

Interim County Manager Rick Morris noted that the Early College Phase II Grading Proposals which had been requested to be moved to tonight's Action Agenda no longer needed to be moved to the Action Agenda.

Interim Manager Morris noted that Sheriff Mike Marshall had requested his Agenda item to purchase side arms be moved to tonight's Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the April 26, 2011 Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of April 6, 2011
- Minutes of April 11, 2011
- Minutes of April 12, 2011

Tax Administration Report – March 2011

Real and Personal Releases More than \$100.00

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Real and Personal Property Releases (March 2011) which are more than \$100 at the April 11th meeting with a request for approval at the April 26th meeting:

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

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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

Real and Personal Refunds More than \$100.00

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Real and Personal Property Refunds (March 2011) which are more than \$100 at the April 11th meeting with a request for approval at the April 26th meeting:

Refunds (Real and Personal Property) More than \$100- March 2011-Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

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

Present Use Value Late Applications

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Present Use Value Late Applications (March 2011) at the April 11th meeting with a request for approval at the April 26th meeting:

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 Jake Oakley submitted the following Write Off Request presented at the April 11th meeting with a request for approval at the April 26th meeting:

- 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 submitted the following Motor Vehicle Appeal at the April 11th meeting with a request for approval at the April 26th meeting:

- 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 pre the bill of sale
- 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

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

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Update – Manager and Board of Commissioners

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for comments.

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following update regarding the proposed second sewer system at the Early College:

- Just received the information today
- Have run into a problem with the quality of the soil
- Additional testing has been done on several areas of the site
- Only acceptable soil is Saprolite which appears to be the type of soil on the entire proposed location for the sewer system
- This type of soil will require the county to do pre-treatment which will add additional testing and cost to the project along with a possible 3-month delay
- Testing needs to be done immediately
- Additional design will also be needed for the proposed system
- Could be a significant cost to the project, could add an additional \$100,000 cost to the project
- Can't do a pump and haul for a commercial operation
- Soil where the first system was installed is totally different from the soil where the second system is planned
- Soil might possibly work if it were not for a commercial operation
- Would like consensus from the Board to continue with the testing in order to keep the project moving

The Board discussed the update with Interim Manager Morris.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Interim Manager Morris that all areas on the property had been checked to see if there was any other suitable area to place the system.

Commissioner Booth questioned if there was anything that could be done different or possibly obtain approval from the State since this is planned to be a “temporary” system.

Interim Manager Morris noted that he did not know if the system could be classified as a “temporary” system, but would be glad to investigate the possibility.

Commissioner Booth also questioned if the excess lines in the first system could be used in this system. Interim Manager Morris stated that he did not know, but would be happy to find out.

Interim Manager Morris noted that the county is also meeting this week to discuss possible grant opportunities to bring sewer to the area.

The Board unanimously agreed to direct the Interim Manager to continue with the testing in order to keep the project moving.

Health Director – Scott Lenhart

Commissioner Booth introduced Board of Health Chairman Dr. Kim Gemeinhardt who presented the new Health Director, Scott Lenhart.

Health Director Lenhart stated that he was looking forward to working with the Board of Commissioners and was glad to be in Stokes County.

The Board of Commissioners welcomed Mr. Lenhart to Stokes County.

Proposed Sewer for Meadows Area

Commissioner Walker noted the need to possibly look into partnering with Walnut Cove regarding bringing sewer to the Early College location if there were no grant opportunities for the County.

Commissioner Jones expressed concerns with the update from Interim Manager Morris regarding the proposed second sewer system at the Early College location.

Eagle Scout Ceremony

Commissioner Walker noted the upcoming Eagle Scout Breakfast that the Board had been invited to.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Proposed Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Application

Dr. Stewart Hobbs, Superintendent of Stokes County Schools, presented the following information regarding the proposed Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB):

- Request approval of the application for authorization to issue QZAB in the amount of \$2,700,000 for the Southeastern Middle School Renovation Project
- Network Dynamics/South Data has agreed to provide the 10% in qualified contribution through in-kind services as required by the QZAB application
- As a result of the tornadoes in the central and eastern sections of the state on April 16th, several school districts suffered major damage to many of their school facilities
- Believe school systems who have been affected by these storms may be applying for QZAB Funds to help fund repairs
- Request to move the item to tonight's Action Agenda in order to ensure Stokes County receives authorization request for \$2,700,000
- Feels there will be no issue in obtaining the funding

The Board discussed the proposed application with Dr. Hobbs and Executive Director of Operations David Burge.

Commissioner Jones noted concerns with the recent tornado damage to several schools and felt the sooner the application is sent the better.

Vice Chairman Inman agreed with Commissioner Jones regarding the need to make sure the application is sent as soon as possible and supported moving the request to tonight's Action Agenda.

Dr. Hobbs reiterated that he felt that there would no issues with getting the requested amount of funding.

Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Booth both agreed with Vice Chairman Inman and Commissioner Jones to send the application as soon as possible.

Commissioner Booth questioned Dr. Hobbs regarding the timeframe for submitting the application to Local Government Commission (LGC).

Dr. Hobbs noted the following schedule for submitting the applications to LGC:

- All Permits and all necessary requirements for the new elementary school project should be ready by the end of June in order to submit to LGC in July
- All Permits and all necessary requirements for the Southeastern Middle School Renovation Project should be ready by the end of July in order to submit to LGC in August
- With this proposed schedule, there will be two different applications to LGC

Finance Director Julia Edwards noted that if the projects were separated, there would be two separate applications, two separate loans, and two separate fees.

The Board discussed the proposed schedule with Dr. Hobbs.

Commissioner Booth noted that by separating the projects, there could be an additional cost of \$100,000 to \$175,000 for fees depending upon the type of financing.

Executive Director David Burge noted that the original start date recommendation presented by the county's financial advisor was six (6) months apart.

Dr. Hobbs noted that the school system would be happy to try to get the necessary requirements done for both projects in order to make one application if so desired by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Booth reiterated the need to try to save any additional cost no matter the amount.

Dr. Hobbs stated that in order for the new elementary school to open in August 2012, construction must start in August or September 2011.

Dr. Hobbs stated that he would talk to the architects and requested the County speak to the financial advisor to make sure that the funding will work if both projects are started around the same time. Dr. Hobbs noted that he would be happy to work with County, but wanted to make sure the county's financial model will accept the projects being started at the same time.

Commissioner Booth reiterated that the proposed schedule has the applications being submitted only one month apart.

The Board agreed with Commissioner Booth regarding making one application and saving any additional cost no matter the amount.

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

Chairman Lankford directed the Clerk to place the item on tonight's Action Agenda.

Dr. Hobbs suggested looking into possible land at the former prison camp location for the proposed second sewer system.

The Board unanimously agreed to direct the Interim Manager to look into any possible land that could be used for the proposed second sewer system at the former prison camp location.

Executive Director David Burge noted that the School System had asked the same question about a "temporary" system when placing the PODs at the Pinnacle Elementary School for the Nancy Reynolds Project. Director Burge noted the State's reply was that "temporary" was not in the State's vocabulary.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposed Applications

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented JCPC Chairman Ed Eklund and Chief Court Counselor Rusty Slate who presented the JCPC recommendation for Fiscal Year 2011-12 Funding. Interim Manager Morris noted that the request tonight was for submission to the State only, approval did not allocate any county match funding.

JCPC Chairman Ed Eklund and Chief Court Counselor Rusty Slate presented the following information.

- The following providers were present for tonight's meeting:
 - Director Clyde Stewart, Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth
 - Director Melissa Hiatt, Stokes SCAN
 - Executive Director Robin Testerman, Children's Center

- Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council anticipated that the Fiscal Year 2011-12 JCPC allocation for Stokes County would be \$136,010 which is 95% of the annual allocation
- There could possibly be an additional 10% cut from the State
- If there is an additional 10% cut from the State, providers have indicated that services and possibly staff will have to be cut
- JCPC has formed a subcommittee to look at possible cost reductions
- One possible cost reduction could be made if there was any available county space that could be used temporarily by the providers instead of renting
- RFPs were sent out on March 9, 2011
- JCPC voted on April 12th the following allocations for FY 2011-12:
 - Stokes Friends of Youth = JCPC - \$78,431 (\$24,768 county match request)
 - Stokes SCAN = JCPC - \$22,199 (\$6,870 county match request)
 - Children's Center = JCPC - \$9,288 (\$3,187 county match request)
 - Insight = JCPC - \$26,092 (\$7,801 county match request)
- Programs being funded are working
- Recidivism rates prove that children are staying out of trouble one year after finishing the program (not sure of the spelling waiting for an answer from Rusty)
- Cost approximately \$109,000 a year for a child to be served in a youth development center
- State has notified the county that the daily cost for placing a youth in a detention center has increased from \$89 to \$122 per day
- Feels if programs and serves are decreased, cost could increase in other ways such as more youth being placed in a youth development center or state detention center
- If children are locked up, they are not getting services

The Board discussed the JCPC recommendation with JCPC Chairman Eklund and Chief Counselor Slate.

Commissioner Jones noted the need to keep data more than one year when children complete the program. Counselor Slate noted that the State is currently developing a system that will track children more than one year which will provide valuable data regarding the services provided by JCPC providers.

Vice Chairman Inman suggested that Counselor Slate get in touch with the Interim County Manager regarding any possible vacant county space.

The Board had no issues with the JCPC recommendation for funding.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Counselor Slate that the current level of funding

is not meeting the needs for youth who are being served by the four agencies who submitted applications.

Counselor Slate noted the following regarding Commissioner Walker's question:

- 19 children are on the waiting list to receive services from Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth
- 11 children are on the waiting list to receive services from SCAN
- Children recommended from the court system are served first
- Prevention services are not available due to serving the children recommended from the court system

Commissioner Walker noted the need to possibly look at allocating additional funding to help get youth who truly need services off the waiting list.

Counselor Slate noted that he would be willing to provide the BOCC with additional information regarding the need for additional funding which would help keep youth from being placed in a detention center.

Commissioner Walker suggested that information regarding the need for additional funding be sent to the Interim County Manager.

Commissioner Booth directed Counselor Slate to provide the Interim Manager with space requirements in order to possibly decrease costs.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 9th Action Agenda.

CenterPoint Human Services – Letter of Support

Interim County Manager Rick Morris introduced CEO Betty Taylor and Deputy Director Rhonda Outlaw, CenterPoint Human Services, who provided the BOCC with information regarding their request for a Letter of Support.

CEO/LME Area Director Betty Taylor and Deputy Director Rhonda Outlaw presented the following information regarding the request for a Letter of Support for CenterPoint to apply for a

1915(b)(c) Medicaid Waiver.

- CenterPoint Human Services is the Local Management Entity (LME) overseeing the behavioral health services for Stokes, Forsyth, Davie, and Rockingham Counties
- North Carolina has been working for ten years on reforming its system for the delivery of behavioral health services
- Now Medicaid services can be delivered under a publicly managed, cohesive and quality-focused system that is both cost effective and stable
- Proven model is called the 1915 (b)(c) Medicaid Waiver
- CenterPoint will be applying on May 20, 2011, to be one of the 8-10 LMEs administering the Waivers
- Request the Board of Commissioners issue a Letter of Support for CenterPoint as the County and the LME continue to work together to improve services for the Stokes County residents who are CenterPoint's consumers, families, and providers
- There is no downside to the Waiver
- Potential increase in services to the residents of Stokes County
- Potential increase in providers in Stokes County
- Letter of Support is not required, but feels that all counties in the catchment area are aware of the Waiver and support CenterPoint applying for the Waivers
- Feels the Waiver will allow CenterPoint to create a system more responsive to meet the needs of the consumers in each community
- Feels the waiver will provide the following:
 - For consumers and families
 - Available quality services with local collaboration
 - Medically necessary services for all with Medicaid
 - Stable, non-fragmented service system
 - A system responsive to consumer needs
 - Outcomes focused on improved quality of life
 - For providers
 - Delivery of effective and accessible services
 - High quality services: Evidence Based Practices, Best Practices
 - Effective and responsive local authorizations/billing
 - Financial sustainability
 - For counties
 - Local management of county, state, and federal funds
 - Public management with no profit motive
 - Reinvestment of savings in the local area
 - Cross-system collaborations
 - Managed by those with knowledge of unique local needs and resources
 - For North Carolina
 - Improved access to behavioral health and medical care services
 - Improved quality of all services
 - Improved cost benefit
 - (Predictable Medicaid costs, reduced LME management costs)
 - Preparation for 2014 Health Care Reform

- If approved for the Waiver, LME will know on July 1st of each year what the entire allocation for that year will be and raises the bar for the quality of services
- During the first three to four years, LME will be able to take cost savings at the end of the fiscal year and put back into the county
- Request the Board of Commissioners support CenterPoint in its efforts to bring more services to Stokes County
- Request the Letter of Support be approved as soon as possible
- Application is due May 20th

Vice Chairman Inman, who serves on the CenterPoint Board of Directors, reiterated that there is no downside to the Waiver application and supports the Letter of Endorsement.

The Board had no issues with the request from CenterPoint.

Interim County Manager Morris noted that he also saw no downside to the request and supported the request.

CEO Taylor noted that rates can now be adjusted which could enable the LME to raise the rates and contract with providers for needed services in Stokes County.

CEO Taylor presented the Board with a sample Letter of Support.

Deputy Director Rhonda Outlaw noted the following community meetings to inform providers, consumers, and county staff about the Waiver:

- Tuesday, May 3rd - Rockingham Community College (9:00 am to 10:30 am)
- Thursday, May 5th – Senior Services, Winston Salem (3:00 pm to 4:30 pm)

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

**Sheriff's Department – Equipment Purchase – Side Arm Purchase
Budget Amendment #67 and Proposed Resolution**

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following request from Sheriff Mike Marshall:

- Request to purchase 37 new Smith and Wesson 40 caliber pistols
- Will be trading in current Sheriff Department Beretta side arms

- Funding will be provided by State Fines and Forfeiture, no cost to the county taxpayers
- Former departmental guns were pushed too far and began breaking down and developed stress fractures
- Service and response from Vendor – Beretta has increasingly worsened and is a potential risk
- Gun and holster combo purchase/trade will result in a cost of less than \$200 per combo unit
- Department has an inner-county “Smith and Wesson Gunsmith” which will prevent out-of-county maintenance costs
- Request approval of submitted proposed Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property Worth Less than \$30,000 (GS 106A-266:267)
- Request approval of Budget Amendment #67
- Will save approximately \$6,000 in ammunition cost for officers to qualify with the new pistols instead of the old pistols (qualifying date has been scheduled since last year)
- Request the item be moved to tonight’s Action Agenda in order to get the pistols in before qualifying thus saving county funding
- Recommend the purchase of the pistols and moving the item to tonight’s Action Agenda

Proposed Resolution:

**Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property Worth Less than \$30,000.00
(G.S. 160A-266; 267)**

WHEREAS, The County of Stokes owns (37) Beretta J9T4F14 90-Two, 40 caliber pistols; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute, 153A-176, 160A-266 and 160A-267 permits the County to sell such property by private sale at a negotiated price upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting;

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Support Services Supervisor to sell by private sale to Lawmen’s at a negotiated price the following side arms:

37 each – Beretta J9T4F14 90-Two 40 caliber pistols
2. The Support Services Supervisor shall publish a notice summarizing this resolution, and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least ten (10) days after the day the notice is published

Adopted the ___ day of April 2011.

Ernest Lankford - Chairman

J. Leon Inman – Vice Chairman

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Ronda Jones - Commissioner

James Booth – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene Bullins – Clerk to the Board

Proposed Budget Amendment #67

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	General Fund			
	Sheriff's Department			
100.4310.511	Equipment – Non capitalized	<u>\$50,894.00</u>	<u>\$17,427.00</u>	<u>\$68,321.00</u>
	Totals	\$50,894.00	\$17,427.00	\$68,321.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate State Fines and Forfeiture Funding for the purchase of 37 pistols.

This will result in a net increase of \$17,427.00 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
100.3301.413	State Fines & Forfeiture	<u>\$6,438.00</u>	<u>\$17,427.00</u>	<u>\$23,865.00</u>
	Totals	\$6,438.00	\$17,427.00	\$23,865.00

The Board had no issues with the request.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Interim Manager Morris that there is no county cost.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item

on tonight's Action Agenda.

Early College Phase II – POD Relocation – Grading Proposals

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Early College Phase II – Grading Proposals:

- Bid notices were sent to 17 prospective grading contractors along with bid notice being placed on the county web page by Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall
- Pre-bid meeting was held on April 8th with the following bidders in attendance:
 - Stewart Grading
 - Neal Grading
 - East Grading
 - Creative Design & Construction
 - Dogget Construction
 - JR Lynch and Sons
 - Heath Brothers
- Due to the estimated budget amount and NC General Statute requirement threshold, no bid bond or performance bond was required for the project
- Following bids were received and opened on April 19th:
 - Creative Design and Construction = \$17,350.00
 - Neal Grading = \$29,137.00
 - Doggett Construction = \$34,360.00
- All bidders' licenses have been verified
- No need to move to tonight's Action Agenda due to sewer issues, grading start date may have to be postponed
- Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall recommends Creative Design and Construction = \$17,350.00
- Supports Mr. Stovall's recommendation

The Board discussed the information with Interim Manager Morris.

Vice Chairman Inman noted the big difference in the bids.

Commissioner Jones agreed with Vice Chairman Inman's remarks regarding the huge difference in the bids and suggested looking into other projects done by the low bidder.

Interim Manager Morris noted that he would do due diligence on the low bidder before the next meeting.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place

the item on the May 9th Action Agenda.

Fiscal Year 2011-12 Health and Dental Proposals

Interim Manager Rick Morris noted that the county had recently sent out Invitation for Proposals (IFPs) for health and dental benefits and requested Personnel Officer Darlene Bullins to provide the BOCC with the results.

Personnel Officer Darlene Bullins noted the following:

- NCACC notified the County in mid March that the health and dental pool would be dissolving with no further benefits after June 30, 2011
- County has been with NCACC Pool for health benefits since 2002
- County has been with NCACC Pool for dental benefits since 2009
- IFPs were sent to 10 insurance providers/brokers
- No time to consider a broker this year, could possibly look at that next year along with self insured, HRA, etc.
- County should start in the fall to determine what is best for Stokes County
- Several proposals were received from brokers with significant administrative fees included
- Direct proposal from United Health Care – same plan except for not having a separate rate for child only – 35.4% increase – will be an approximate \$430,833 county increase to cover premiums for county employees
- Direct proposal from Blue Cross and Blue Shield – changes already made to the ER co pay and Prescriptions to include a Specialty Tier which will have a deductible for the employee to meet – 36.5% increase - will be an approximate \$444,070 county increase
- CIGNA's proposal had an 56% increase
- Increases for dependent coverage are greater
- Would like to use same carrier for dental in hopes to decrease cost
- Several brokers had commended on the low rates the County has received from the NCACC Insurance Pool in recent years
- All the counties that were in the Pool are experiencing a huge increase, some more than Stokes
- County has experienced an increase in claims during this past year
- Current Plan is a 80/20 Plan with a \$1,000 deductible and a \$1,000 additional out of pocket
- Insurance Experts stated that Health Care Reform has also affected the increase in insurance rates, for example employers are now mandated to carry dependent children until age 26 even if they are not in school
- Request to start negotiations with the two lowest bidders (United Health Care and Blue Cross and Blue Shield)

Interim Manager Morris requested direction from the BOCC regarding possible employee cost sharing, re-scoping the plan to decrease cost, etc.

The Board discussed the rate increases.

Commissioner Booth questioned why NCACC decided to dissolve the Pool with so many counties being in the Pool.

Vice Chairman Inman noted NCACC had to dissolve the Health and Dental Pool or face financial losses.

Chairman Lankford noted that NCACC will continue to offer Workers' Compensation and Personal Liability Coverage, but felt it was the right time to dissolve the Health and Dental Pool for the upcoming fiscal year.

Chairman Lankford noted that when the Piedmont Triad Regional Council is organized, there might be a possibility of forming an insurance pool. The Council will have 12 counties along with municipalities.

Commissioner Walker suggested trying to get the proposals as close as possible in order to compare the benefits.

Commissioner Walker agreed with Commissioner Booth's comments regarding the NCACC not being able to continue the Pool with several counties being in the Pool.

Commissioner Walker stated he thought it would be a good idea to further investigate other options next year to be sure what type of plan is best for Stokes County.

The Board unanimously agreed to direct Interim Manager Morris and Personnel Officer Bullins to negotiate with the United Health Care and Blue Cross and Blue Shield and return a recommendation to Board.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 9th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

HMC Management Agreement – Proposed Second Amendment

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following HMC Management Agreement – Proposed Second Amendment: (changes underlined – changes recommended by County Attorney)

SECOND AMENDMENT TO MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 1st day of March, 2011 by and among:

HMC MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company authorized to conduct business in North Carolina (“Manager”);

COUNTY OF STOKES, a body corporate and politic, existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (“County”); and

STOKES REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (“Corporation”)

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a certain Management Services Agreement on the 21st day of December, 2009 (“Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the parties subsequently entered into a First Amendment to the Agreement on or about the 26th day of October, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Agreement for a second time as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follow:

1. The following provision is added to the Agreement and replaces Section 1.4(a) of the Agreement as amended, which is hereby deleted in its entirety:

“Management Fee: Effective on October 1, 2010 and continuing on the first day of each month thereafter during the initial Annual Term, the Corporation shall pay, in advance, to the Manager, the fixed sum of \$20,000.00 in compensation for the management services described in this MSA (“Management Fee”). The Management Fee shall be increased annually, effective on the anniversary of each successive Annual Term, commencing with the third Annual Term, by an amount of 2.5% of the Management Fee for the then current Annual Term.”

2. The following provision is added to the Agreement:

“Cost Report Preparation: Manager shall assume responsibility for the preparation and submission of the Corporation’s cost reports to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”), such reports to consist of the annual cost report for the period ending June 30th and two (2) interim cost reports to be prepared at approximately four (4) months intervals during each Annual Term. The cost to Corporation of preparing and submitting the annual cost report shall not exceed \$5,000.00; the cost to Corporation of preparing the two (2) interim reports during each Annual Term shall not exceeded \$4, 000.00 for each. Corporation shall be billed for each cost report at the time Manager concludes the preparation”.

3. This Second Amendment will not be deemed accepted by any party unless and until it has been signed by a duly authorized representative of such party.

4. Except as modified herein, the Agreement between the parties hereto is otherwise hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved, and will remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, **except that both parties also hereby agree to be bound by the terms of the Notice of Termination of the Management Services Agreement dated April 1, 2011, wherein the County gave a 90 day notice of termination to Manager.**

5. This Second Amendment may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when taken together, shall constitute executed originals. Signature and transmission by electronic mail or facsimile shall be deemed as effective as original signature on the original documents

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereby caused this Second Amendment to be executed by their authorized officers as of the day and year first set forth above.

Date: _____ **HMC MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC**
(No Corporate Seal) By: _____
Executive Vice President/CLO

Attest:

Assistant Secretary
Date: _____ **COUNTY OF STOKES, NORTH CAROLINA**
(No Corporate Seal) By: _____
Chairman

Attest:

Clerk
Date: _____ **STOKES-REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.**
By: _____
President

Attest:

Administrative Assistant
(Corporate Seal)

Interim Manager Morris noted the following:

- Recommend approval of the HMC Management –Second Amendment in order to eliminate 2.5% increase that would be effective (March 2011) with the annual renewal and to provide the hospital administration assistance with the Cost Report Preparation
- County Attorney has included language regarding the 90 day notice of termination recently sent to HMC by the Manager
- County Attorney Powell commented that Sections 2.1 and 2.3 of the Management Services Agreement (requested review by the County Attorney from Commissioner Walker) were not a binding legal agreement
- Once approved by the Board, the Second Amendment will be presented to the hospital Board of Trustees for approval and then forwarded to HMC
- HMC has acknowledged receipt of the 90 day termination letter and responded that they would be willing to go month by month at the end of the 90 days

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the HMC Second Amendment to Management Services Agreement. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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)

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Interim Manager Morris that his recommendation was to approve the documents submitted by the Judicial System.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Alternative Court Facilities in Stokes County in an Emergency and the Memorandum of Agreement for Courts – Continuity of Operations Plan (C-COOP Plan).

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Essential Job Vacancies – Update

Interim Manager Rick Morris presented the following update:

- Emergency Communications Director Del Hall has explored the possibility of hiring part time telecommunicators through three temporary agencies
- At this time, one of the three contacted by Director Hall has indicated that they do not have individuals trained for those services, there might be a possibility with the other two agencies
- Director Hall has hired one additional part time trained telecommunicator
- Would like to keep this position on the “radar screen” with two full time telecommunicators tentatively scheduled to be on Family Medical Leave this summer

Commissioner Walker questioned if the County had received a letter from DSS regarding the current vacancies.

Interim Manager Morris noted that a contract worker has been hired for the Income Maintenance Caseworker position and staff is still looking for a contract worker for the Community Social Services Assistant. Director Preston had stated that she will keep Administration updated on the vacant positions.

Proposed Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Application

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the proposed QZAB application presented at tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Application. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CenterPoint Human Services – Letter of Support

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding a request by CenterPoint Human Services at tonight's meeting for a Letter of Support regarding Medicaid Waiver.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Letter of Support for Medicaid Waiver. Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Department – Equipment Purchase – Side Arm Purchase Budget Amendment #67

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to approve the request from Sheriff Mike Marshall to purchase 37 new Smith and Wesson 40 caliber pistols, Budget Amendment #67, and proposed Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property Worth Less than \$30,000.00 which were presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the request from Sheriff Mike Marshall to purchase 37 new Smith and Wesson 40 caliber pistols, Budget Amendment #67, and proposed Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property Worth Less than \$30,000.00. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EMS Ambulance Services Fee

Commissioner Booth questioned if the County was up to date on EMS fees allowed by Medicare and Medicaid.

Interim Manager Morris stated that he would verify the current fees charged by EMS as allowed by Medicare and Medicaid.

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 Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ernest Lankford
Chairman

