

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
MAY 9, 2011

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, May 9, 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":

- "There is an awesome responsibility involved with Motherhood"

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 May 9, 2011 Agenda.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the May 9, 2011 Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Lankford opened the Public Comments period.

The following spoke during Public Comments:

Clyde Amos

1085 Clyde Amos Road

Danbury, NC 27016

Re: **Closing a Portion of Clyde Amos Road**

Mr. Amos presented the following comments:

- Doesn't think the portion of the road should be closed
- Can't blame the road for the wrecks that have happened
- Roads don't cause wrecks, people do

Chairman Lankford closed the Public Comments period.

Ms. Frieda Lankford requested to speak. Ms. Lankford stated that she didn't understand that she needed to sign up in able to speak.

Chairman Lankford reopened the Public Comments period.

Frieda Lankford

1480 Powell Lankford Road

Danbury, NC 27016

Re: **Tax Evaluation Request**

Ms. Lankford presented the following comments:

- Requested her parents' property be revaluated for tax purposes
- Parents lived on a gravel road when other surrounding roads were being paved
- Knows of past history where two surrounding roads were graded and paved years ago (before 1976) by bribing officials with money and alcohol
- Even though the property is now on a paved road and the dwelling has a new coat of paint, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done inside
- Tax Department is wanting \$212 more in taxes
- Would request someone review the taxes on the property

Chairman Lankford directed Ms. Lankford to contact Tax Administrator Jake Oakley regarding the procedure to follow to appeal property evaluations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of April 20, 2011
- Minutes of April 26, 2011

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #68

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #68.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.290	Miscellaneous	<u>\$1,565.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$2,065.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,565.00	\$500.00	\$2,065.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds for the purchase of a shadow box for departmental pictures of employees – no county funding.

This will result in a net increase of \$500.00 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
100.3939.001	Calendar Funds	<u>\$7,138.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$7,638.00</u>
	Totals	\$7,138.00	\$500.00	\$7,638.00

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #69

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #69.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Sheriff's Department			
100.4310.511	Equipment – Non Capital	<u>\$50,894.00</u>	<u>\$825.00</u>	<u>\$51,719.00</u>
	Totals	\$50,894.00	\$825.00	\$51,719.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds for the purchase of Fortres 101 6.5 Security Software – 30 User Licenses – no county funding.

This will result in a net increase of \$825.00 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 Fine/Forfeitures	<u>\$23,865.00</u>	<u>\$825.00</u>	<u>\$24,690.00</u>
	Totals	\$23,865.00	\$825.00	\$24,690.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #70

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #70

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Health Department			
100.5100.000	Salaries and Wages	\$997,642.00	\$(50,000.00)	\$947,642.00
100.5100.090	Social Security Tax	\$62,843.00	\$(3,100.00)	\$59,743.00
100.5100.091	Medicare	\$14,665.00	\$(725.00)	\$13,940.00
100.5100.100	Retirement	\$62,567.00	\$(3,230.00)	\$59,337.00
100.5100.110	Group Insurance	\$115,353.00	\$(2,863.00)	\$112,490.00
100.5100.180	Professional Services	<u>\$147,440.00</u>	<u>\$59,918.00</u>	<u>\$207,358.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,400,510.00	\$00.00	\$1,400,510.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funds from lapsed salary and fringe to cover a contract physician.

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues

will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Finance Director Julia Edwards that there was sufficient funding from lapsed salary and fringe for the transfer.

Health Department - Budget Amendment #71

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #71

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Health Department			
100.5100.180	Professional Services	<u>\$147,440.00</u>	<u>\$51,250.00</u>	<u>\$198,690.00</u>
	Totals	\$147,440.00	\$51,250.00	\$198,690.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds received from Northwest Community Care Network for the Health Department's Adult Health Program. These funds will be used to contract a medical doctor for services provided.

This will result in a net increase of \$51,250.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.256	HealthNet Grant	<u>\$62,500.00</u>	<u>\$51,250.00</u>	<u>\$113,750.00</u>
	Totals	\$62,500.00	\$51,250.00	\$113,750.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #72

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #72

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Health Department			
100.5100.261	Office Supplies	<u>\$51,613.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$54,113.00</u>
	Totals	\$51,613.00	\$2,500.00	\$54,113.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funds received from NACCHO for the Stokes Tobacco Coalition formation. These funds will be used to purchase Quitline posters and other promotional items.

This will result in a net increase of \$2,500.00 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
100.3519.419	Tobacco Grant	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Health Department - Budget Amendment #73

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #73

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Health Department			
100.5100.180	Professional Services	<u>\$147,440.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$151,940.00</u>
	Totals	\$147,440.00	\$4,500.00	\$151,940.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funds received from Susan G. Komen for the Cure. These funds will be used to pay for mammograms for uninsured and underinsured patients.

This will result in a net increase of \$4,500.00 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
100.3540.425	Breast Cancer Support	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the Consent Agent 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 updates from the Board and Interim County Manager.

Commissioner Booth noted the upcoming Soil and Water Awards Banquet scheduled for June 2, 2011.

Vice Chairman Inman requested an update regarding the current positions that were associated with the hiring suspension.

Commissioner Jones noted the following:

- Attended and helped with the first FFA Fund Raiser held recently at North Stokes High School which helps to provide funding for students to attend FFA competitions in Raleigh
- Attended the recent EMS Recognition Awards Banquet and was very impressed with the speeches presented by EMS Director Monty Stevens and Assistant EMS Director Greg Collins
- Attended the recent EDC Summit and was very impressed with what is happening in Economics Development
- Reminded the BOCC of the upcoming Foster Parents' picnic at Hanging Rock State Park (Shelter #3) on May 22nd at 1:30 pm
- Proposed legislation will could the redundancy of paperwork at DSS

Interim County Manager Rick Morris noted the following regarding the hiring suspension:

- DSS Director Kristy Preston has been able to contract with someone to provide transportation for foster children
- Communications is using part time staff, temporary agencies don't provide telecommunicators due to the liability associated with emergency communications
- Emailed Director Hall this morning to schedule a meeting for this week regarding the vacancies in his departments, will provide a follow up at the next meeting

Vice Chairman Inman confirmed with Interim Manager Morris that all departments with vacancies were using part time or contract employees.

E911 Communications Mandatory Upgrade - Update

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following update regarding the E911 Communications Mandatory Upgrade:

- Met with staff to formulate a Request for Information (RFI)
- Also met with representatives from City of King and Town of Walnut Cove
- RFI was sent out last week to potential vendors summarizing the County's current situation
- RFI included information about the VIPER System, seeking potential grants, equipment estimates, timeframes, etc.
- Will host an Industry Day (scheduled for June 14th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm) to allow vendors to provide staff with a presentation regarding the needed upgrade
- Industry Day should provide staff with first hand information and will include a question and answer period
- Industry Day should provide staff with vital information to help meet the 2013 deadline
- Will be inviting elected officials from the Board of Commissioners, Towns of Danbury and Walnut Cove, and City of King
- RFP will proceed following the Industry Day
- Will be looking for any grant possibilities
- Mandated upgrade is due 01-20-2013

Commissioner Walker suggested checking with the School of Government regarding all members of the Board attending the Industry Day. Since the meeting is informational, all members should be able to attend.

Commissioner Booth requested information regarding the latest date the system could be up and running and when the RFP would need to be sent out.

Interim County Manager Morris noted that the RFP should be sent out shortly after the Industry Day due to everyone else having the same mandate.

Commissioner Walker noted another unfunded mandated for the County and questioned if there would be any repercussions if the system wasn't up and running by January 20, 2013.

Interim Manager Morris noted that his understanding is that there could be significant daily penalties placed on the County if the County's lack of completion interferes with anyone else.

Interim Manager Morris concluded that there is a good joint effort between the municipalities and the County regarding the upgrade.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Tax Administration Report – April 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)	\$20,283,165.72		\$461,348.28
Prior Taxes 93-09 Tax Years				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$ 700,000.00	\$(617,613.94)		\$82,386.06
EMS Collections				
Total Collected (04-01-11/04-30-11)	\$15,477.78			
Total Collected (07-01-10/06-30-11)	\$132,388.44			
Delinquent accounts received from EMS (April 4, 2011) 70 accounts = \$20,139.94				
Personal Property Discovery Report				
Audit Dates		# of Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
04-01-11/04-30-11		9	\$71,875.00	\$652.62
07-01-10/06-30-11		399	\$4,567,663.00	\$39,265.54
Business Personal Property Discovery Report				
Audit Dates		# of Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
04-01-11/04-30-11		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		
04-01-11/04-30-11	32	\$1,491.81		
Motor Vehicle Refund Report				
Audit Dates	Accounts	Total Value		
04-01-11/04-30-11	6	\$253.72		
Number billed for April 2011	4269			

Garnishment Totals

Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amt	Collected Amt
04-01-11/04-30-11	236	\$113,000.83	\$33,453.09
F/Year 2010-11			
(July 1 – June 30)	3151	\$419,714.73	\$295,458.88

Interstate Collection Report (April 2011)		Collection	Total Collected
Cumulative Total Collected		NC Debt Setoff	\$65,519.74
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)		Motor Vehicles	\$60,870.03
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)		Property Taxes	\$14,535.19
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)		EMS	<u>\$57,334.09</u>
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)		All Categories	\$132,739.31

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Releases (April 2011) which are more than \$100 for the Board's consideration:

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

Jimmy P Powell	03A2003015259	\$56.28	Correction of Appraisal
Jimmy P Powell	04A2004015322	\$56.28	Correction of Appraisal
Jimmy P Powell	05A2005015314	\$101.53	Correction of Appraisal
Jimmy P Powell	06A601000165939	\$101.53	Correction of Appraisal
Jimmy P Powell	07A601000165939	\$103.08	Correction of Appraisal
Jimmy P Powell	08A601000165939	\$103.08	Correction of Appraisal
Jimmy P Powell	09A601000165939	\$109.06	Correction of Appraisal
Jimmy P Powell	10A601000165939	\$109.06	Correction of Appraisal
Larry Posey	10A156022510.07	<u>\$121.79</u>	Double Listed SWMH
		\$861.69	

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
Mart Taft Gordon	598600607516	24.47 ac
Reason: The land has been owned by Mart Gordon since 1996 and is being farmed by Buster Gordon.		

Tax Payer	Parcel #	Acreage
Olin and Rebecca Joyce	69960013757	28.31 ac
Reason: This land has been owned by Mr. & Mrs. Joyce for many years		

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

- Mart Taft Gordon
- Olin and Rebecca Joyce

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley reported as of April 30, 2011, 99% of the budgeted Ad Valorem Taxes had been collected.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the May 23rd Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00
- Present-Use Value Late Applications

NCDOT – Request – Clyde Amos Road SR #1491
Request to Abandon a Portion of SR#1491 from the Secondary Road System
Request to Abandon a Portion of the Right of Way –SR#1491 Clyde Amos Road

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information:

- NCDOT has requested to abandon a portion of SR#1491 (Clyde Amos Rd) from the Secondary Road System
- County received the petition from NCDOT on April 6, 2011
- Judy Lawson, on behalf of the Lawson family, has requested the County abandon the right of way of the portion of the road that has been petitioned to be taken off the Secondary Road System

Interim Manager Morris noted the following comments received from County Attorney Edward Powell:

- Petition states the entire road is being closed which is a false statement
- There are other property owners on the remaining part of the road that is not being petitioned to be closed that have not signed the petition
- Petition included a P.O.A. signing for Thuresa G. Lawson
- At the time the petition was signed to abandon a portion of the road, the power of attorney was validly signed and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds
- A Power of Attorney is valid as long as the person lives unless earlier revoked by the principal maker
- Understands the maker of this Power of Attorney, Thuresa G. Lawson, died on April 6, 2011

- Would be appropriate for the new land owners by her will or intestate succession from her to be named now as petitioners
- It is the County Attorney's opinion that since the principal maker of the Power of Attorney is now deceased, the Board should ask all of the heirs of the maker of the Power of Attorney to come forth and substitute their names on the petition to insure that all landowners on this section of the road to be closed are included
- The reason for this is that ownership of the property passes at time of death to those included in a will, or if there is no will, the ownership passes by intestate succession to the heirs at laws
- After this has been done, the BOCC then can decide to change or abandon this portion of the road according to the best interests of the people of Stokes County
- Other information provided by County Attorney Powell included NCGS – Chapter 1A – Rules of Civil Procedure (Article 4 – Parties – Rule 25-Substitution of parties upon death, incompetency or transfer of interest; abatement) which stated:
 - Death – No action abates by reason of the death of a party if the cause of action survives
 - Abatement ordered unless continued – At any time after the death, insanity or incompetency of a party, the court in which an action is pending, upon notice to such person as it directs and upon motion of any party aggrieved, may order that the action be abated, unless it is continued by the proper parties, within a time to be fixed by the court, not less than 6 nor more than 12 months from the granting of the order

Interim Manager Morris requested direction from the Board regarding the request received from NCDOT.

The Board discussed the Agenda item with Interim Manager Morris.

Commissioner Jones noted the following comments:

- Would like to know how many others own property on Clyde Amos Road
- In order to make a fair decision, need to have all available information
- Must consider the amount of State funding already been used to address the intersection on Highway #89
- Agree the road does not cause accidents
- Want to make sure that there are no hardships for anyone who owns property on the road

Vice Chairman Inman noted the following comments:

- Several portions of different roads have been closed by the BOCC, but not one with the same situation (having both egress and degress) that effects other parties
- All closures to my knowledge were at the end of the road effecting no other parties
- Want to examine all aspects of the request
- Very familiar with the road
- After the last fatality, worked with NCDOT to find funding to change the intersection on Highway #89/Clyde Amos Road

- Agree with Commissioner Jones regarding the need to know how many others have property on Clyde Amos Road
- Would like to see NCDOT do a traffic study and the findings state that the current intersections on both ends of the road are considered dangerous and that they would recommend the Board of Commissioners consider closing the road
- Make sure that if this is a safety issue, closing a portion of the road will fix the problem
- Believe comments made during public comments after the last fatality wanted the end of Clyde Amos Road be closed on the Highway #89 side, not Piney Grove Church Road
- Reiterated the need to have both ends of the road studied and evaluated by NCDOT
- Would like to find what effect closing a portion of the road would be regarding paving the road

Commissioner Walker noted the following comments:

- Questioned whether the Board had ever closed a road where property owners on the road did not want the road closed
- Never supported closing a road where there was opposition
- NCDOT has the ultimate authority to take the road off the Secondary Road System, even if the County did not support the recommendation
- Not aware of any accidents at the intersection of Clyde Amos Road on Highway #89 since the work was done by NCDOT
- Not aware of any official request to close the road from NCDOT
- Believe there were citizen requests to close the road during a Public Comments section after the last fatality
- Would like to know what safety issues the Lawson family has with the road and why they desire to close a portion of the road

Clerk Darlene Bullins noted that a previous Board had closed the middle section of Old Sheppard Mill Road in the early 2000's. The road had no one living on the road and the road had a dangerous one lane bridge where hundreds of tires and other trash was continuously being thrown into a creek.

Commissioner Booth noted the following comments:

- Believe the County should take the legal opinion of County Attorney Powell regarding the need for all the heirs to sign the petition
- Has been 3 deaths along with an individual who has been in a wheelchair for at least 25 years resulting from turning from Highway #89 into Clyde Amos Road
- Do not believe there has been any serious accidents since NCDOT did the work on the intersection
- Believe there is a safety issue regarding the road

Chairman Lankford noted the General Statutes state when considering closing a road or a portion of a road, the BOCC should determine if it is in the best interest of the citizens of the community. Chairman Lankford noted that the more information the Board had, the better a decision could be made in the best interests of the people of the community.

Commissioner Walker also requested Interim Manager Morris to address how closing a portion of the road would be in the best interests of the people of community.

The Board unanimously agreed to have the Interim Manager place the item back on the Agenda once all the requested information had been gathered.

Interim Manager Morris acknowledged that he would gather all the requested information before placing the item back on the Discussion Agenda.

Budget Work Session

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion regarding the Public Hearing and Budget Work Sessions for the F/Y 2011-12 Budget. Chairman Lankford noted the Interim Manager would present his proposed budget on May 23rd.

The Board discussed possible dates.

The Board unanimously agreed on the following dates:

- May 27, 2011 - 10:00 am (budget work session) (third floor conference room)
- May 31, 2011 - 10:00 am (budget work session) (third floor conference room)
- June 6, 2011 - 7:00 pm (public hearing) (Courtroom "A"- Government Center)
- June 9, 2011 - 10:00 am (budget work session) (meeting with Board of Education) (third floor conference room)
- June 13, 2011 - 5:00 pm (alternate date to meet with Board of Education if June 9th is not workable)
- June 14, 2011 - 10:00 am (budget work session) (third floor conference room)
- June 21, 2011 - 10:00 am (budget work session) (commissioners' chambers)

Proposed Fire and Rescue Protection and Mutual Aid Agreements

Interim County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the renewal of the Fire and Rescue Protection and Mutual Aid Agreements:

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- Same Fire and Rescue Protection and Mutual Aid Agreement signed in 2009 will be sent to the following Volunteer Fire Departments for approval:
 - Danbury
 - Double Creek
 - Francisco
 - Lawsonville
 - Northeast Stokes
 - Pinnacle
 - Sauratown
 - South Stokes
 - Stokes Rockingham
 - Walnut Cove
- Same Fire Protection and Mutual Aid Agreement signed in 2009 will be sent to Pilot Knob Volunteer Fire Department for approval
- Same Medical First Response/Rescue Squad Services and Mutual Aid Agreement signed in 2009 will be sent to Pilot Mountain Rescue Squad and EMS, Inc. for approval
- Same Fire Protection and First Response and Mutual Aid Agreement signed in 2009 will be sent to Westfield Volunteer Fire Department for approval
- City of King and Town of Rural Hall have been notified that their agreements will terminate June 30, 2011
- New agreements will be effective July 1, 2011 for a two (2) years
- Reiterated that there were no changes in the agreements

The Board had no issues with sending the same agreements for another two year renewal.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 23rd Consent Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

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

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 applications presented at the April 26th meeting. Chairman Lankford noted that the motion would be approving submission to the state only – no county funding approval.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the following JCPC applications submission to the State for funding:

- o Stokes Friends of Youth = JCPC Funding- \$78,431
- o Stokes SCAN = JCPC Funding - \$22,199
- o Children's Center = JCPC Funding - \$9,288
- o Insight = JCPC Funding - \$26,092

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

POD Relocation – Grading Proposals

Interim County Manager Rick Morris noted that the county had received positive feedback regarding the low bidder (Creative Design and Construction) which was presented at the April 26th meeting.

Interim Manager Morris provided the following update regarding the proposed sewer system at the Early College location:

- Have continued to research other options for sewer at the Early College location
- Next decision that will have to be made is whether to design a sewer system that actually fits the requirement of the POD or design a system that could accommodate the future community college facility
- This decision will probably have to be discussed at the next meeting
- Will do cost analysis regarding each type of design
- No other location suitable to place the system
- Old system at the former prison camp is unusable

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the grading proposals submitted at the April 26th meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Creative Design and Construction (\$17,350.00) for the Early College Phase II Grading. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Dental Proposals

Interim County Manager Rick Morris noted that administrative staff had put in several long hours of hard work of negotiating trying to find the best possible solution for a very difficult situation. Interim Manager Morris noted that Personnel Officer Darlene Bullins would explain the recommendation. Administrative Staff recommends United Health Care – Option Three for

Medical and United Health Care – Option One for Dental. Interim Manager Morris noted that staff would like to look at other options such as HSA, HRA, Self Insured, etc. for next year starting in the Fall of 2011 to determine what would be best for Stokes County.

Personnel Officer Darlene Bullins discussed the following regarding the United Health Care (UHC) recommendation for health and dental services:

- Have diligently been negotiating with both United Health Care(UHC) and Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) since the April 26th meeting
- Both carriers presented several different options for consideration
- Recommending United Health Care due to the following reasons:
 - Significant lower premiums
 - Less major changes to the current plan
 - Lower dental premiums
 - Discount of \$5 per member per month given by UHC during the first year when purchasing both health and dental (potential \$18,540 savings)
 - BCBS's prescription plans include four tiers with the fourth tier having a 25% copay (\$100 maximum each month)
 - BCBS does not offer a discount for using mail order prescriptions
- UHC Option Three (medical coverage) is a 14.1% employee increase, County will experience approximately \$171,050 annual increase for employee coverage
- BOCC can choose a different option for medical coverage (Option Four which is a 13.4% employee increase) which changes the prescription plan to \$10/\$35/\$70 and would reduce the annual employee increase by \$7,898 from Option Three
- BOCC can choose a different option for medical coverage (Option Two which is a 15.9% employee increase) which reduces the deductible/coinsurance for members from \$2,500 back to \$2,000 and will increase the annual employee increase by \$22,952.52 from Option Three
- UHC Option One (dental coverage) is a 42.2% employee increase, County will experience approximately \$31,925 annual increase for employee coverage
- UHC will transfer employees' unused carryover balances beyond the \$1,000 customary limit from NCACC-CIGNA
- UHC offers an extra incentive of \$100 annually (besides the \$250 carryover) for using network dental providers
- The only change in the Dental is there will no longer be any orthodontia coverage for adults, it will still be available for children up to age 19
- BOCC may choose a different option for dental coverage (Option Two which is a 31.2% employee increase) which changes oral surgery, periodontics, and endodontics from Basic Services (80%) to Major Services (50%) and reduces the annual employee increase by approximately \$8,305 from Option One
- Would like to see dental changes as minimal as possible, receiving the \$18,540 for having both health and dental will partially offset the dental increase

- UHC prescription plan will be slightly different from the current CIGNA, they don't have a set generic tier, representatives stated that employees would see prescriptions on different tiers from the current CIGNA plan
- UHC mail order for prescriptions is slightly different
- Will have out of network benefits, did not have with current CIGNA
- Will have discounts on eyewear, did not have with current CIGNA
- UHC will host enrollment meetings to introduce and explain the new plan
- UHC does not have a model that separates child and children, all are covered under children
- UHC did try very hard to accommodate this child/children request, but couldn't
- Both recommended options for health and dental specifies the County will pay the full premium cost for employee coverage
- UHC has nationally ranked network
- Several other counties who were in the NCACC Pool are currently negotiating with UHC

Health

The following are changes from our current CIGNA plan: (UHC - Option Three)

	CIGNA	UNITED
Primary Physician Co-Pay	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
Specialist Co-Pay	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00
Deductible - Individual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Coinsurance -Individual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Ind. Ded/Coinsurance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Deductible -Family	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Coinsurance - Family	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total Family Ded/Coinsurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Out of network	none	60/40 Plan
Vision Exam	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
Discount on Eyewear -(20%)	No	Yes
Urgent Care	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
Prescriptions	\$0/\$25/\$40	\$10/\$35/\$60
Prescriptions/Mail Order	\$0/\$50/\$80	\$25/\$87.50/\$150

The following are premium changes: (Option Three)

United Health	CIGNA	United	Monthly Increase	Annual Increase
Spouse coverage	\$328.06	\$448.99	\$ 120.93	\$ 1,451.16
Dependent coverage	\$170.56	\$315.42	\$ 144.86	\$ 1,738.32
Children coverage	\$295.28	\$315.42	\$ 20.14	\$ 241.68
Family coverage	\$583.94	\$868.91	\$ 284.97	\$ 3,419.64

Dental

The following are changes from our current CIGNA plan: (Option One)

- Only change will be the elimination of Orthodontia for adults

The following are premium changes: (Option One)

Option One	Current		Monthly	Annual
UNITED	CIGNA	United	Increase	Increase
Spouse coverage	\$ 24.24	\$ 34.46	\$ 10.22	\$ 122.64
Dependent coverage	\$ 25.56	\$ 42.75	\$ 17.19	\$ 206.28
Children coverage	\$ 38.78	\$ 42.75	\$ 3.97	\$ 47.64
Family coverage	\$ 59.04	\$ 83.94	\$ 24.90	\$ 298.80

The Board discussed the options with Interim Manager Morris and Personnel Officer Bullins. The Board unanimously agreed that the County needs to start this fall looking at the all other options that might be available for health and dental benefits.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the United Health Care recommendation. Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve United Health Care (Option Three) for health benefits and United Health Care (Option One) for dental benefits for Fiscal Year 2011-12 as recommended by Administrative staff. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mental Health – Fun Day

Vice Chairman Inman noted the upcoming Stokes County Mental Health Association – Fun Day on Friday, May 20th at 9:00 am at Central Park in King.

Volunteer Reception

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the upcoming Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, May 10th at 4:30 pm at South Stokes High School.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ernest Lankford
Chairman