nursing home
- Learned with talking to Baptist in 2008 that you can't operate a nursing home with hospital staff and hospital ways, they are two different industries with different trains of management
- Need to get a good provider for the 40 nursing home beds at Stokes Reynolds, do business with someone who has been in the nursing home business in Stokes County
- Need new facilities
- Consider giving the operating room beds and emergency room beds to Baptist for consideration of some type of new outpatient hospital, probably towards King
- Need something in this part of the county to take care of the EMS calls
- Review the EMS calls to see where the patients are taken, most normally go outside of Stokes County
- Possibly consider an urgent care in this part of the county with "new toys"
- No one wants to come to a place that don't have the "new toys"
- Must appeal to the youngest and brightest and bring them to Stokes County
- Thought of shutting down Stokes Reynolds is a very hard thing to swallow, everyone has ties and memories to Stokes Reynolds
- Stokes County has got to look at the new trends in healthcare, new services and new facilities
- Possibly look at remodeling Stokes Reynolds for a hospice home, a veteran medical center, etc.
- There are needed services that could be placed at Stokes Reynolds
- Take this opportunity and reposition ourselves for the 21st century
- Be smart about the decisions that are made
- Can't continue to spend money each month to keep the facility going, draining the county fund balance
- Hard decisions have to be made

With no further comments, Chairman Lankford closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Lankford thanked those in attendance and for those who made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during Public Comments:

Tom Southern
 203 Faye Court
 King, NC 27021
 Re: **Senior Tar Heel Legislature**

Mr. Southern presented the following information regarding the Senior Tar Heel Legislature (STHL):

- Purpose of the STHL:
 - Provide information and education to senior adults on the legislative process and matters being considered by the NC General Assembly
 - Promote citizen involvement and advocacy concerning aging issues before the NC General Assembly
 - Assess the legislative needs of older adults by convening a forum modeled after the NC General Assembly
- NC STHL reports and makes recommendations to the NC General Assembly
- There is one delegate and one alternate from each 100 counties in NC
- Delegates and alternates volunteer their time and must be 60 or older
- Baby boomers are reaching age 65 this year
- With the tight budget, funds will possibly be decreased
- 2011 Legislative Priorities:
 - Provide funding to sustain Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty)
 - Increase funding for home and community based services for older adults by increasing the Home and Community Care Block Grant by \$5 million
 - Increase funding for senior centers by an additional \$2 million in recurring funds for a total of \$3,265,316 a year
 - Mandate pre-employment and random drug testing for employees of nursing and assisted living facilities
 - Dental Care for North Carolina's Adult Special Care Population
- King Senior Center will be evaluated this June by the State for determination of being a "Center of Excellence" or a "Center of Merit" which can increase funding from the State
- Walnut Cove Senior Center is a "Center of Excellence"
- There has been an effort to increase minimum income regarding the "Homestead Exemption Act" from \$25,000 to \$35,000
- Have spoken against this effort because of the additional burden placed on small counties like Stokes, topic has been removed this year from the Senior Tar Heel Priority List
- Will continue to try to represent Stokes County

Chairman Lankford, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, expressed appreciation to Mr. Southern for his dedication and service to Stokes County as the Senior Tar Heel Legislature Delegate.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of March 28, 2011

Finance - Budget Amendment #64

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #64 which was presented to the Board by Interim County Manager Rick Morris at the March 28th meeting for discussion.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
General Fund				
	See Below	<u>\$14,796,050.00</u>	<u>\$(389,202.00)</u>	<u>\$14,406,848.00</u>
	Totals	\$14,796,050.00	\$(389,202.00)	\$14,406,848.00
E911				
	See Below	<u>\$144,545.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$144,545.00</u>
	Totals	\$144,545.00	\$00.00	\$144,545.00
Revaluation Fund				
	See Below	<u>\$101,910.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$101,910.00</u>
	Totals	\$101,910.00	\$00.00	\$101,910.00
Sewer Fund				
	See Below	<u>\$13,749.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$13,749.00</u>
	Total	\$13,749.00	\$00.00	\$13,749.00
Walnut Cove Senior Center				
	See Below	<u>\$32,489.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$32,489.00</u>
	Total	\$32,489.00	\$00.00	\$32,489.00
Danbury Water Fund				
	See Below	<u>\$17,266.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$17,266.00</u>
	Totals	\$17,266.00	\$00.00	\$17,266.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To adjust departmental budgets following the budget review as of 02/28/2011. These reductions and/or increases are derived from salary adjustments, line item reviews, and deferral of projects (paving, county vehicle parking lot, salt storage bin, and padded cell at the jail). Amendment also includes revenues received from the Board of Education for the part time Meadowbrook School Resource Officer.

This will result in a net decrease of \$389,202.00 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
100.3327.100	Hold Harmless	\$2,108,571.00	\$(407,702.00)	\$1,700,869.00
100.3431.421	School Resource Officer BOE	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$18,500.00</u>	<u>\$18,500.00</u>
	Totals	\$2,108,571.00	\$(389,202.00)	\$1,719,369.00

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
General Fund				
Governing Body				
100.4110.110	Group Insurance	\$ 7,873.00	\$ 3,610.00	\$ 11,483.00
100.4110.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 490.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 675.00
100.4110.112	Retiree Insurance	\$ 77,091.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 79,716.00
100.4110.310	Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
100.4110.311	Training	\$ 3,626.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 2,626.00
100.4110.450	Insurance	\$ 562,000.00	\$ 5,845.00	\$ 567,845.00
100.4110.490	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 25,180.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 24,680.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 11,265.00	
Administration				
100.4120.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 141,599.00	\$(22,000.00)	\$ 119,599.00
100.4120.090	Social Security	\$ 8,779.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 7,579.00
100.4120.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 2,053.00	\$ (275.00)	\$ 1,778.00
100.4120.100	Retirement	\$ 9,147.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 7,947.00
100.4120.101	401K & Deferred Comp	\$ 7,480.00	\$ (2,900.00)	\$ 4,580.00
100.4120.110	Group Insurance	\$ 8,693.00	\$ (1,700.00)	\$ 6,993.00
100.4120.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 541.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 441.00
100.4120.311	Training	\$ 1,764.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 1,264.00
100.4120.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 800.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$(29,575.00)	
Finance				
100.4130.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 147,371.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 147,856.00
100.4130.090	Social Security	\$ 9,137.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 8,637.00
100.4130.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 2,137.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 2,037.00
100.4130.101	401K	\$ 1,441.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,476.00
100.4130.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (1,920.00)	\$ 4,580.00
100.4130.311	Training	\$ 2,200.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 1,700.00
100.4130.390	Bank Charges	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 00.00	
Purchasing				
100.4131.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 49,564.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 49,599.00
100.4131.090	Social Security	\$ 3,073.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ 2,723.00
100.4131.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 719.00	\$ (75.00)	\$ 644.00
100.4131.101	401K	\$ 486.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 501.00
100.4131.311	Training	\$ 980.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 480.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (875.00)	
Tax Administration				
100.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 233,245.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 233,845.00
100.4140.020	Salaries & Wages Part Time	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 11,900.00
100.4140.090	Social Security	\$ 15,168.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 14,468.00
100.4140.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 3,547.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 3,447.00
100.4140.100	Retirement	\$ 15,804.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 15,104.00
100.4140.101	401K	\$ 2,325.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 2,125.00
100.4140.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 5,096.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,596.00

100.4140.311	Trainings	\$ 3,038.00	\$ (1,550.00)	\$ 1,488.00
100.4140.450	Insurance & Bonds	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ 650.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 00.00	

GIS/Mapping

100.4141.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 119,740.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 120,150.00
100.4141.090	Social Security	\$ 7,424.00	\$ (750.00)	\$ 6,674.00
100.4141.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,736.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 1,586.00
100.4141.101	401K	\$ 911.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 931.00
100.4141.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 30,040.00	\$(10,000.00)	\$ 20,040.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$(10,470.00)	

Superior Court

100.4160.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 392.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 492.00
100.4160.441	Juvenile Detention	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 15,000.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (4,900.00)	

Elections

100.4170.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 69,257.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 69,507.00
100.4170.101	401K	\$ 680.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 695.00
100.4170.310	Travel	\$ 750.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 950.00
100.4170.311	Training	\$ 4,572.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 3,572.00
100.4170.320	Telephone	\$ 1,514.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,594.00
100.4170.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 15,000.00	\$(14,575.00)	\$ 425.00
100.4170.390	Precinct Official	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
100.4170.430	Rental of Building	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,625.00
100.4170.511	Equipment Non Capitalized	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (4,530.00)	

Register of Deeds

100.4180.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 107,050.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 107,400.00
100.4180.090	Social Security	\$ 7,401.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ 7,051.00
100.4180.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,731.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 1,681.00
100.4180.100	Retirement	\$ 7,711.00	\$ (775.00)	\$ 6,936.00
100.4180.101	401K	\$ 811.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 821.00
	Other Fringe Supplemental			
100.4180.170	Pension	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 3,000.00
100.4180.311	Training	\$ 2,450.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 1,850.00
100.4180.511	Equipment Non Capitalized	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 1,500.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (2,415.00)	

Public Buildings

100.4190.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 240,864.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 241,164.00
100.4190.090	Social Security	\$ 14,934.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 14,234.00
100.4190.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 3,493.00	\$ (175.00)	\$ 3,318.00
100.4190.101	401K	\$ 1,208.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,258.00
100.4190.321	Postage	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
100.4190.330	Utilities	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 286,000.00
100.4190.511	Equipment Non Capitalized	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ -
100.4190.590	Improvements	\$ 230,842.00	\$(210,842.00)	\$ 20,000.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$(207,867.00)	

Information Systems				
100.4210.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 127,000.00	\$ (3,900.00)	\$ 123,100.00
100.4210.090	Social Security	\$ 7,874.00	\$ (950.00)	\$ 6,924.00
100.4210.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,842.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 1,642.00
100.4210.100	Retirement	\$ 8,204.00	\$ (400.00)	\$ 7,804.00
100.4210.101	401K	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (30.00)	\$ 1,170.00
100.4210.110	Group Insurance	\$ 11,810.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 11,210.00
100.4210.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 735.00	\$ (40.00)	\$ 695.00
100.4210.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 7,448.00	\$ (1,020.00)	\$ 6,428.00
100.4210.311	Training	\$ 980.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 2,000.00
100.4210.320	Telephone	\$ 1,151.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,251.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (6,020.00)	
Vehicle Maintenance				
100.4250.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 96,546.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 96,846.00
100.4250.090	Social Security	\$ 5,986.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 5,786.00
100.4250.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 1,350.00
100.4250.101	401K	\$ 950.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 970.00
100.4250.320	Telephone	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,080.00
100.4250.330	Utilities	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 5,800.00
100.4250.510	Equipment	\$ 41,200.00	\$ (4,320.00)	\$ 36,880.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (3,150.00)	
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,434,075.00	\$ (30,000.00)	\$ 1,404,075.00
100.4310.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 109,159.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 157,659.00
100.4310.040	Separation Allowance	\$ 40,918.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 43,918.00
100.4310.090	Social Security	\$ 96,332.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 104,532.00
100.4310.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 22,529.00	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 24,454.00
100.4310.100	Retirement	\$ 91,753.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 97,103.00
100.4310.101	401K	\$ 1,229.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,244.00
100.4310.102	401K 5%	\$ 65,229.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 71,729.00
100.4310.110	Group Insurance	\$ 173,206.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 168,206.00
100.4310.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 10,772.00	\$ (325.00)	\$ 10,447.00
100.4310.320	Telephone	\$ 16,207.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 18,407.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 40,365.00	
Jail				
100.4320.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 596,202.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 576,202.00
100.4320.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 116,000.00
100.4320.090	Social Security	\$ 41,250.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 41,950.00
100.4320.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 9,647.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 9,847.00
100.4320.100	Retirement	\$ 37,036.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 36,536.00
100.4320.101	401K	\$ 1,156.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 1,056.00
100.4320.102	401K 5%	\$ 3,249.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,269.00
100.4320.110	Group Insurance	\$ 78,730.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 76,730.00
100.4320.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 4,896.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 4,796.00
100.4320.511	Equipment Non Capitalized	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (9,780.00)	

District Resource Center				
100.4321.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 84,240.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 83,240.00
100.4321.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,600.00
100.4321.100	Retirement	\$ 5,442.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 5,292.00
100.4321.101	401K	\$ 842.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 742.00
100.4321.110	Group Insurance	\$ 11,810.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 10,810.00
100.4321.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 735.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 685.00
100.4321.321	Postage	\$ 90.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 140.00
Total of Increase/Decrease			\$ (1,250.00)	

Emergency Communications				
100.4325.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 368,385.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 348,385.00
100.4325.010	Salaries & Wages-Overtime	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 16,500.00
100.4325.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 6,275.00	\$ 33,275.00
100.4325.090	Social Security	\$ 25,089.00	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ 23,789.00
100.4325.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 5,868.00	\$ (275.00)	\$ 5,593.00
100.4325.100	Retirement	\$ 24,397.00	\$ (900.00)	\$ 23,497.00
100.4325.101	401K	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,702.00
100.4325.110	Group Insurance	\$ 47,238.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 45,738.00
100.4325.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 2,938.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 2,838.00
100.4325.320	Telephone	\$ 7,477.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,477.00
100.4325.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 26,700.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 36,700.00
Total of Increase/Decrease			\$ 00.00	

Emergency Management				
100.4330.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 105,168.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 105,618.00
100.4330.321	Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
100.4330.261	Emergency Response Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 3,500.00
Total of Increase/Decrease			\$ 00.00	

Fire Marshal				
100.4340.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 141,829.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 138,829.00
100.4340.090	Social Security	\$ 8,794.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 8,294.00
100.4340.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 2,057.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 1,907.00
100.4340.101	401K	\$ 295.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 320.00
100.4340.110	Group Insurance	\$ 15,749.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ 15,399.00
100.4340.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 980.00	\$ (20.00)	\$ 960.00
100.4340.320	Telephone	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Total of Increase/Decrease			\$ (3,495.00)	

Medical Examiner				
100.4360.000	Medical Examiner	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Total of Increase/Decrease				

Emergency Medical Services				
100.4370.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,143,466.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 1,123,466.00
100.4370.010	Salaries & Wages-Overtime	\$ 175,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 165,000.00
100.4370.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 165,000.00
100.4370.090	Social Security	\$ 91,045.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 86,045.00
100.4370.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 21,293.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 20,293.00
100.4370.100	Retirement	\$ 85,173.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 81,173.00

100.4370.101	401K	\$ 5,739.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 5,689.00
100.4370.110	Group Insurance	\$ 137,777.00	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ 134,277.00
100.4370.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 8,568.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 8,368.00
100.4370.320	Telephone	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,300.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (23,750.00)	

Animal Control

100.4380.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 93,143.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 93,493.00
100.4380.090	Social Security	\$ 5,775.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 5,075.00
100.4380.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,351.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 1,201.00
100.4380.101	401K	\$ 497.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 512.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (485.00)	

Solid Waste

100.4720.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 183,252.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 163,252.00
100.4720.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 173,420.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 163,420.00
100.4720.090	Social Security	\$ 21,862.00	\$ (1,750.00)	\$ 20,112.00
100.4720.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 5,113.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ 4,763.00
100.4720.100	Retirement	\$ 11,575.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 10,775.00
100.4720.101	401K	\$ 721.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 771.00
100.4720.110	Group Insurance	\$ 27,556.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 23,556.00
100.4720.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 1,714.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 1,514.00
100.4720.320	Telephone	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
100.4720.330	Utilities	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
100.4720.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
100.4720.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
100.4720.352	Maint. & Repairs Building	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,800.00
100.4720.353	Maint. & Repairs Sites	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 10,600.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (23,150.00)	

Planning

100.4910.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 277,312.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 278,112.00
100.4910.090	Social Security	\$ 17,193.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 16,393.00
100.4910.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 4,021.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 3,871.00
100.4910.101	401K	\$ 2,773.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 2,573.00
100.4910.310	Travel	\$ 2,325.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 1,825.00
100.4910.370	Advertising	\$ 2,400.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 1,700.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (1,550.00)	

Economic Development

100.4920.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 87,572.00	\$ (1,900.00)	\$ 85,672.00
100.4920.090	Social Security	\$ 5,429.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 5,229.00
100.4920.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,270.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 1,220.00
100.4920.100	Retirement	\$ 5,657.00	\$ (250.00)	\$ 5,407.00
100.4920.110	Group Insurance	\$ 6,397.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 5,597.00
100.4920.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 398.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 348.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (3,250.00)	

Cooperative Extension

100.4950.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 147,492.00	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ 112,492.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease			

Natural Resources				
100.4960.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 92,553.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 92,953.00
100.4960.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 15,226.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 15,351.00
100.4960.090	Social Security	\$ 6,682.00	\$ (250.00)	\$ 6,432.00
100.4960.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,563.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 1,513.00
100.4960.101	401K	\$ 694.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 714.00
100.4960.340	Printing	\$ 1,900.00	\$ (245.00)	\$ 1,655.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 00.00	

Health Department				
100.5100.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 989,021.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 979,021.00
100.5100.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 50,344.00	\$ (7,000.00)	\$ 43,344.00
100.5100.090	Social Security	\$ 64,843.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 62,843.00
100.5100.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 15,165.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 14,665.00
100.5100.100	Retirement	\$ 63,467.00	\$ (900.00)	\$ 62,567.00
100.5100.101	401K	\$ 4,349.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 4,249.00
100.5100.110	Group Insurance	\$ 117,853.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 115,353.00
100.5100.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 7,329.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 7,179.00
100.5100.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 185.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 785.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (22,550.00)	

Home Health				
100.5190.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 266,284.00	\$ (9,000.00)	\$ 257,284.00
100.5190.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$ 78,602.00	\$ (15,400.00)	\$ 63,202.00
100.5190.081	On Call	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
100.5190.090	Social Security	\$ 22,293.00	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ 18,793.00
100.5190.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 5,214.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 4,414.00
100.5190.100	Retirement	\$ 17,977.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 17,177.00
100.5190.101	401K	\$ 1,224.00	\$ (400.00)	\$ 824.00
100.5190.110	Group Insurance	\$ 33,461.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 29,461.00
100.5190.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 2,081.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 1,981.00
100.5190.180	Professional Services	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
100.5190.230	Medical Supplies	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
100.5190.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
100.5190.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 30,495.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 32,495.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 00.00	

Environmental Health				
100.5192.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 204,249.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 184,249.00
100.5192.090	Social Security	\$ 12,859.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 10,859.00
100.5192.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 3,007.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 2,507.00
100.5192.100	Retirement	\$ 13,225.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 12,225.00
100.5192.101	401K	\$ 667.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 867.00
100.5192.110	Group Insurance	\$ 21,257.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 19,257.00
100.5192.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 1,322.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 1,222.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (25,400.00)	

Social Services				
100.5310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,736,413.00	\$ (13,200.00)	\$ 1,723,213.00
100.5310.081	On Call	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 29,500.00

100.5310.082	Incentive Pay	\$ 39,800.00	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ 33,300.00
100.5310.090	Social Security	\$ 117,319.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 112,319.00
100.5310.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 27,437.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 26,237.00
100.5310.100	Retirement	\$ 118,084.00	\$ (2,100.00)	\$ 115,984.00
100.5310.101	401K	\$ 10,897.00	\$ (250.00)	\$ 10,647.00
100.5310.110	Group Insurance	\$ 228,317.00	\$ (3,400.00)	\$ 224,917.00
100.5310.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 14,199.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 13,999.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (26,350.00)	

Veterans Services

100.5820.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 14,431.00	\$ (5.00)	\$ 14,426.00
100.5820.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 209.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 214.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 00.00	

Senior Services

100.5860.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 87,059.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 87,309.00
100.5860.030	Salaries & Wages Permanent PT	\$ 29,476.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 29,656.00
100.5860.090	Social Security	\$ 8,575.00	\$ (475.00)	\$ 8,100.00
100.5860.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 2,005.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 1,905.00
100.5860.101	401K		\$ (145.00)	
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ (290.00)	

Forsyth Tech

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100.5920.320	Telephone	\$ 11,700.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 10,700.00
100.5920.330	Utilities	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 00.00	

Arts Council

100.6150.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 61,320.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 61,445.00
	Total of Increase/Decrease		\$ 125.00	

Total

\$14,796,050.00 \$(389,202.00) \$14,406,848.00

E911 Fund

200.4325.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 46,845.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 56,845.00
200.4325.320	Telephone	\$ 97,700.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 87,700.00
	Totals	\$ 144,545.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 144,545.00

Revaluation Fund

202.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 95,960.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 96,260.00
202.4140.090	Social Security	\$ 5,950.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 5,650.00
	Totals	\$ 101,910.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 101,910.00

Sewer Fund

501.7140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,988.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 11,038.00
501.7140.090	Social Security	\$ 681.00	\$ (15.00)	\$ 666.00
501.7140.101	401K	\$ 80.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 85.00
501.7140.310	Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (40.00)	\$ 1,960.00
	Totals	\$ 13,749.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 13,749.00

Walnut Cove Senior Center

204.5861.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 25,945.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 26,070.00
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204.5861.090	Social Security	\$ 1,609.00	\$ (30.00)	\$ 1,579.00
204.5861.100	Retirement	\$ 1,676.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,681.00
204.5861.101	401K	\$ 259.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 264.00
204.5861.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (105.00)	\$ 2,895.00
	Totals	\$ 32,489.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 32,489.00

Danbury Water Fund				
502.7140.311	Training	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
502.7140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 15,766.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 15,266.00
	Totals	\$ 17,266.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 17,266.00

Social Services - Budget Amendment #65

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #65.

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	\$595.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,595.00
	Totals	\$595.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,595.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds for MOE to purchase the following: (has been approved by the State)
Computer and printer.

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

Proposed Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

DSS Director Kristy Preston submitted the following proposed Proclamation –

“Child Abuse Prevention Month – April” for the Board’s approval:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Proclamation

Whereas, child maltreatment is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when parents find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and unable to cope;

Whereas, 757 children were reported as allegedly abused and neglected in Stokes County in 2010;

Whereas, 135 children were found in need of services or substantiated as abused or neglected in Stokes County in 2010;

Whereas, the majority of child maltreatment cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community;

Whereas, the effects of child maltreatment are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

Whereas, effective child maltreatment prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Therefore, we, the Commissioners of Stokes County, North Carolina do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Stokes County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 11th day of April 2011.

Chairman Ernest Lankford

Vice Chairman J. Leon Inman

Commissioner Jimmy Walker

Commissioner Ronda Jones

Commissioner James D. Booth

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the Consent Agent as presented.

Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Update – Manager and Board of Commissioners

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for updates from the Board and Interim County Manager.

Chairman Lankford noted that three of the Commissioners attended the NCACC District Meeting last week. The Board members received valuable information regarding the potential budget shortfalls at the State level.

POD Relocation - Update

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following POD Transfer Schedule to Early College:

Site Prep/POD Completion Schedule

Pre Bid Review - on site	April 7, 2011
Bid Opening	April 19, 2011
BOCC Review - Discussion Agenda	April 26, 2011
BOCC - Contract Award Recommendation	April 26, 2011
BOCC Review - Action Agenda (approve winner)	May 9, 2011
Award Contract	May 16, 2011
Start Grading	June 1, 2011
Complete Grading	June 15, 2011
County Issues Improvement and Building Permits	June 16, 2011
Dig and Pour Footings	June 20, 2011
Start Disassembly, Move and Reassembly of POD	June 23, 2011
POD Reassembled (hookups complete)	September 1, 2011
Final Interior Completed (phones, carpet, computer wiring, fire alarm)	October 15, 2011

Sewer System Schedule

Dig Test Pits	April 7/8, 2011
State Environmental Health Review - On Site	April 18, 2011
Additional DENR Required Tests Complete	April 30, 2011
State Review of Additional Testing	May 16, 2011
Final Soil Tests Provided to Engineer	May 17, 2011
Initiate System Design	May 17, 2011
System Design Complete	June 15, 2011

Interim Manager Morris noted the following:

- Have discussed the schedule with Environmental Health and Planning staff along with Danny Stovall who handles the contracting issues
- Schedule is a “living” document that can be changed
- Schedules assume that the soils are acceptable and have good weather
- Currently on schedule
- Could get done earlier

Commissioner Booth questioned if this was time sensitive for the opening of the 2011-12 school year.

Operations Director David Burge, Stokes Schools, noted that there would be 50 additional students enrolled at the Early College this fall and it would be great if the POD was completed. Director Burge did note that the septic approval is a major challenge and very time consuming.

Chairman Lankford expressed appreciation to Interim Manager Morris for the detailed schedule.

Proposed Proclamation – Week of the Young Child

Chairman Lankford, who serves on the Stokes Partnership for Children - Board of Directors, introduced Executive Director Cindy Tuttle, Stokes Partnership Board Chairman Perry Carroll, and Board of Directors Member Ann Watts, who were in attendance for the meeting.

Executive Director Cindy Tuttle presented a short video prepared by the North Carolina Partnership for Children to focus on the importance of how early childhood relates to job development.

Executive Director Cindy Tuttle noted that Stokes Partnership for Children (“Smart Start and More at Four”) receives state funding and only in-kind funding from Stokes County and would appreciate any support from the Board of Commissioners in talking to state legislators regarding Smart Start funding. Executive Director Tuttle, along with Chairman Perry Carroll, expressed their appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their continued support. Chairman

Carroll, SPFC, noted that we all must make sure that every child gets off to a good start when they are young, as they are our youngest and most precious citizens.

Chairman Lankford presented the following proposed proclamation "Week of the Young Child":

Proclamation

The Week of the Young Child

WHEREAS, the County of Stokes, in conjunction with Stokes Partnership for Children, join the National Association for the Education of Young Children, in recognizing the Week of the Young Child, April 10-16, 2011 and

WHEREAS, these organizations are working to improve the lives of young children through awareness and support of early care and education, family support, health and wellbeing that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Stokes County, North Carolina and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Stokes County, North Carolina deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, we, the Commissioners of Stokes County, North Carolina do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2011 as "**The Week of the Young Child**" in Stokes County, North Carolina and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in Stokes County.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2011.

Chairman Ernest Lankford

Vice Chairman J. Leon Inman

Commissioner Jimmy Walker

Commissioner Ronda Jones

Commissioner James D. Booth

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

April 11, 2011

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The Board unanimously agreed to adopt the proclamation "The Week of the Young Child".

Commissioner Walker, who has previously been involved in SPFC, expressed his appreciation to the SPFC personnel for the services provided to the young citizens of Stokes County.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Tax Administration Report – March 2011

Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the March report:

Fiscal Year 2010-11	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$(20,744,514.00)	\$20,002,831.90		\$741,682.10
Prior Taxes 93-09 Tax Years				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$ 700,000.00	\$592,729.03		\$107,270.97

EMS Collections

Total Collected	
(03-01-11/03-31-11)	\$17,984.55
Total Collected	
(07-01-10/06-30-11)	\$116,910.66
Delinquent accounts received from EMS (April 4, 2011)	
94 accounts = \$22,556.07	

Personal Property Discovery Report

Audit Dates	# of Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
03-01-11/03-31-11	9	\$138,695.00	\$1,244.54
07-01-10/06-30-11	390	\$4,495,788.00	\$38,612.92

Business Personal Property Discovery Report

Audit Dates	# of Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
03-01-11/03-31-11	0	\$00.00	\$00.00
07-01-10/06-30-11	3	\$15,259.00	\$119.71

Motor Vehicle Release

Report Audit Dates	Accounts	Total Value
03-01-11/03-31-11	42	\$1,359.23

**Motor Vehicle Refund
Report****Audit Dates**

03-01-11/03-31-11

**Number billed for
Mar. 2011****Accounts**

14

3350

Total Value

\$258.80

Garnishment Totals

Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amt	Collected Amt
03-01-11/03-31-11	119	\$32,960.83	\$31,181.30
F/Year 2010-11			
(July 1 – June 30)	3032	\$386,753.90	\$264,277.58

Interstate Collection Report (March 2011)

Cumulative Total Collected

Collection
NC Debt Setoff**Total Collected**

63,275.90

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Motor Vehicles

\$59,334.12

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Property Taxes

\$14,094.99

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

EMS

\$51,495.09

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

All Categories

\$124,924.20

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Real and Personal Property Releases

(March 2011) which are less than \$100 for the Board's review:

Releases (Real and Personal Property)**Less than \$100–March 2011–Per NCGS 105-381 (b)**

Name	Bill Number	Amount
Cynthia Page	10A155962572.04	\$1.83
Cynthia Page	10A155962572.04.1	\$1.83
Nicole Shelton	10A156028261.06	<u>\$41.34</u>
	Total Amount	\$45.00

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Refunds

(March 2011) which are less than \$100 for the Board's consideration:

Refund (Real and Personal Property)**Less than \$100–March 2011–Per NCGS 105-381 (b)**

Name	Bill Number	Amount
Randy Roberts		
Sandy Roberts	08A690600632600	\$98.42
	07A690600632600	\$98.42
	06A690600632600	\$96.94
Laurel Lake LLC*	07A690800084683	\$37.91
	08A690800084683	\$37.91
	09A690800084683	<u>\$35.25</u>
	Total Amount	\$404.85

- This refund is to be combined with a refund for Hervey Martin, to be approved by the Commissioners, in one check written to Laurel Lake, LLC in the total amount of \$282.68

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Releases

(March 2011) which are more than \$100 for the Board's consideration:

Releases (Real and Personal Property)

More than \$100–March 2011–Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Ruth Brown*	10A695101285990.1	\$222.67	
Ruth Brown*	10A695101285990.2	\$222.67	
Ruth Brown*	10A695101285990.3	\$303.83	
Ruth Brown*	10A695101285990.4	\$303.83	
Betty McAlexander & Others**	11A694900598757.1	\$112.39	
	11A694900599840.1	\$148.30	
	11A694900599840.2	\$148.30	
Jerry Willard	10A74325.08	<u>\$351.12</u>	Double wide was repossessed in 2009
Total Amount		\$1,813.11	

*Per site visit, land will qualify for new owner.

** New owner decided to continue use-value prior to closing

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Refunds

(March 2011) which are more than \$100 for the Board's consideration:

Releases (Real and Personal Property)

More than \$100– March 2011–Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Randy Roberts	10A690600632600	\$105.74	House has no basement
Sandra Roberts	09A690600632600	\$105.74	House has no basement
Hervey Martin	06A690800084683	<u>\$171.61</u>	Acreage error by surveyor
Total Amount		\$383.09	

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Present-Use Value Late

Applications per NCGS 105-277.4(a1) for the Board's consideration:

Tax Payer	Parcel #	Acreage
Jack Lewellyn	695303112188	17.12 ac
Mary Lewellyn		
Reason: Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn have owned this farm for many years.		

Tax Payer	Parcel #	Acreage
Tina Lewis	695900136741	33.24 ac
Gina Allen		

Reason: This land has been in the family for many years.

Tax Payer	Parcel #	Acreage
Brian Plummer	603000412800	3.00 ac
Donna Plummer	603000315239	32.00 ac
	603000225214	39.25 ac

Reason: This farm had formerly been in Present-use Deferment and the owner is obtaining a Forestry Plan.

Tax Administrator Oakley noted the Tax Office recommends approval for the Present-Use Value Late Applications for the following:

- Jack and Mary Lewellyn
- Tina Lewis and Gina Allen
- Brian and Donna Plummer

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Write Off Request:

- Account #4148/Bill #10A599220804613/Amount of \$30.39
- City of King's principal amount on the Stokes County Annual Bill was \$868.30
- Taxpayer sent an electronic check to the City of King for this bill in December 2010
- City of King held the money without forwarding the remittance to the Stokes County Tax Office to offset the balance owed on this parcel
- City of King refunded \$868.30 to the owner of the property after he had received a second notice from the Tax Office
- Taxpayer called Tax Office concerning the past due notice
- Once the matter was settled, taxpayer sent another electronic check in the amount of \$868.30 to the Stokes County Tax office
- There is \$30.39 of principal amount of this parcel as our system automatically applies any payment to interest charges first
- Tax Office is requesting approval from the Board to write off the \$30.39 principal amount remaining on the parcel in order to be fair to the taxpayer who actually initially paid the bill before it was past due in December 2010

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Motor Vehicle Appeal:

- Michael Moran is appealing the adjustment from the assigned value of \$72,715 for a 1997 AMTD HC to the "bill of sale" cost of \$52,000
- Mr. Moran is requesting a reduction to \$52,000
- Value of \$52,000 represents actual retail per Bill Plemmons RV World
- Bill of Sale showed a \$71,715 per a trade-in of a 2002 Winnebago

- Bottom line figure on the bill of sale was adjusted to show the equity on the loan for Mr. Moran per Bill Plemmons RV World
- In order to remain consistent and fair in the Tax Office's pricing of motor homes using the bill of sale, the Stokes County Tax Administration recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve this appeal and adjust the value to \$52,000
- Mr. Moran has already paid the tax bill
- Upon approval, an amount of \$137.75 will need to be refunded to Mr. Moran

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding a discount for early payment of annual bills:

- For many years, Stokes County has offered a 2% discount for payment of Annual Tax Bills (Real and Personal) prior to September 1st, per NCGS 105-360(c)
- Unless the Board of Commissioners chooses to alter this policy, the Tax Department will continue to reflect the offering of the early payment discount
- Unless you wish to alter the early payment discount, the Board does not need to take any action to continue the existing policy
- Any amendment to the existing resolution must be approved by the Governing Body by May 1st of each year
- New or revised schedules must be submitted to the Property Tax Division for approval and then published once in a newspaper
- Approximately \$203,000 was taken advantage of by taxpayers in August 2010 by applying the 2% discount
- Giving the 2% discount brought in approximately \$8-9 million in August 2010, all escrow companies are mandated to take advantage of any discount

The Board discussed the early payment discount.

The Board unanimously agreed to make no changes to the 2% discount for payment of Annual Tax Bills (Real and Personal) prior to September 1st of 2011.

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley noted the collection rate as of March 31, 2011 is 96%. Tax Administrator Oakley explained that by taking away the 2% discount, the collection rate would be at 97.50% leaving \$503,608.70 to be collected from the budgeted amount for the remaining of the 2010-11 Fiscal Year.

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

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00
- Present-Use Value Late Applications
- Write Off Request
- Motor Vehicle Appeal

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Alternative Court Facilities in Stokes County in an Emergency
Memorandum of Agreement For Courts – Continuity of Operations Plan (C-Coop Plan)

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Alternative Court Facilities in Stokes County in an Emergency:

- Purpose of the C-COOP Plan is to assure continuity of Operations and Administration of Justice in the event of an emergency situation that disrupts the health and safety of court personnel or facilities
- Clerk of Superior Court is the C-COOP Leader for Stokes County
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Chief District Court Judge, and Stokes County
- MOU ensures that in an emergency the court system continues to function in and for the citizens of Stokes County
- Alternative facilities for the court system include the use of the Ronald W. Reagan Administrative Building and the Old Courthouse
- Same documentation has also been presented to the Board of Education for approval
- In such an emergency, expenses would be incurred for moving staff and unplanned expenditures
- Request authorized for the county manager to execute the documents

The Board had no issues with the proposed C-COOP Plan.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Request for Approval of the Stokes County Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion for approval of the Stokes County Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan along with the following proposed Resolution presented at the March 28th

meeting:

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

STOKES COUNTY

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Stokes County are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to flooding; high winds, including severe storms/tornadoes/hurricanes; wildfires; droughts; heat waves; winter storms and freezes.

WHEREAS, the County desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Section 1 Part 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes (adopted in Session Law 2001-214 --- Senate Bill 300 effective July 1, 2001), states therein in Item (a) (2) "For a state of disaster proclaimed pursuant to G.S. 166A-6(a) after August 1, 2002, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act"; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Stokes County has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County hereby:

1. Adopts the Stokes County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi Hazard Plan; and
2. Vests Stokes County Emergency Management with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.

3. Appoints Stokes County Emergency Management to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County for consideration.

4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted on this day 11th day of April, 2011

Chairman Ernest Lankford

Vice Chairman J. Leon Inman

Commissioner Jimmy Walker

Commissioner Ronda Jones

Commissioner James D. Booth

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

SEAL :

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Stokes County Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan along with the submitted Resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CBDG (Scattered Site Housing) - Proposed Agreements
Proposed Budget Amendment #66

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the CBDG (Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation Grant) proposed grant and funding agreements presented at the March 28th meeting along with the following Budget Amendment #66:

(Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #66 for appropriation of funding)

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Scattered Site Housing			
205.4971.440	Misc. Contractual Services	00.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds for CBDG Scattered Site Housing Program.

This will result in a net increase of \$400,000.00 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
205.3301.001	CBDG Scattered Site Housing	\$00.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00

Commissioner Booth moved to approve Budget Amendment #66 and to authorize the interim county manager to execute the grant and funding agreements submitted at the March 28th meeting along with any other required documentation for the CBDG (Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation) Grant. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution - New Elementary School/Southeastern Middle School Projects

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the following proposed Resolution submitted at the March 28th meeting:

Extract of Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioner of the County of Stokes, North Carolina held in the Commissioners' Chambers, New Government Center, Danbury, North Carolina 27016, on April 11, 2011.

* * *

The following members were absent:

Also present:

Commissioner _____ moved that the following resolution (the "Resolution"), a copy of which was available with the Board and which was read by title:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF STOKES, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY OF STOKES, NORTH CAROLINA TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE EXPANSION, RENOVATION AND UPGRADE OF SOUTHEASTERN STOKES MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION OBLIGATIONS, QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY OBLIGATIONS OR TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2011.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, North Carolina ("County") has determined that it is in the best interests of County to construct and equip a new Elementary School and to expand, renovate and upgrade Southeastern Stokes Middle School (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the County presently intends, at one time or from time to time, to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project with proceeds of qualified school construction obligations, qualified zone academy obligations or tax-exempt obligations and reasonably expects to execute and deliver its qualified school construction obligations or tax-exempt obligations (the "Obligations") to finance, or to reimburse itself for, all or a portion of the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to proceed with the Project and will incur and pay certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the date of execution and delivery of the Obligations (the "Original Expenditures"), such Original Expenditures to be paid for originally from a source other than the proceeds of the Obligations, and the County intends, and reasonably expects, to be reimbursed for such Original Expenditures from a portion of the proceeds of the Obligations to be executed and delivered at a date occurring after the dates of such Original Expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1. **Official Declaration of Intent.** The County presently intends, and reasonably expects, to reimburse itself for the Original Expenditures incurred and paid by the County on or after the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution from a portion of the proceeds of the Obligations. The County reasonably expects to execute and deliver the Obligations to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project and the maximum principal amount of Obligations expected to be executed and delivered by County to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the Project to be reimbursed is \$19,000,000.

Section 2. **Compliance with Regulations.** The County adopts this Resolution as a declaration of official intent under Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to evidence the County's intent to reimburse itself for the Original Expenditures from proceeds of the Obligations.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the proposed resolution submitted at the March 28th meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Booth noted for informational purposes that if the County could have closed on the Qualified School Construction Bonds today, the interest rate would have been zero. Commissioner Booth also noted that the County needs to be ready to move forward due to the interest rate could change daily.

Operations Director David Burge, Stokes Schools, noted that the Board of Education is working on getting the final plans for the Southeastern Middle School Project approved for submission to DPI.

Chairman Lankford questioned if the projects could be separated in order to move forward with the new elementary school project. Finance Director Edwards noted that she would have to get back with an answer regarding separating the projects.

Commissioner Booth questioned the status of the Qualified Zoned Academy Bonds which are needed for the remainder of the funding for the renovations at Southeastern Middle School.

Director Burge responded that the application is currently being completed by the Board of Education.

Chairman Lankford directed the Interim County Manager to communicate with the superintendent to make sure the application is completed as soon as possible.

The motion carried unanimously.

YVEDDI- Transfer of Property

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Booth moved to direct the Interim County Manager to proceed with the land transfer back to Stokes County from YVEDDI. Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Interim County Manager Morris noted that he would proceed with documentation to YVEDDI this week.

Application for Stokes County Community Based Youth Gang Violence Prevention Grant

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the application for Stokes County Community Based Youth Gang Violence Prevention Grant. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

HMC Management Agreement - Proposed Second Amendment

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for further discussion regarding the HMC Management Agreement – Proposed Second Amendment which was presented at the March 28th meeting.

Chairman Lankford presented the following advice from County Attorney Ed Powell:

- It would be in the best interest of the county to go back to HMC and clarify that the submitted second amendment to the Management Services Agreement (MSA) is not in conflict with the termination notice issued by the interim county manager on April 1, 2011
- Draft second amendment also has a minor error in terminology that must be corrected

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to authorize the interim county manager to follow up with HMC and make the needed modifications to the Second Amendment for the Board's consideration at the April 26th meeting.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to authorize the interim county manager to follow up with HMC and make the needed modifications to the Second Amendment for the Board's consideration at the April 26th meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker noted that there was some language regarding a replacement hospital in the Management Services Agreement (Article Two - Section 2.3) along with language regarding Due Diligence Review (Article Two – Section 2.1) that possibly should reviewed by

the County Attorney.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lankford directed the Interim Manager to discuss the sections mentioned by Commissioner Walker with Attorney Powell.

Appointments

Stokes County Board of Health

Chairman Lankford noted the following nominations at the March 28th meeting:

- Registered Nurse – Doris Petree (to serve once the new Health Director is on Board)
- Community Representative – Keith Lawson

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Booth moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lankford polled the Board.

Commissioner Booth: Doris Petree and Keith Lawson
Commissioner Walker: Doris Petree and Keith Lawson
Chairman Lankford: Doris Petree and Keith Lawson
Vice Chairman Inman: Doris Petree and Keith Lawson
Commissioner Jones: Doris Petree and Keith Lawson

Chairman Lankford noted the Board unanimously approved the appointments of Doris Petree (Registered Nurse) and Keith Lawson (Community Representative) to serve on the Stokes County Board of Health.

Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council

Chairman Lankford noted the following nominations at the March 28th meeting:

- **Licensed veterinarian** (Recommendation: Dr. Debbie Cowan, DVM)
- **Private citizen** living in a separate geographic quadrant of Stokes County (two vacancies) (Recommendation: Teddy Kitzmiller, Jr. and Leslie Staples)
- **Member from an animal advocacy organization** (Recommendation: Candis Loy)

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Booth moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lankford polled the Board.

Commissioner Booth: Dr. Debbie Cowan, Teddy Kitzmiller, Jr. Leslie Staples, Candis Loy
Commissioner Walker: Dr. Debbie Cowan, Teddy Kitzmiller, Jr. Leslie Staples, Candis Loy
Chairman Lankford: Dr. Debbie Cowan, Teddy Kitzmiller, Jr. Leslie Staples, Candis Loy
Vice Chairman Inman: Dr. Debbie Cowan, Teddy Kitzmiller, Jr. Leslie Staples, Candis Loy
Commissioner Jones: Dr. Debbie Cowan, Teddy Kitzmiller, Jr. Leslie Staples, Candis Loy

Chairman Lankford noted the Board unanimously approved the appointments of Dr. Debbie Cowan, (veterinarian); Teddy Kitzmiller, Jr. and Leslie Staples, (private citizens) Candis Loy (animal advocacy organization) to serve on the Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council.

Essential Job Vacancies - Update

Interim County Manager Rick Morris provided the Board with the following update regarding essential job vacancies:

- Have been working with all department heads who currently have vacancies
- Since the last meeting, Emergency Communications has had another vacancy
- Currently Emergency Communications does not have adequate part time backup
- Recommend the Board approve the hiring of a telecommunicator (believe the position to be mission essential)
- Will be looking at an employment agreement to possibly decrease turn over and will also be meeting with Communications Director Del Hall to try to reduce turnover in that department
- Sheriff Mike Marshall has had a Sergeant to retire and would like to fill the position from internal deputies, which would leave a deputy position vacant and still leave two vacancies that can be temporarily filled by part time staff
- Recommend the Board allow Sheriff Marshall to hire the Sergeant position and leave the two deputy positions vacant (believe the position to be mission essential)
- Vacancies in Fire Marshal, Home Health, Solid Waste, Health Department, and DSS are all being covered by part time or contract
- Department Heads are anxious to get vacancies filled once the hiring suspension is lifted
- DSS Director Kristy Preston requested the BOCC allow advertising of the vacant IMC position in order to have someone ready for the position once the budget is

adopted (position was not addressed at the last meeting due to the approval of the hiring suspension)

Chairman Lankford confirmed with Interim Manager Morris that the Sheriff's request is an internal move and would still have two vacancies, just different positions.

Chairman Lankford requested the Interim County Manager look into temporary employees possibly through a temporary agency for Emergency Communications in order to be consistent.

Commissioner Jones reiterated the need to investigate the number of turnovers in communications.

Interim County Manager Morris noted most of the resignations were for higher wages in adjoining counties.

Commissioner Booth agreed with Chairman Lankford to look into possible temp. agents.

Commissioner Walker questioned if using the part time was really saving any funding, could possibly be costing more funding, such as EMS, Sheriff Department, Communications. Commissioner Walker stated that he was not sure we were accomplishing anything by keeping the vacancies open and requested the manager review those departments.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ernest Lankford
Chairman