

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
FEBRUARY 13, 2012

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, February 13, 2012 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:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley
Information Systems Director Dianna Fulp
Health Director Scott Lenhart
County Attorney Edward Powell

Chairman Ernest Lankford called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Inman 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 February 13, 2012 Agenda.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the February 13th Agenda as submitted.

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during Public Comments:

Steven Hewett

141 Willowbend Drive

King, NC 27021

Re: Merger of the King Police Department and Sheriff's Office

Mr. Hewett expressed the following concerns regarding the merger of the King Police Department and the Sheriff's Office:

- Speaking today as a resident who pays both city and county taxes
- Former law enforcement officer who sees the implications and problems that are associated with merging the two agencies
- It may be premature, with no plans made yet, but feels this is not a good idea
- City would be shifting the burden of law enforcement for the City of King to the Sheriff's Department which is already short handed
- City would be putting another law enforcement agency on the county and the cost associated with salaries/benefits on the taxpayers of Stokes County
- Would alleviate the city of its financial burden, but as a county taxpayer would also be absorbing the costs if the county raises its taxes to accommodate the actions that are proposed
- Do think that for everyone concerned, put all the options on the table first and find out which one best serves the interest of all those involved
- It may very well serve everybody by doing a merger, but at this juncture, can't see how this can benefit the county with its tight budget constraints along with the proposed shortfall of approximately \$1 million in the county's budget due to property reassessments along with the shortfall in the city's budget from the reassessments
- Both governments will be in a financial burden in the near future with the loss of revenue
- At this point in time, do express my objection to any kind of merger and appreciate the Board's time

Director John Hedrick

Northwestern Regional Library

Elkin, NC

Re: Danbury, Walnut Cove, and King Libraries

Director Hedrick presented Ms. Christine Boles the new branch librarian at Walnut Cove Library. Ms. Boles replaced Ms. Betty Smith who recently retired.

Former Librarian Betty Smith noted the following:

- Would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for all the support given to the libraries during her 28 years of service
- Very proud of the Walnut Cove Library
- Community appreciates the new library

Walnut Cove Librarian Christine Boles noted the following:

- Also very proud to be associated with the Walnut Cove Library
- Look forward to working with the Board of Commissioners
- Continuing to turn the library into a community and cultural center
- 16,270 people used the internet resources during 2011 with 10 computers, looking to add two more computers this year
- Wi-Fi is used daily even when the library is closed
- Citizens go to Fowler Park and use the Wi-Fi
- Library has shown an 8.7% growth in new patrons during the past year
- Planning on adding programs for adults this year, working with local businesses and county agencies
- Expressed appreciation to the Board for their continued support

King Librarian Ann Nichols noted the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the Board for their support
- Seeing lots of success with the Gentry Technology Center where monthly job skills classes are held
- Have heard so many great stories of those who have used the lab and found jobs
- Without the support from the County, the libraries would not be able to provide the services
- Have 11 computers for internet use (10 computers in the computer lab) with two more being added this year for the public
- Library is having a program on Thursday about starting a “community garden”
- Northwestern Regional Library is very fortunate to have the county’s support

Danbury Librarian Nora Lankford noted the following:

- With being a person of few words, most of the information is in 2010-11 Highlights
- Would like to yield her time to Joan Sherif, Northwestern Regional Library System.

Ms. Joan Sherif noted the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the Board for their continued support
- Stokes County Libraries are proud to offer eBooks, digital audiobooks available 24/7 from the library’s website www.nwrl.org
- No charge
- Hundreds of popular fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from
- Response has been excellent
- Also partnering with Appalachian Regional Library so that anyone from either system can check books out from both
- Spread the word

Each librarian presented the Board with a copy of their library’s 2010-11 Highlights.

Director Hedrick expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing the time to speak.

Mr. Stephen James

125 Kirkleigh Court

King, NC 27021

Re: Keep the King Police Department Open

Mr. James expressed the following concerns regarding keeping the King Police Department open:

- Agree 100% with everything that Steven Hewett just said about keeping the King Police Department open
- Normally do not agree on a lot of things with Mr. Hewett, but do agree with him on this issue
- Feel it was wrong the way it was handled at Monday night's meeting when the vote was taken
- Should have been an Agenda item
- Public should have been made aware of the item before the vote was taken, that didn't happen
- Don't think the County can provide the same service that the citizens presently have without there being some big tax increases somewhere either city, county, or both
- Started a facebook page to show support for the King Police Department and already have 375 members
- Started a petition on Friday afternoon in support of the King Police Department and already have over 250 signatures which will be presented to the King City Council at their next meeting
- Would be happy to talk personally about this issue with any member of the Board of Commissioners
- Have made a call this morning to the District Attorney's office and the State Attorney General's office because I feel like, along with several other people, that there have been some secret meetings/backdoor stuff about this issue before the vote was taken on Monday
- Sheriff Marshall said that he was not aware of this until Tuesday, then later in the week it came out that he had discussions with Sheriff Schatzman in Forsyth County a week prior to the vote being taken about how to handle the Forsyth County part of King – feels this was wrong
- If this does come down to being put to where the King Police Department is going to be closed or have the Sheriff take over, it needs to be put to a vote for all the citizens of Stokes County
- Expressed appreciation to the Board for the time to speak

Chairman Lankford stated that the Board had made a statement on Friday to the media for clarity on this issue and no action has been taken by this Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Inman confirmed with Mr. James that he was referring to the City Council's meeting and not a Board of Commissioners and that this Board has had no meeting on the matter and Mr. James was referring to the King City Council's meeting last week.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of January 23, 2012

Administration/Finance - Budget Amendment #60

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #60.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	See Below for Detail	\$5,155,793.00	\$(54,255.00)	\$5,101,538.00
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$80,950.00</u>	<u>\$54,255.00</u>	<u>\$135,205.00</u>
	Totals	\$5,236,743.00	\$00.00	\$5,236,743.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds to Contingency from the Second Quarter Review.

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.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Governing Body			
100.4110.110	Group Insurance	\$13,470.00	\$4,495.00	\$17,965.00
100.4110.111	Dental Insurance	\$1,044.00	\$350.00	\$1,394.00
100.4110.450	Insurance	\$562,000.00	\$(5,000.00)	\$557,000.00
	Administration			
100.4120.110	Group Insurance	\$8,980.00	\$(4,475.00)	\$4,505.00
100.4120.111	Dental Insurance	\$696.00	\$(325.00)	\$371.00
	Tax Administration			
100.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$264,158.00	\$(2,500.00)	\$261,658.00
	Superior Court			
100.4160.411	Juvenile Detention		\$(5,000.00)	\$15,000.00
	Sheriff's Department			
100.4310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$1,388,956.00	\$(30,000.00)	\$1,358,956.00

100.4310.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Tim	\$129,160.00	\$30,000.00	\$159,160.00
100.4310.430	Rental of Equipment	\$2,600.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,800.00
100.4310.320	Telephone	\$17,107.00	\$200.00	\$17,307.00
100.4310.351	Maint. & Repairs - Auto	\$85,945.00	\$1,000.00	\$86,945.00
100.4310.110	Group Insurance	\$193,072.00	\$(2,400.00)	\$190,672.00
Jail				
100.4320.000	Salaries & Wages	\$553,666.000	\$(30,000.00)	\$523,666.00
100.4320.010	Salaries & Wages-Overtime	\$00.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
100.4320.020	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	\$101,000.00	\$39,700.00	\$140,700.00
100.4320.220	Food & Provisions	\$194,496.00	\$(10,000.00)	\$184,496.00
Emergency Communications				
100.4325.000	Salaries & Wages	\$362,983.00	\$(9,000.00)	\$353,983.00
100.4325.010	Salaries & Wages - Overtime	\$12,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$20,000.00
100.4325.020	Salaries & Wages -Part Time	\$27,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$29,100.00
100.4325.110	Group Insurance	\$53,880.00	\$(1,100.00)	\$52,780.00
Cooperative Extension				
100.4950.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$130,402.00	\$(10,000.00)	\$120,402.00
Health Department				
100.5100.000	Salaries & Wages	\$1,020,431.00	\$(30,700.00)	\$989,731.00
100.5100.030	Salaries & Wages -Perm. P/T	\$12,747.00	\$(1,100.00)	\$11,647.00
Social Services				
100.5310.000	Salaries & Wages	<u>\$1,737,889.00</u>	<u>\$(1,250.00)</u>	<u>\$1,736,639.00</u>
Totals		\$5,155,793.00	\$(54,255.00)	\$5,101,538.00

Housing Grant Fund - Budget Amendment #61

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #61.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Housing Grant Fund				
205.4972.440	Misc. Contractual Services	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Totals		\$00.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate Home Energy Loan Pool (HELP) Funds to cover hard and soft costs for applicants.

This will result in a net increase of \$20,000.00 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
205.3301.002	Home Energy Loan Pool	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Social Services - Budget Amendment #62

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #62.

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			
100.5480.001	LIEAP	<u>\$44,801.00</u>	<u>\$18,589.00</u>	<u>\$63,390.00</u>
	Totals	\$44,801.00	\$18,589.00	\$63,390.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding for the LIEAP Program to be administered at the County. 100% Federal Funding.

This will result in a net decrease of \$18,589.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.202	DSS-Federal	<u>\$1,953,520.00</u>	<u>\$18,589.00</u>	<u>\$1,972,109.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,953,520.00	\$18,589.00	\$1,972,109.00

Social Services - Budget Amendment #63

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #63.

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			
100.5480.000	Crisis Intervention	<u>\$201,818.00</u>	<u>\$76,140.00</u>	<u>\$277,958.00</u>
	Totals	\$201,818.00	\$76,140.00	\$277,958.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate additional funding for Crisis Intervention. 100% Federal Funding

This will result in a net increase of \$76,140.00 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	Crisis Intervention	<u>\$1,483,924.00</u>	<u>\$76,140.00</u>	<u>\$1,560,064.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,483,924.00	\$76,140.00	\$1,560,064.00

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #64

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #64.

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>\$16,711.00</u>	<u>\$4,982.00</u>	<u>\$21,693.00</u>
	Totals	\$16,711.00	\$4,982.00	\$21,693.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To purchase scanner/copier for extending the current scanning program underway within the Sheriff's Office. This will allow for the relocation of the current scanner/copier to the Jail and replace the Sheriff's Office copier allowing the Jail to join the scanning program.

This will result in a net increase of \$4,982.00 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 & Forfeitures	<u>\$14,629.00</u>	<u>\$4,982.00</u>	<u>\$19,611.00</u>
	Totals	\$14,629.00	\$4,982.00	\$19,611.00

Emergency Medical 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
	Emergency Medical Services			
100.4370.260	Departmental Supplies	<u>\$7,683.00</u>	<u>\$175.00</u>	<u>\$7,858.00</u>
	Totals	\$7,683.00	\$175.00	\$7,858.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate an EMS donation to purchase a license for software.

This will result in a net increase of \$175.00 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
100.3833.450	EMS-Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$175.00</u>	<u>\$175.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$175.00	\$175.00

Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund - Budget Amendment #66

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #66.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund			
204.5861.180	Professional Services	<u>\$20,092.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$22,092.00</u>
	Totals	\$20,092.00	\$2,000.00	\$22,092.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate additional funding for a William Camp Grant for Massage Therapy for the Walnut Cove Senior Center.

This will result in a net increase of \$2,000.00 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
General Fund				
204.3586.453	William Camp Grant	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,000.00

Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund - Budget Amendment #67

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #67.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund				
204.5861.180	Professional Services	<u>\$20,092.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$22,592.00</u>
	Totals	\$20,092.00	\$2,500.00	\$22,592.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding for an Apple Foundation Grant for the Walnut Cove Senior Center Programs.

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
General Fund				
204.3586.453	Apple Foundation Grant	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
	Totals	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00

Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund - 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
	Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund			
204.5861.511	Equipment-Non Capitalized	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,800.00</u>
	Totals	\$300.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding for an Apple Foundation Grant for the Walnut Cove Senior Center to purchase a copier.

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
	General Fund			
204.3586.453	Apple Foundation Grant	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
	Totals	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00

Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital Fund - 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
	Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital Fund			
500.5700.003	SRMH Inc – Expenditures	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc. Funds for expenditures.

This will result in a net increase of \$100,000.00 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
500.3839.001	SRMH Inc – Revenues	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Comments – Board of Commissioners

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for comments from the Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Booth noted the following:

- Attended the 4H Awards Banquet along with Commissioner Jones and County Manager Morris – went very well

Commissioner Walker noted the following:

- First 4H Awards Banquet missed – had a family obligation
- Encouraged by the people taking part in the decision making process by taking their time to come to tonight's meeting
- Welcome those who can come anytime to take part in the meetings

Vice Chairman Inman noted the following:

- Attended a joint meeting held last Friday of concerned citizens of the Wellington area in King, Mayor Jack Warren, King Police Chief Paul May, Sheriff Mike Marshall, Dennis Nichols, Lewis Carroll, Frank Dray, Paul Norman and Corkey Newsome regarding the unauthorized use of ATVs and the Resolution adopted by the City of King
- Board of Commissioners didn't adopted the Resolution
- Very good meeting
- Meeting was held to make sure all parties were on the same page
- At the end of the session, felt that everyone agreed that the King City Police and the Sheriff's Department are working collaboratively to handle the situation
- Representative Brian Holloway, Sheriff Marshall and Chief May all agreed the current statutes cover the issue
- Sheriff Marshall and Chief May have established a task force to further investigate the matter
- Appears the issue is moving to a Resolution, some arrests have already been made

Commissioner Jones noted the following:

- Sadly report that several attended the visitation/funeral of Economic Development's Director Alan Wood's mother last week

- Attended the Backpack Program at King Ministries last Saturday, very successful program

Health Department – SOTCH 2011 Report

Health Director Scott Lenhart presented the Stokes County 2011 State of the County Health

Report required for accreditation:

- The Report is a yearly report done between the four year health assessment which is due in 2012
- The Report bridges the gap between the four year period
- The 2011 Report included the following information:
 - Demographics of Stokes County
 - Predominately Rural County
 - 456 square miles
 - Borders Surry County to the west, Rockingham County to the east, State of Virginia to the north, and Forsyth County to the south
 - Population Estimated 2010 (Source: US Census Bureau)
 - 47,401
 - 92.9% of population is white
 - 15.9% of population is age 65+
 - Employment (Source: NC Employment Security Commission)
 - Unemployment August 2011 was 9.8% vs. 10.4% in NC (Source: NC Employment Security Commission)
 - Poverty (Source: US Census Bureau)
 - 16.2% persons living below poverty level vs. 14.3% in NC 2009 (Source: US Census)
 - Access to Health Care
 - In 2009, number of persons per primary care provider was 3,599 compared to state ratio of 1,008 per primary care provider
 - Only 8 counties in the State with higher ratios per primary care provider
 - Leading Causes of Death (per 100,000)
 - Mortality Rates (2009) – (Source: NC State Center for Health Statistics)
 - Total Cancer – 230.8 (North Carolina – 186.3)
 - Heart Disease – 192.3 (North Carolina – 182.6)
 - Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease – 74.8 (North Carolina – 46.1)
 - Cancer-Trachea, Bronchus, and Lung – 74.8 (North Carolina – 57.3)
 - Cerebrovascular Disease – 72.7 (North Carolina – 46.8)
 - Pneumonia & Influenza – 36.3 (North Carolina – 18.3)
 - Unintentional Injuries – 32.1 (North Carolina – 29.5)
 - Breast Cancer – 29.1 (North Carolina – 24.8)
 - Diabetes – 27.58 (North Carolina – 22.5)
 - Identified Health Priorities (Source: Community Health Assessment 2008)
 - Youth Obesity Prevention

- Adult Obesity Prevention
 - Smoking During Pregnancy
 - Suicide Prevention/Mental Health
 - Youth Tobacco Use
 - Youth Dental Care
- 10 Top Health Concerns Identified by Community (Source: Community Health Assessment 2008)
 - Aging Problems
 - Dementia
 - Alzheimer's
 - Arthritis
 - Hearing or vision loss
 - Obesity/Overweight
 - Heart Disease/Heart Attacks
 - Cancer
 - Mental Health
 - Diabetes
 - Teenage Pregnancy
 - Suicide, Suicide Attempts, Self Injury
 - Stroke
 - Lung Disease
 - Emphysema
 - Chronic bronchitis
- Community Identified Unhealthy Behaviors
 - (Source: Community Health Assessment 2008)
 - Alcohol Abuse
 - Drug Abuse
 - Poor eating habits
 - Lack of exercise
 - Smoking/Tobacco Use
 - Drinking and Driving
 - Not going to the doctor for a yearly checkup
 - Domestic Violence
 - Reckless/Drunk Driving
 - Not going to the dentist for a yearly checkup
- Community Action Plan (Current Activities 2011)
 - Childhood Obesity Interventions
 - Eat Smart Move More Grant
 - Medical Nutrition Therapy
 - Community Education Programs/Community Health Fairs
 - Nutrition in a Box Curriculum
 - Camp Chill
 - Adult Obesity Interventions
 - Medical Nutrition Therapy Services
 - Provide Eat Smart/Move More/Weigh Less Classes
 - Participation in Health Fairs

- Smoking During Pregnancy Interventions
 - Established active Stokes County Tobacco Control Coalition in 2010
- Suicide Prevention – Mental Health Interventions
 - Mental Health Coordinator with Stokes Family Health Center – provides resource and referral services to community
- Youth Tobacco Use Interventions
 - Enforce ongoing nonsmoking policy in schools
 - Provide smoking cessation classes
 - Provide tobacco use prevention education in schools
 - Implement peer education component in schools
- Youth Dental Health Interventions
 - Research funding available to assist crisis dental care for the uninsured or underinsured
- Graph for Percent of Unemployed in Stokes vs. NC (1995-2011)
- Graph for Poverty Rates in Stokes vs. NC 1980-2009
- Graph for Leading Cause of Deaths
 - Cancer vs. Heart Disease in Stokes County 2002-2009
- Graph for Percent of Children Age 2-18 Obese 2007-2009 (Stokes vs NC)
- Graph for Percent of Children Age 2-18 Obese or Overweight (2007-2009) (Stokes vs NC)
- Graph for Percent of Adults Obese or Overweight (Piedmont Region vs NC) (2006-2008)
- Graph for Smoking During Pregnancy (1992-2009)
- Graph for Suicide Rates (Stokes vs NC) (1997-2009)
- Graph for Access to Health Care–Population per Primary Care Provider (2001-2009)
- Graph for Access to Health Care–Population per Dentist (2001-2009)
- Graph for Health Care Access – Percent of Persons without Health Insurance

Health Director Lenhart noted the following:

- County continues to have problems with the following which were identified during the 2008 Community Health Assessment and are currently being addressed by committees and programs:
 - Youth Obesity
 - Two grants in the schools to help promote physical activity
 - Adult Obesity
 - Grant funding nutrition therapy for adults
 - Smoking during Pregnancy
 - Patients are given information about the concerns of smoking during pregnancy along with information regarding decreasing and stopping smoking during pregnancy
 - Suicide/Mental Health
 - Met with CenterPoint last week
 - CenterPoint will be putting a mental health individual in the Health Department the first of March who can access mental health issues and substance abuse issues

- CenterPoint will be providing training to staff
- Youth Tobacco Use
 - Grant that addresses tobacco use in the schools
- Youth Dental Care
 - Healthy Carolinians has a Dental Crisis Fund that provides some dental care for emergencies (funding is very limited)
 - This is an issue that has been looked at during strategic planning by the Stokes Health Services Alliance
 - Will be trying to get dental vans to areas in the county to help the youth who are unable to get dental services
- Concerned that the leading causes of death in Stokes County are higher than the state level
- Cancer has passed heart disease as the leading cause of death
- Pneumonia and Influenza are the sixth leading causes of death which is very alarming with the vaccines that are available
- Even though Diabetes is the tenth leading cause of death in county, there has been some very positive improvements in the diabetic rate in the county
- Some reports across the state note that the decrease in second hand smoke in restaurants has played a significant role in heart attacks and deaths
- Stokes County's Cancer rate has increased from 217.1 (per 100,000) in 2002-06 to 230.8 (per 100,000) in 2009 (Source: NC State Center for Health Statistics)
- Stokes County's Heart Disease rate has decreased from 222.6 (per 100,000) in 2002-06 to 192.3 (per 100,000) in 2009 (Source: NC State Center for Health Statistics)
- Stokes County's percent of Obesity in Children age 2-18 in has increased from 19 out of 1000 kids in 2007 to 23 out of 1000 kids in 2009 – very big issue, but is being addressed
- There are several programs across the county that address the Identified Health Priorities
- 2012 Assessment will be conducted this year
- Stokes County is working together to improve Health in our Community

The Board discussed the report with Director Lenhart.

Commissioner Jones noted that the percent of unemployment decreased from 2009 to 2011, but more citizens are in need for more services.

Director Lenhart responded:

- More people are coming to receive services from either the Health Department or DSS even though the unemployment rate is down
- Citizens have lost their jobs or have had to take a lower paying job with either limited or no insurance
- Insurance benefits have been cut or decreased by businesses

Chairman Lankford noted Alcohol Abuse being the #1 and Drug Abuse being #2 of the top ten Community Identified Unhealthy Behaviors.

Director Lenhart responded:

- There are programs in the county that specifically deal with alcohol related deaths and drug abuse
- There are drop off points in the county that citizens can take unused prescriptions

Commissioner Walker questioned Director Lenhart (based on this report) regarding what adjustments are needed if any that could be made to make the use of our resources more effective.

Director Lenhart responded:

- A lot of the committees have the same members and sometimes one committee assumes another committee is moving forward with the issue, but is not
- Don't see enough action at times
- Need to get the citizens and communities more involved
- Need to take a grassroots effort and move forward with different issues
- State budget shortfalls are a big issue which usually falls to the counties
- One issue is that by General Statutes, a public assessment must be done and sometimes some of the top priorities are not public health functions
- When this occurs, you have to depend on other agencies such as Healthy Carolinians, Stokes Health Alliance, etc. to come in with strong people to provide programs
- One example – Dental Crisis Program – very limited funding
- Health Care providers on the northern side – very limited
- Dental Care providers in Stokes County – very limited
- No OB-GYN provider in Stokes County – can't have a prenatal clinic in the Health Department
- Need to partner to get more providers in to Stokes County
- Grants are harder to get now – two keep factors now – sustainability and partners

Commissioner Walker questioned Director Lenhart if the report should be better next year.

Director Lenhart responded that he could not say.

Commissioner Walker noted that it would be nice to see some improvement on the next report.

Commissioner Booth noted the following:

- Very pleased with the work being done by Director Lenhart
- Noted the increase in cancer
- Noted the rate in respiratory illness

Director Lenhart responded:

- There could be some explanations for that such as:
 - Better at diagnosing, finding cancer sooner
 - Some of the county's population is living longer
- Would be interesting to look at the occupations of the cancer patients
- Respiratory illness could be linked to a person's life style, occupation

Chairman Lankford expressed the Board's appreciation to Director Lenhart

PowerPoint Demonstration – Tax and GIS Websites

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following:

- Anderson & Associates (vendor hosting the former Web GIS Site) was cut off on January 27th
- Have had about 20 calls with most being questions about how to do something on the new system
- The County is listening to the feedback from the citizens and are continuing to address any issues if possible

GIS/Tax Administrator Jake Oakley and Information Technology Director Dianna Fulp presented a power point demonstration of the new Tax and GIS/Mapping Websites.

GIS/Tax Administrator Jake Oakley noted the following:

- New in-house website went live on February 1st
- New web address: www.stokescountync.gov
- New in-house website is powered by Keystone Tax Software Package
- Changes are updated daily instead of 40-45 days with the old system
- Can go directly from the tax website to the mapping website
- New link will take you directly to mapping website without looking at tax parcels
- Discussed the 2009 Property Cards which are currently being worked on to make the annotation larger, the other website did not have property cards on the website
- Will be working on a summary property card to hopefully be done this year
- Trying to make the website as user friendly as possible
- Digital images of each structure will be placed on the website as soon as possible
- 2010 aerial photographs were provided by the State – free
- 2008 aerial photographs were done in-house – better resolution
- The 2008 aerial photographs have twice the pixel resolution than the 2010 aerial photographs
- Have worked with several individuals who first disliked the site, but now really like the site after a little training
- Truly believe that after citizens use the website, they will like the site much better
- This site is more capable than the other site
- Being in-house will allow improvements to be made at no cost
- Will continue to improve the website if possible

The Board commended Tax Administrator Oakley for bringing the website in-house, saving county dollars and providing better service to the citizens of Stokes County.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that the issue that realtors

were having with the property cards have been taken care of.

Ms. Margie Dunlap expressed concerns with individuals being able to find out lots of information about a person's property and that she had actually received a letter from someone in California about selling her property.

Tax Administrator Oakley stated that this information is public record and would be happy to assist her with any issue.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that there was a charge to pay taxes online and the citizen could void the transaction once the fee is calculated if so desired.

GIS/Tax Administrator Oakley expressed his appreciation to IT Director Dianna Fulp and staff for their support during the implementation of these new sites.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that the GIS site would continue to be the best in the State just like the old site.

Chairman Lankford expressed the Board's appreciation to Tax Administrator Oakley and staff and to IT Director Fulp and staff for bringing these sites in-house saving the taxpayers' dollars.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Petition Requesting Contiguous Annexation – 223 Hobe Kiser Road, King, NC

Operations Director David Burge, Stokes County Schools, presented the following information regarding a Petition requesting annexation to the City of King for the Hobe Kiser Property where the new Poplar Springs Elementary School is located:

- Property is located in the King ETJ
- If the property is located within the city limits of King, the King Police Department would provide police service to the new elementary school

- King Police Department is located only a few miles from the school and response time would be much quicker than could be provided by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department
- The City of King charges higher water and sewer rates to customers located outside the city limits
- If the property is located within the city limits, the school system would pay lower water and sewer rates
- School system currently gets a 25% discount which would be on the lesser rate
- If the property is located within the city limits, the City of King would maintain the sewer lines located on the property from the existing manholes in the Woodcreek Subdivision to manhole #2 on the school property
- This property adjoins Woodcreek on two sides which is already in the city limits
- Per Todd Cox, City of King Planning Department, it is a normal procedure for the City to request annexation when water and sewer is extended to a property
- Would request that this item be added to the February 27th Action Agenda

The Board discussed the Agenda item with Director Burge.

The Board confirmed with Director Burge that there were no negatives, no downside, and this would be a financial benefit to the school system.

Vice Chairman Inman noted that there had been some discussion that the rate outside the city limits could be increasing.

The Board had no issues with the request.

Director Burge discussed briefly the importance of the school district function on the Mapping website and commended the Mapping staff for their help during the recent redistricting of the elementary schools in King.

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Action Agenda.

Board of Education – Request for Funding

Operations Director David Burge, Stokes County Schools, presented the following request for funding for Pinnacle and Nancy Reynolds Elementary Schools:

Pinnacle Elementary School

- During reconstruction of Nancy Reynolds Elementary School, students attending Nancy Reynolds had to be relocated to two modular classrooms buildings (PODS) located on the campus of Pinnacle Elementary School
- One POD was located on the soccer/ball field and the other was located on Pinnacle's outdoor basketball play area
- A commitment was made to Pinnacle Elementary School and the Pinnacle Community to restore the soccer field to pre-POD condition and to install a new outdoor basketball play area where the triple wide modular unit that housed the Pre-K classroom was located
- Plans are to start the work in the spring to honor the commitment made to the school and the community
- The parking area will remain which can be used by the school when there is an event
- The Nancy Reynolds Project came in under budget by almost 5% (\$421,899) and the intent was to fund the soccer field restoration and basketball play area from these funds
- Estimated funds needed to complete the work is \$50,000:
 - \$10,000 - Basketball play area
 - \$5,000 – Triple wide modular demolition
 - \$30,000 – Soccer field restoration
 - \$5,000 – Engineer/DENR/DOT fees
- Project will be completed by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2012
- Request this item be placed on the February 27th Action Agenda

The Board discussed the Agenda item with Director Burge.

Vice Chairman Inman confirmed with Director Burge that there would be no new funding allocation, funding would be allocated from the savings of the Nancy Reynolds Project and that the old blocks (will be crushed) would be used for a new second entrance way to the soccer field.

Commissioner Jones confirmed with Director Burge that the old triple way modular is not salvageable.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Director Burge that the new POD that will remain at Pinnacle Elementary School has been an upgrade to the school.

Director Burge noted that where the area now has water/sewer/electrical and the Pinnacle Community is talking about placing a building/shelter on the site and feels the school/community will be very proud of the soccer field restoration and basketball play area once all this is done.

Director Burge also noted that in order to get sewer to the PODS, all faucets and toilet fixtures had to be upgraded in the existing school buildings.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Director Burge that these were the plans that were discussed when the Nancy Reynolds Project was started.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Finance Director Julia Edwards that there was \$447,595 remaining in the project funding.

Chairman Lankford noted there would be a tremendous improvement to the campus once the old modular unit is removed.

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Action Agenda.

Nancy Reynolds Elementary School

- During reconstruction of Nancy Reynolds Elementary School, the existing playground equipment located directly behind the school serving kindergarten through second grade students had to be removed to allow for site grading and construction of the new school
- Equipment was installed in 1995 and no longer meets current code or safety requirements and can no longer be re-installed
- Spent six months trying to get approval to reinstall the existing equipment with no luck
- The Nancy Reynolds Project came in under budget by almost 5% (\$421,899)
- Respectfully request to use \$25,000 of the savings to purchase new playground equipment
- Old equipment was sold for scrap metal with funding being returned to the school
- The old equipment was purchased by the Reynolds Trust Fund
- \$25,000 will be a turnkey purchase – delivery and installment
- Request this item be placed on the February 27th Action Agenda

Chairman Lankford questioned Director Burge regarding the amount of funding available in the Reynolds Trust Fund.

Director Burge responded:

- The Trust has approximately \$1 million which can't be spent, only the interest the fund accrues can be spent
- At one time, there was a very large amount in the Trust to spend
- During the past years, the laws and guidelines have changed, a large amount of the Trust had to be spent and only a certain amount can be spent each year (approximately \$40,000)

- The Trust paid for a majority of the landscaping on the campus (approximately \$70,000)
- The Trust also paid for an outdoor classroom
- Funds have recently been approved for a new storage building to house the mowing equipment
- Have already spoken to members of the Trust regarding the replacement of the playground equipment
- Members of the Trust feel that the replacement playground equipment should be paid for by the school system since the Trust paid for the playground equipment that had to be taken down

Chairman Lankford requested Director Burge to see if the playground equipment could be paid for by the Trust before any action is taken by the Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Inman agreed with Chairman Lankford that it would not hurt to see if the Trust had available funding for the purchase of the playground equipment.

Vice Chairman Inman noted that if the Trust could not provide the funding, he had no issues with using remaining funding from the Nancy Reynolds Project.

Commissioner Jones stated that she had mixed feelings due to the new top of the line school recently built and felt that the Trust should be used to purchase the outdoor playground equipment.

Commissioner Jones also agreed with Chairman Lankford to request the Trust to pay for the playground equipment.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Director Burge that county dollars would be used if any other school in the County needed playground equipment along with landscaping costs.

Commissioner Booth noted that Nancy Reynolds School was originally built by the Reynolds Foundation at no cost to the County for the facility.

Commissioner Booth confirmed that there was approximately \$40,000 that is available each year that is used for mowing and maintaining the outside grounds and can also be used for instructional supplies, computers, etc.

Commissioner Booth agreed that if the funds are available, the Trust should pay for the playground equipment.

Director Burge stated the original fund started with \$25,000 worth of RJReynolds stock and has grown to its current value.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Director Burge that the old equipment was not salvageable and the \$24, 999 is the best price.

Commissioner Walker noted that he is totally on board with the purchase and agreed with Chairman Lankford to request any available funding from the Trust; if there is no available funding, take the funding from the savings from the Nancy Reynolds Project.

Commissioner Walker questioned Director Burge for his recommendation.

Director Burge stated that his recommendation would be to use the savings from the Nancy Reynolds Project knowing what the Trust Fund has already spent on the facility and grounds.

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Action Agenda.

Tax Administration Report – January 2012

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

Fiscal Year 2011-12	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$(20,825,493.00)	\$19,045,729.79		\$1,779,763.21
New Schools F-Tech Fund	\$479,154.00	\$1,232,657.51	\$753,503.51	
Prior Taxes				
1993-2010 Tax Years				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$600,000.00	\$506,773.42		\$93,226.58
EMS Collections				
Total Collected (01-01-12/01-31-12)	\$17,098.33			
Total Collected (07-01-11/06-30-12)	\$79,084.51			

February 13, 2012

Delinquent accounts received
from EMS on 01-20-12
(343 accounts = \$140,826.53)

Personal Property Discovery Report	# of	Total	Taxes
Audit Dates	Accts	Value	Due
01-01-12/01-31-12	11	\$71,771.00	\$643.98
07-01-11/06-30-12	318	\$2,808,308.00	\$25,089.35
Business Personal Property Discovery Report	# of	Total	Taxes
Audit Dates	Accts	Value	Due
01-01-12/01-31-12	0	\$00.00	\$00.00
07-01-11/06-30-12	7	\$117,192.00	\$1,323.42

Motor Vehicle Release Report	Accounts	Total Value
Audit Dates		
01-01-12/01-31-12	55	\$1,777.40

Motor Vehicle Refund Report	Accounts	Total Value
Audit Dates		
01-01-12/01-31-12	10	\$156.58
Number billed for January 2012	3835	

Garnishment Totals			
Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amt	Collected Amt
01-01-12/01-31-12	191	\$38,653.45	\$27,429.29
F/Year 2011-12			
(7-1-11/6-30-12)	1084	\$305,492.07	\$231,302.00

Interstate Collection Report	Collection	Total Collected
Total Collected for January 2012		
Cumulative Total Collected	NC Debt Setoff	\$74,031.57
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	Motor Vehicles	\$70,473.06
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	Property Taxes	\$16,895.25
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	EMS	<u>\$69,065.14</u>
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	All Categories	\$156,433.45

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Releases (January 2012) which are less than \$100 for the Board's review:

Releases (Real and Personal Property)
Less than \$100—January 2012—Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Bruce Woods	11A19619.05	\$43.83
Shad Fletcher	11A34158.09	<u>\$39.84</u>
Total Amount		\$83.67

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Refunds (January 2012) which are less than \$100 for the Board's review:

Refunds (Real and Personal Property)
Less than \$100--January 2012-Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Jo Ann Sexton	11A156022584.09	\$71.62
	10A156022584.09	\$77.50
Ricky/Rebecca Shelton	11A697903449420	\$24.68
	10A697903449420	\$23.28
	09A697903449420	\$23.28
	08A697903449420	\$23.28
	07A697903449420	<u>\$23.28</u>
Total Amount		\$266.92

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Release (January 2012) which is more than \$100 for the Board's consideration:

Release (Real and Personal Property)
More than \$100--January 2012-Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Wilton Bourne	11A67404.06	<u>\$141.13</u>	Boat repossessed
Total Amount		\$141.13	

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Property Refunds (January 2012) which are more than \$100 for the Board's consideration:

Refunds (Real and Personal Property)
More than \$100--January 2012-Per NCGS 105-381 (b)

Charlie/Mary Johnson	11A698400150623	\$291.17	House burned in 2010
Keith/Cynthia Robertson	10A696500754716	\$493.35	System didn't account for Deferment
	11A696500754716	<u>\$523.71</u>	System didn't account for Deferment
Total		\$1,308.23	

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted the following Release of taxes for the Board's consideration:

- Total amount of \$37.39 of motor vehicle taxes on account #19561
- Bill is over ten years old
- Ms. Sharon Westmoreland no longer owns the vehicle
- Per NCSG 105-373.4(h) the Board of Commissioners may, in its discretion, relieve the tax collector of the charge of taxes on classified motor vehicles listed... that are

one year or more past due when it appears to the Governing Body that such taxes are uncollectable

- Tax Office requests the release of the taxes in the amount of \$37.39 under NCGS 105-373.4(h)

Tax Administrator Oakley requests the following be placed on the February 27th Consent

Agenda:

- Real and Personal Release more than \$100
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100
- Motor Vehicle Write Off - Westmoreland

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the items on the February 27th Consent Agenda.

2011 Report of Delinquent Taxes (Liens on Real Property)

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the advertisement of Tax Liens:

- According to NCGS 105-369(a), the Tax Collector must report to the Governing Body a total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year (2011-2012) that are liens on real property, including the county and municipalities
- The Governing Body must order the Tax Collector to advertise these tax liens
- According to NCGS 105-369(b1), after the Governing Body orders the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens, the Tax Collector must send a notice to the owner of record of each effected parcel
- The notice must be sent to the owner's last known address by first class mail at least thirty (30) days before the date of advertisement is to be published
- Projected date for the mailing of second notices is February 29, 2012
- As of 02-07-2012:
 - General County = 3,798 bills with principal due in the amount of \$1,860,918.86
 - City of King = 237 bills with principal due in the amount of \$301,095.41
 - Town of Danbury = 17 bills with principal due in the amount of \$8,126.49
 - Town of Walnut Cove = 82 bills with principal due in the amount of \$58,862.02
- Respectfully request the Governing Body order the Tax Office to advertise these accounts no earlier than thirty (30) days after the mailing of the past due notices (less any bills paid between the report date and the advertising date)
- Projected advertisement date for 2011 tax liens in the Stokes News is 04-12-12
- Request this item be placed on the February 27th Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walker questioned Tax Administrator Oakley on how this years' principle amount due is compared to last years.

Tax Administrator Oakley responded that the amount is about the same as last years and that probably after the second notices go out, there will be around \$1 million to collect.

Tax Administrator Oakley noted that there is a \$5 advertising fee if the tax lien is published in the paper.

Tax Administrator Oakley informed the Board that the Tax Department was stepping up the motor vehicle delinquent collections by sending second notices each month trying to clean up delinquent accounts before the State takes over the collection of motor vehicle bills in July 2013.

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the items on the February 27th Consent Agenda.

NCDOT – Request for Addition – Voss Hill Drive in Voss Hill Subdivision – Secondary Road System

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a request from NCDOT to add Voss Hill Drive in Voss Hill Subdivision to the North Carolina Secondary Road System:

- NCDOT has approved for Voss Hill Drive in Voss Hill Subdivision to be added to the Secondary Road System
- Road will be classified as subdivision
- There are no state funds needed to improve the maintenance condition of this addition
- Voss Hill was approved by the NC Division of Highways on 09-30-2004 as noted on the survey plat
- GIS/Tax Administrator Jake Oakley and County Attorney Ed Powell both have no issues with the addition
- Request the item be placed on the February 27th Action Agenda

The Board had no issues with the request.

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the items on the February 27th Action Agenda.

DSS – Processing Assistant III – External Posting

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following request from DSS Director

Kristy Preston:

- Currently have a vacant Processing Assistant III
- Worker in this position was promoted to another position within the agency (domino effect)
- Very important position in the department providing clerical support to the agency's employees
- Has been posted internally with no applicants
- Request approval to post external

The Board had no issues with the request.

Vice Chairman Inman suggested moving the item to today's Action Agenda due to the increasing workload of the department.

The Board had no issues with moving the item to today's Action Agenda.

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

Proposed Resolution – Hanging of a Portrait of Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce – Government Center

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Resolution for the hanging of a portrait of retired Sheriff Mike Joyce:

STOKES COUNTY

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE HANGING OF A PORTRAIT IN THE STOKES COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO HONOR RETIRED SHERIFF MIKE JOYCE

WHEREAS, the County of Stokes would like to give special recognition to Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce for his exemplary service to the citizens of Stokes County; and

WHEREAS, Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce, by his own words, considered himself a servant and employee of the citizens of Stokes County, and he never took for granted the trust of the people to enforce the laws of the land equally, with respect to all persons; and

WHEREAS, Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce was often called by the citizens “A Friend of the People”, because of his commitment, honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce was highly respected for his fair and equitable application of the law by the citizens of Stokes County and fellow law enforcement officials, at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce strongly supported his community, church, county and country, and was a wonderful role model for the citizens, young and old; and

WHEREAS, Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce was a loving and loyal husband and family man, and an exceptional human being; and

WHEREAS, Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce served as the Stokes County Sheriff for five consecutive four year terms, which makes him the longest serving Sheriff in Stokes County history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners fully supports the private acquisition of a portrait, with accompanying plaque, of Retired Sheriff Mike Joyce to:

1. Be hung in a prominent location within the Stokes County Courthouse, located at the Government Center in Danbury, North Carolina, and
2. Furthermore, that any future Sheriff, who serves a total of twenty consecutive years, or more, as Sheriff of Stokes County, also be authorized to receive recognition in a similar fashion within the courthouse.

Adopted this the _____ day of February 2012.

Ernest Lankford – Chairman

J. Leon Inman – Vice Chairman

Jimmy Walker – Commissioner

Ronda Jones – Commissioner

James D. Booth – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk of the Board

County Manager Morris turned the Agenda item over to Commissioner Booth.

Commissioner Booth noted the following:

- Proposed resolution includes the admirable traits of retired Sheriff Joyce
- Proposed resolution includes the five consecutive four year terms which makes retired Sheriff Joyce the longest serving Sheriff in Stokes County history

- Proposed resolution includes that any future Stokes County Sheriff, who serves a total of 20 consecutive years or more will also be authorized to receive recognition in a similar fashion within the courthouse
- Plan to hang the portrait in the foyer of the Courthouse
- An unveiling ceremony will be planned in the near future

The Board had no issues with the request.

Manager Morris noted that this proposed resolution could be amended if so desired by the Board.

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Consent Agenda.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 Proposed Audit Contract – Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following regarding the proposed 2011-12

Audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates:

- Martin Starnes & Associates has done the county 's audit since fiscal year 2005-06
- Proposed cost is \$46,000, which is a \$1,000 increase from last year
- Fees charged by Martin Starnes since 2005-06:
 - FY 2005-06 = \$40,500 - bid amount
 - FY 2006-07 = \$42,000 - bid amount
 - FY 2007-08 = \$43,600 - bid amount
 - FY 2008-09 = \$45,000 – major change with GASB34
 - FY 2009-10 = \$45,000
 - FY 2010-11 = \$45,000 – requested \$500 which was denied
- Attorney Powell has approved proposed contract

Chairman Lankford noted that his preference was \$45,000 due to the County not being able in prior years to give county employees a COLA.

Chairman Lankford noted that the County could always do a RFP for the services.

Commissioner Jones noted the following:

- Feels the firm is doing the same procedures each year and should stay at \$45,000
- Would prefer not increasing the amount
- Agree with Chairman Lankford regarding the RDF

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Finance Director Julia Edwards that there was no big changes expected this year and agrees with Chairman Lankford and Commissioner Jones to hold the fee the same.

Commissioner Walker noted that employees have been receiving longevity increases along with this past year's mandatory increase in the retirement contribution.

Commissioner Walker stated that he didn't have any issues with bidding the service out occasionally to test the market and that the County should offer Martin Starnes \$45,000 for this year.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Finance Director Edwards that the County had a strong working relationship with Martin Starnes and that her recommendation was to stay with Martin Starnes.

Finance Director Edwards noted that the Danbury Water System was added to the audit within the last couple of years without any increase in fees and that GASB34 does throw up some surprises at times.

Finance Director Edwards noted that the single audit procedures normally start in March with visits to the Health and DSS Departments.

The Board discussed offering Martin Starnes \$45,000.00 for this fiscal year.

Commissioner Walker suggested if the price increases and there is not ample time to do a RFP this year, plan ahead to go out for RFPs next year.

Commissioner Jones noted the upcoming Revaluation which could have approximately \$800,000 decrease in revenue.

Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Jones both agree that this increase should have been provided to the Board earlier.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed Finance Director Edwards and the County Manager to offer Martin Starnes \$45,000 for FY 2011-12.

Appointments - Stokes Aging Planning Committee

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following regarding the appointments to the Stokes Aging Planning Committee:

- Two vacancies due to the passing of Jacque Nuckols and Clinard Merritt
- Four applications have been received: Russell Millner, Vivian Millner, Carol Shamburg, and Carolyn Manuel
- Has been advertised and placed on the county website

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Booth nominated Carolyn Manuel.

Vice Chairman Inman nominated Carol Shamburg.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Action Agenda.

Appointments - Stokes County Planning Board of Adjustments

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following regarding the appointments to the Stokes County Planning Board of Adjustments:

- Four vacancies:
 - Stephen Jessup – Westfield/Francisco
 - Marvin Cavanaugh – Sandy Ridge
 - Carl Hill – Germanton
 - Tim Flinchum – King (Alternate member)
- Has been advertised and placed on the county website
- All wish to be considered for re-appointment

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Inman nominated the following:

- Stephen Jessup – Westfield/Francisco
- Marvin Cavanaugh – Sandy Ridge
- Carl Hill – Germanton
- Tim Flinchum – King (Alternate member)

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, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Action Agenda.

Appointments - CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following regarding the appointment to the CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors:

- One vacancy
- Jan Spencer wishes to be considered for re-appointment
- Has been advertised and placed on the county website

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Inman nominated Jan Spencer.

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, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Action Agenda.

Appointments – Stokes County Agricultural Advisory Board

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following regarding the appointments to the Stokes County Agricultural Advisory Board:

- Three vacancies
 - Quaker Gap Township
 - Peters Creek/Danbury Townships
 - Beaver Island Township (Mark Pendleton resigned – need to fill the remaining term)
- Has been advertised and placed on the County website
- Stokes County Soil and Water Conservation District, Stokes County Farm Bureau, and Stokes County Cooperative Extension Service recommended the following:
 - Quaker Gap Township –Derrick Joyce
 - Peters Creek/Danbury Townships – Reggie Rutledge
 - Beaver Island Township – Jimmy Sands
- Terms are for three years

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Booth nominated the following:

- Quaker Gap Township –Derrick Joyce
- Peters Creek/Danbury Townships – Reggie Rutledge
- Beaver Island Township – Jimmy Sands

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lankford, with consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the February 27th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Health Department – Public Health Nurse II – External Posting

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the external posting for a Public Health Nurse II position presented at the January 27th meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the external posting for a Public Health Nurse II. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council

County Manager Rick Morris noted that Health Director Scott Lenhart has recommended Sondra Smith to serve as the Health Department representative.

Chairman Lankford noted the following were nominated at the January 27th meeting:

- Private citizen representatives: Leonard Hicks and Bob Sullivan
- Rescue organization representative: Cindy Tilley

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Booth nominated Sondra Smith to serve as the Health Department representative.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lankford polled the Board.

- Private citizen representatives: Leonard Hicks and Bob Sullivan
- Rescue organization representative: Cindy Tilley
- Health Department representative: Sondra Smith

The Board unanimously approved the following to serve on the Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Board:

- Private citizen representatives: Leonard Hicks and Bob Sullivan
- Rescue organization representative: Cindy Tilley
- Health Department representative: Sondra Smith

DSS – Processing Assistant III – External Posting

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the external posting for a Processing Assistant III for DSS which was presented at today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to approve the external posting for a Processing Assistant III. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 Proposed Audit Contract – Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs

Finance Director Julia Edwards noted that she had spoken to Martin Starnes and they would agree to keep their fees for the 2011-12 audit the same as last year \$45,000. Director Edwards noted that she would place a new contract for the Board's review in the February 27th Action Agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to enter Closed Session for the following

- To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Commissioner Booth moved to enter into Closed Session for the following:

- To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board reentered the regular session of the February 13th meeting.

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