

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
SEPTEMBER 24, 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, September 24, 2012 at 6:00 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
County Attorney Edward Powell

Chairman Ernest Lankford called the meeting to order.

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

- "The lip of the truth shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment"

Commissioner Jones 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 September 24, 2012 Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the September 24th Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during public comments:

William Roughton

2224 Horseshoe Road

Westfield, NC 27053

RE: February 7, 2012 Zoning Text Amendment by BOCC

Mr. Roughton read the following and requested it be made part of the minutes:

September 24, 2012

Chairman Lankford, Commissioners, Mr. Morris, Ms. Bullins:

On December 6, 2011, The Stokes County Board of County Commissioners discussed a citizen's request for a zoning text amendment that would add "Dedicated Soil Treatment Facility – Land Farming/Bioremediation" to Section 80.3 (Special Uses) of Article VIII (Residential Agricultural Zoning) and would also add Land Farm related definitions to Article IV, Section 41. At the December 6 meeting, the Board was informed by David Sudderth, Director of Planning, that the Planning Board had voted 5 – 2 against recommending the zoning text amendment, concluding that, "the disadvantages outweighed the advantages of allowing this type of activity in the county."

On February 7, 2012, with little discussion, the Board unanimously ignored the Planning Board decision and approved the proposed zoning text amendment. The request for the zoning text amendment concerned a single, specific site on Frye Road. As you know, as the word got out, community opposition grew and many new details emerged about the industry and its probable risks for our community.

The citizen request for the Frye Road special use permit has since been withdrawn, but the Zoning Text Amendment that the Board approved on February 7, 2012, is still there and still places our beautiful rural county at risk for large, well-funded, lawyered-up corporations to move into the residential/agricultural zoned areas of Stokes County with similar, but probably much larger industrial operations.

By some estimates, approximately 80% of Stokes County could be at risk for this type of industrial development under the R/A zoning text amendment. Unlike Union and Davie Counties, Stokes County has no protective regulations to locally control this industrial intrusion.

As Jesse Moore stated before the Board on June 25, 2012, that little zoning text amendment the Board approved on February 7 broke a 30 year old promise to protect the homes and land of Stokes County residents. "Zoning is a promise. It's a promise that the government will protect *MY* property from harmful things that my neighbor might do on his property. And vice-versa."

There are a large number of citizens who believe that the Board should go back and reverse its zoning text amendment decision of February 7, 2012. **We urge the Board to go back to your decision of February 7.** Review it; rescind it; and reestablish the Board's promise and commitment to the Residential and Agricultural zoned community throughout Stokes County.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

William Roughton

September 24, 2012

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of September 10, 2012 – Regular Meeting

E911 Communications Project - Budget Amendment #12

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #12.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Public Buildings				
100.4190.590	Improvements	\$00.00	\$160,500.00	\$160,500.00
Emergency Communications				
100.4325.510	Equipment	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$280,325.00</u>	<u>\$2,280,325.00</u>
	Totals	\$2,000,000.00	\$440,825.00	\$2,440,825.00
E911 Fund				
200.4325.510	Equipment	<u>\$340,956.00</u>	<u>\$35,545.00</u>	<u>\$376,501.00</u>
	Totals	\$340,956.00	\$35,545.00	\$376,501.00
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.4325.002	Emergency Communications	\$537,500.00	\$(440,825.00)	\$96,675.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	<u>\$30,018.00</u>	<u>\$440,825.00</u>	<u>\$470,843.00</u>
	Totals	\$567,518.00	\$00.00	\$567,518.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funding for the E911 Communications Project

This will result in a net increase of \$476,370.00 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
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Reserve	<u>\$30,018.00</u>	<u>\$440,825.00</u>	<u>\$470,843.00</u>
	Totals	\$30,018.00	\$440,825.00	\$470,843.00

E911 Fund				
200.3991.000	Fund Balance	<u>\$339,279.00</u>	<u>\$35,545.00</u>	<u>\$374,824.00</u>
	Totals	\$339,279.00	\$35,545.00	\$374,824.00

Health Department – Title XIX Fund - Budget Amendment #13

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #13.

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				
Title XIX Fund				
100.5104.260	Departmental Supplies	<u>\$17,725.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$19,725.00</u>
	Totals	\$17,725.00	\$2,000.00	\$19,725.00
General Fund				
100.9820.985	Health Dept – Title XIX Gen.	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds that were deposited on June 15, 2012 to Miscellaneous Revenue to be used for the Health Department's Kaizen Event which took place in July 2012; therefore, the revenues need to be moved to the FY 2012-13 budget.

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				
100.3839.006	Health – Mic. Revenue	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Health Department				
Title XIX Fund				
110.9820.100	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Planning - Budget Amendment #14

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #14.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Planning				
100.4910.510	Equipment	\$00.00	\$6,395.00	\$6,395.00
100.4910.350	Maint. & Repairs-Equipment	\$00.00	\$865.00	\$865.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$7,260.00	\$7,260.00
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	\$530,843.00	\$7,260.00	\$538,103.00
	Totals	\$530,843.00	\$7,260.00	\$538,103.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of inspection software, due to the software being used by the Planning Department is obsolete and inoperable. Planning Department has used this software for 15 years.

This will result in a net increase of \$7,260.00 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
	Transfer from Capital Reserve			
100.3982.960	Fund	\$530,843.00	\$7,260.00	\$538,103.00
	Totals	\$530,843.00	\$7,260.00	\$538,103.00
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.3991.000	Fund Balance	\$1,228,244.00	\$7,260.00	\$1,235,504.00
		\$1,228,244.00	\$7,260.00	\$1,235,504.00

Tax Administration Report – August 2012

Real and Personal Releases more than \$100

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Releases more than \$100 (August 2012) at the September 10th meeting with a request for approval at the September 24th meeting:

**Releases more than
\$100 - Real/Personal**

Property	August, 2012		
Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Phoebe Weinerg Holt, VA John Lawson Heirs	12A691302578174	\$193.88	Corrected Assessment To include Use Value
William D Sands	12A696318306285	\$130.00	Office mobile unit to be listed by another individual Correction of Appraisal
Maurice Blane Ferguson Ferguson Lawn & Land-SCP	12A56103.09.1	\$204.21	Software placed two bills on the system
Stonewall Golf Course	12A33907.04	\$458.52	Personal Property Sold to Ronald Regan
Paul E Thompson	12A699600369075	\$254.51	Approved for late application for Veteran
Willis Lee Carter	12A597204707794	\$279.89	Approved for late Elderly Application
Nancy & Dennis Hazelwood	12A697604814784	\$249.92	Approved for late Elderly Application
Joan Gordon	11A155905106.09.1	\$338.08	Correction of appraisal
Joseph Carter Riddle	12A598902861604	<u>\$134.66</u>	Correction of appraisal
	Total Amount	\$2,243.67	

Late Applications for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2012

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Applications for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2012 (August 2012) at the September 10th meeting with a request for approval at the September 24th meeting:

**Late Application for
Elderly and Disabled
Exemption for 2012**

August, 2012

Name	Parcel Number	Address	Description	Tax Value
Helen S Wiles	6901-05-09-5569	115 Bessemer Court King, NC	Land/Dwelling	\$122,300
Carolyn L Landreth	5992-16-94-6993	127 Bob Rierison Street King, NC	Land/Dwelling	\$143,000
Roy & Wilma Finchum	6937-04-74-1322	1730 NC 8&89 HWY N Danbury, NC	Land/Dwelling	\$83,300
Billy Smith Flinchum	6963-10-35-6938	412 E Wellington Lane Walnut Cove, NC	Land/Dwelling	\$174,600
Julie & Jeffery Coleman	6070-00-86-7224	1490 Amostown Road Sandy Ridge, NC	Land/Dwelling	\$48,800
June G. Bullins	6955-04-92-4558	1229 Bunker Hill Road Walnut Cove, NC	Land/Dwelling	\$141,000

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Update – Manager and Board of Commissioners

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for comments:

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following:

- Operation Medicine Drop:
 - An effort to prevent accidental poisoning and substance abuse and to protect our waters
 - Operation Medicine Drop collects unused and expired medications (except liquids)
 - County has three permanent sites:
 - Walnut Cove Police Department
 - (8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Monday/Friday)
 - King Police Department
 - (8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Monday/Friday)
 - Stokes County Sheriff's Department
 - (8:30 am to 5:00 pm – Monday/Friday)
 - Combined efforts of Stokes County EMS, King Police Department, Walnut Cove Police Department, Stokes County Sheriff's Department, and Unlimited Success/Partnership for a Drug Free NC

- EMS Training Officer Brian Booe helps spearhead this organization and is doing a really good job
- Medicine Drops are held throughout the county at different locations
- One is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th at Sauratown Vol. Fire Department (9:00 am to 12:00 pm)
- Since November 2010, there have been 167,805 doses of prescription medicine collected that would have otherwise been misused, sold, put in the landfill, etc.
- Would like to recognize EMS Shift Supervisor Chuck Hartgrove who was recently recognized by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for twenty (20) years of National EMS Certification
 - National Registry is no easy process and the educational requirements are basically double what the state recommends
 - County currently has 11 full and part time employees who have been successful with their National Registry
- Danbury Water System
 - Ice Piggying process seems to be working, water is clearing up (provided the BOCC with a sample of the water taken from the faucet today that is clear)
 - The new 100,000 gallon water tank is already connected into the system and currently being filled up from the new well
 - Having some fluctuations in water pressure while the tank is being filled, should take about a week
 - Once the tank is full and the water has been cleared by the state, it will be integrated into the system with the old tank being taken out of the system
 - Once the tank is up and running, there has to be software installed which will allow Director Delehant to monitor the system by his computer or telephone 24/7
 - Will save the county money not having to have employees come in on the weekends to check the system
 - All aspects of the grant should be completed by the end of 2012
- Red Cross Blood Drive
 - Very successful
 - Produced 23 productive units
 - Will be doing the next drive in a Red Cross bus that can brought to the Government Center
 - Red Cross workers are now using an automated system which was very difficult to use inside the Administrative Building during the past blood drive

Commissioner Booth noted:

- Agree with Manager Morris that employees need to be recognized whenever possible
- Would like to find a way to recognize the employee in front of the BOCC
- Recently noted the City of King had their employees who were recognized in the Stokes News

Commissioner Walker noted:

- Very encouraged by the water sample provided by Manager Morris

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the grant work should be completed by the end of calendar year 2012
- Have had some questions asked recently regarding the hospital specifically the emergency room, not sure how to answer them
- Like Commissioner Booth's idea regarding recognizing the employees in front of the Board, possibly schedule a couple of times during the year
- Good work on the part of our employees is always appreciated

Vice Chairman Inman noted:

- Agree with Commissioner Booth regarding a system to recognize excellence on the part of our employees
- A small certificate or plaque means a lot to those who go beyond the expected job duties
- Briefly mentioned the recent article in the Winston Salem Journal regarding CenterPoint's composition of their Board of Directors
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that he had not had any discussion with the other county managers regarding the composition of the Board
- New law calls for 23 members with 16-17 of those members being designated (current Board has 21 members)
- Forsyth County passed a Resolution requesting the Board composition be based on population and discretionary dollars
- With Forsyth County providing the largest discretionary dollars and having the largest population, they are going to request 16 seats at the table which would leave Stokes and Davie with only two (2) seats and Rockingham only having three (3) seats
- There will be continued discussion regarding the composition of the Board
- Want to make sure Stokes County has one commissioner representative
- Commissioners are charged to look after the taxpayers' dollars and how it is spent; feels there needs to be a Commissioner at the table
- Committee has been set up to review the composition of the Board which I volunteered for
- UNC School of Government recommends the new Board be in place by January 1, 2013 when the MCO/Medicaid Waiver goes live
- Even though Stokes County is a smaller county, there still needs to be representation from each county
- Have a meeting scheduled for this Thursday

County Manager Morris noted that an article in the Winston Salem Journal stated the managers and board chairs from each county are planning to meet.

Manager Morris noted that he would be happy to meet with the other managers.

Vice Chairman Inman questioned if any of the Board members had comments regarding the Forsyth County resolution?

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Don't think one county should have a majority, no county has the right to speak for all the counties involved
- Even though Stokes is small, there should be representation from each county

Commissioner Walker responded:

- Agree with Commissioner Booth's comments and Vice Chairman Inman's observations
- Curious why one county, no matter which county it is, would want to dominate
- Odd situation for this area, normally does not occur
- Counties in this area normally try to find ways to get along with each other, work with each other
- Need fair representation
- Very surprised to be in this particular situation

Vice Chairman Inman noted that this came about in regards to CenterPoint needing the start up funding for Medicaid Waiver; there have been several discussions between Forsyth County and CEO Betty Taylor.

Commissioner Walker stated that he had always thought there was an interest on the part of Forsyth County to try to get along with the other counties in the area and for being a team player, not trying to dominate.

Vice Chairman Inman responded:

- The Davie County Manager stated in the newspaper that she would not recommend to the Davie County Board of Commissioners to go along with the resolution
- Do not think the new law would permit Forsyth County to have a majority on the Board
- One main concern is the new law does not provide for a commissioner from each county to be on the new Board
- Surprised Forsyth County adopted this resolution without consulting the other counties first
- Will keep the Board informed of any and all actions that take place

Chairman Lankford noted that when the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments and the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments merged; it ended up with equal representation, twelve counties, all of different sizes, with twelve commissioners sitting on the Board.

Commissioner Jones noted:

- Agree there should be equal representation, so often counties like Stokes with low population are overlooked and really don't get a fair shot
- Stokes County residents have helped Forsyth County in many ways become what it is, spending their money there, working there, etc.
- Good turnout at the Stokes Fair this year, good weather
- Agree that employees need to be recognized whenever possible

Chairman Lankford noted:

- Agreed that recognition helps to build morale
- Attended a NCACC Insurance Pool Planning Meeting this past week
- Workmen's Compensation is currently in the black and doing very well
- Property Casualty and Liability is having a lot of property damage
- Pool is getting ready to unveil a new incentive plan in December for fiscal year 2013-14; incentive plan is designed to give money back to the counties

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Manager Morris that the County tries to put employees, who are on worker's compensation and can't do their regular job, in other jobs if possible.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Presentation –Forsyth Tech/Stokes County – Community Survey/Planning Results

Stokes Director Ann Watts presented the following information:

- Complete report was provided to each member of the Board
- Looked at what is currently going on in the county to obtain trend data along with survey data
- Current programs currently being offered at the Dodgetown location:
 - Associate of Arts-College Transfer
 - Practical Nursing Program (evening/weekend)
 - Stokes Early College High School
 - Technical Trades classes (non-degree/off-site)
 - Certified Nursing Assistant (off-site)
 - EMT Basic
 - GED
 - Computer Basics/Employability Lab (off-site)
 - Some programs are held off-site due to the lack of space at the Dodgetown location
- Expanded Service Area represents an unduplicated enrollment at Forsyth Tech of 1,414 students from the following zip codes:
 - 27022 - Lawsonville

- 27016 - Danbury
- 27046 - Sandy Ridge
- 27053- Westfield
- 27043 - Pinnacle
- 27025 - Madison
- 27042 - Pine Hall
- 27052 - Walnut Cove
- 27021 - King
- 27019 - Germanton
- 27048- Stoneville
- 27357 - Stokesdale
- 27041- Pilot Mountain
- 27050 - Tobaccoville
- 27045 - Rural Hall
- 27009 - Belews Creek
- Unduplicated Curriculum Enrollment in Forsyth Tech by Stokes County Zip Code at any location
 - Fall 2011 - 986
 - Fall 2012 - 963
 - All Forsyth Tech, as a whole is down approximately 5%, feels this is a reflection of the economy
- Fall 2011 - Curriculum Enrollment in Stokes County at Dodgetown location – 577 (duplicated – students could be taking more than one class)
- Fall 2012 - Curriculum Enrollment in Stokes County at Dodgetown location – 760 (duplicated – students could be taking more than one class)
- Enrollment at Dodgetown location increased possibly due to:
 - Marketing
 - Visibility
 - More older students being able to be included in the daytime classes
 - Early college in its fourth year with students taking only one high school course and the rest being college courses
 - Courses for those out of work
- Forsyth Tech received a large grant “NC Back to Work Grant” - provides training and assistance for those individuals who have exhausted their unemployment benefits
- Fall 2011 – Economic and Workforce Development Enrollment – approximately 2,500 (duplicated) these are not degree seeking students, these students could be taking computer skills, fire science, basket weaving, etc. (continuing education)
- Survey Process
 - 4,000 paper surveys were distributed and links to the web survey were distributed to various places of business and agencies
 - Web surveys were submitted to 6 of the largest listserv groups within the county (listserv is an email data base such as the county employees, school system employees)
 - Return rate:
 - 2,430 responses with 541 coming from local centralized employment bases and 1,889 paper responses

- Paper survey response rate of 47% is especially strong for this type of public interest survey
 - All current Stokes County high school students were included in the submissions
 - Approximately 75% of the paper survey respondents were from the high school students
 - Town Hall meetings held in Danbury, Walnut Cove, and King during June
- Survey Results
 - 78% were interested in taking classes in central Stokes County
 - 67% were interested in weekday-morning course options
 - 70% of preferred hybrid format for classes (part of the class is done online with only partial attendance required at the campus)
- Program Area Ranked by Number of Responses (Degree-seeking)
 - Business = 910
 - College Transfers = 857
 - Computer Information Systems = 849
 - Health Technology = 820
 - Agriculture Science/Horticulture = 653
 - Vocational Trades (welding, HVAC, etc) = 616
- EWD Program Areas by Percentage of Responses (not for a degree)
 - GED and or Basic Skills = 29% (unable to reach the students who needs their GED)
 - Computer Skills = 47%
 - Improving Job Skills = 47%
 - Personal Interest = 49%
- Word Cloud of Most Popular Responses
 - Responses indicate the areas of interest for future programs to be offered at the Forsyth Tech Stokes County Center
 - Word size is based upon the frequency of occurrence as a response, the more frequently the response was made, the larger the term in the word cloud
 - Some of the larger words: Nursing, Education, Medical, Arts, Law, etc)
- Themes from Town Hall Meetings
 - Enjoyed the Town Hall meetings, hearing their eagerness, their thoughts and ideas:
 - Green construction and sustainable technologies
 - Showcase the skill and art of farming
 - Green energy options
 - Meeting space and outdoor space for multi-purpose use for the community
 - Food Service space
 - Agricultural and trades programs
 - Career Center concept
 - Personal enrichment classes
 - Partnerships with business/manufacturing Entrepreneurship
 - Training/retraining veterans
- Very good data and information received from the surveys

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Survey shows how much demand and interest there is in having a community college in Stokes County
- Two PODS are currently full with some classes being held off-site which is a good problem to have
- Raises the question – Is the trend going to continue and is the planned facility going to be big enough?

Director Watts responded:

- With the planned 20,000 sq ft facility, it should be fine until the PODs start wearing out which is a good ways down the road
- Until the facility is completed, will probably have space issues, but will do the best we can
- Manager Morris has offered to help find some overflow space
- Very excited about the interest in enrollment

Chairman Lankford confirmed with Director Watts that the survey was now complete.

Commissioner Walker noted:

- Excellent job
- This survey gives the County a snapshot of what the current needs are
- How can this information be used to determine the needs of the future?

Director Watts responded:

- Will continue to watch enrollment trends and patterns
- Document what the students (by zip codes) are taking each semester
- Can do a brief survey of high school students as we get closer to building the facility
- Will continue to look at the job market to see what is popular

Vice Chairman Inman commented:

- Feels the snapshot given is what the Board has been hearing for many years in Stokes County
- The need is here in Stokes County for a stand alone facility
- Students have always had to go outside of Stokes County for higher education
- Pleased with the responses
- With the current economy, the information regarding the Economic and Workforce Development is very important
- Classes for displaced workers are extremely needed
- Companies looking to come to a county always look to see if there is a community college within the county for training new employees

Chairman Lankford, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to Director Watts for the information provided to the Board.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Poplar Springs Elementary School Property – Encroachment Issues

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information:

- This item previously came to the Board with no action taken
- Amount of land needed to be purchased by the Loves and Welchs has been reduced:
 - Property needed by the Loves to eliminate the encroachment issue=.22 acres
 - Property needed by the Welchs to eliminate the encroachment issue=.04 acres
- Stokes County Board of Education (per approved minutes of August 20, 2012) unanimously approved the sale of the property contingent upon the squaring of the Love property line
- No setback issues per the City of King – Todd Cox
- Original cost of the property was \$19,971 per acre
 - Cost of property (per original price per acre) for the Loves = \$4,393
 - Cost of property (per original price per acre) for the Welchs = \$799
- If directed by the Board to proceed, will verify from BB&T approval to sell
- Board needs to approve an amount per acre

The Board discussed the item with Manager Morris.

Commissioner Jones noted:

- Very courteous and accommodating of the Board of Education to approve the selling of the land
- Don't have any issues with the price per acre
- No problem since the Board of Education has no issues

Vice Chairman Inman noted:

- Feels pretty much the same as Commissioner Jones
- Deferred to the Board of Education for a decision
- Feels the decision made by the Board of Education is good for the landowner and does not affect the utility of the land by Stokes County Schools
- No problem as long as the price is no less than the price per acre that the county paid for the land and the buyer pays for all costs, stamps, deed, etc.
- County should incur no cost for the selling of the property

Chairman Lankford noted:

- Agree with Vice Chairman Inman, the county should incur no cost for selling the property
- County is working with the citizens of the county
- Agree the price should be no less per acre than what the county paid for the property

Commissioner Walker noted:

- Agreed with what the fellow commissioners have stated so far
- Glad there is a win/win situation for both the school and the citizens
- Agreed there should be no cost to the county for the transaction

Commissioner Booth noted:

- Only voted against the sale of the property last time because the Board of Education stated they needed the property and the buildings could be moved
- Very pleased to see a win/win situation for everyone
- Agree there should be no cost to the county

Chairman Lankford directed Manager Morris to confirm with the landowners the price of the property per acre and that all cost will be the landowners' responsibility.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 8th Action Agenda.

State Employees Credit Union – ATM Lease

Manager Rick Morris presented the following request from the State Employees' Credit Union:

- Credit Union wishes to exercise the next one-year renewal option on the ATM location in the upper parking lot of the Government Center
- In accordance with the terms of the original lease agreement, the monthly rental payments will remain Rent Free for the lease term 01-01-2013 and ending 12-31-2013
- Recommend renewing the lease for another one-year term

The Board had no issues with the lease agreement renewal.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 8th Consent Agenda.

Forsyth Technical Community College – Tentative Approval for Capital Improvement

Manager Rick Morris presented the following information:

- Tentative approval for capital improvement is the next step that needs to be taken to keep the process moving for the community college
- Agreement must first be approved by the BOCC, then approved by the Forsyth Tech Board of Trustees and then by the State
- Agreement actually approves the project
- Form was completed by Ken Jarvis, Forsyth Tech
- The numbers used are estimates based on relevant data
- County can't be held to those numbers such as the estimated cost per square footage = \$250

- Section X that designates whether the county will lease or donate the property for the project does not have to be completed at this time
- Need to get this done in order to get the architectural design work done
- Chairman Lankford, Vice Chairman Inman, and I met with Dr Greene a few weeks ago to discuss the tentative approval
- Pilot View RC&D needs a preliminary architectural design in order to complete Phase I of the water and sewer project
- Dr. Greene and Ken Jarvis agree, once the tentative approval is complete, the preliminary architectural design can be completed (funding in this fiscal year's budget)

Vice Chairman Inman commented:

- Confirmed with Dr. Greene and Ken Jarvis, the cost figures are estimates
- Have no issues with the tentative approval

Chairman Lankford noted that he was very pleased that Forsyth Tech officials agreed to a preliminary design which will give Pilot View RC&D what they need and will save funding.

Commissioner Booth questioned if the architect who does the preliminary design will do the complete architectural design for the facility?

Manager Morris responded:

- Will probably be the same, will save funding if the same architect does both designs
- Forsyth Tech will send out the RFP for an architect who will first do the preliminary design
- \$250 cost per square foot is only an estimate, Stokes County is not bound to that cost per square foot

Chairman Lankford noted there will be a date scheduled for the BOCC to tour a Forsyth Tech facility along with a tour of the new addition to Southeastern Middle School.

Commissioner Booth noted that the 4 cent tax has already been approved to build a community college.

Commissioner Booth expressed concerns with sending out an RFP to select an architect (whose cost is normally based on the project cost) to do preliminary design work without knowing what the cost per square foot actually is.

County Manager Morris responded:

- Preliminary design is no ways the cost of the actual design

- Normally the response from the RFP will provide the cost for the preliminary design
- Design will be done based partly on the information from the survey
- Preliminary design is actually a site plan

The Board discussed the preliminary design.

Vice Chairman Inman noted that it was made clear to Dr. Greene and Ken Jarvis that the County is not looking for all the bells and whistles, but for a building that is functional for what the county needs.

Chairman Lankford noted that is the reason for the tour of a Forsyth Tech facility.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that this is just another step to keep the process moving for the community college and to provide the needed information to Pilot View RC&D for completion of their project.

Commissioner Walker noted that the Lawsonville School renovation project is also included in the 4 cent tax.

Commissioner Walker also confirmed with Manager Morris that \$250,000 is included in the fiscal year 2012-13 budget for the design of the community college which will be appropriated from the funds leftover from the Nancy Reynolds/Community College Projects.

Finance Director Edwards noted that if there was leftover funding from the Poplar Springs Elementary and Southeastern Middle School projects, it would be used to pay the debt payment.

Commissioner Booth questioned if this tentative approval for capital improvement should have been approved earlier in order to allow Pilot View to secure grants and did Pilot View currently have any grants?

Manager Morris responded:

- Pilot View RC&D currently has several potential grants, none confirmed yet
- Believe Pilot View RC&D is right on schedule
- Feel the community college is also on schedule since the Board wanted to wait to see the results of the surveys to see what the citizens wanted in their community college
- Pilot View RC&D wants to get the Phase I done by January 2013

- Survey results will be used to create the preliminary design

Director Ann Watts responded:

- Information from the surveys, from the committee, and from the BOCC will all be used to determine what type of facility is needed for Stokes County

Commissioner Booth questioned what happens if funding is not obtained for the infrastructure?

Commissioner Walker responded:

- Plan B – have room to install an expanded septic system and have a good well at the Meadows location

Manager Morris noted that there was some question as to if there was enough room for an expanded septic system, with the addition of the second POD, for the 20,000 square foot building.

Commissioner Booth noted the need to have a Plan C, Plan D, etc. to make sure the project continues to move.

Manager Morris noted that Dr. Greene stated that there is no other community college in the state that is not connected to water and sewer.

Commissioner Walker responded:

- Charles Anderson stated that if grants are not available for both water and sewer, then Plan B would be to try to obtain enough funding for sewer only
- Adequate well on the site
- Plan C then would be to put a septic system on the site

County Manager Morris stated that he had discussed with Charles Anderson possibly having Baker Engineering during Phase I determine the possibility of having enough area for a septic system for the community college facility, but no further action has been taken.

The Board discussed the possibility of using adjoining land at the old prison camp location for parking if necessary.

Commissioner Booth reiterated this county is committed to build a community college and have placed a 4 cent tax on the residents to pay for the facility.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that by approving the form, the county is not obligating itself any further than what has already been committed.

Commissioner Booth questioned if the engineer who designated septic systems currently being used for the PODS could give the Board some type of answer whether there is enough space for a septic system for the 20,000 sq ft facility?

Commissioner Booth noted that he had been given information that a septic system could be placed on the site, would like to know if that is actually true?

Chairman Lankford directed the manager to contact the engineering firm to see what information is currently available regarding Commissioner Booth's question.

Commissioner Jones noted:

- Hope the design will incorporate something that is going to compliment the old Prison Camp and Hanging Rock State Park such as rockwork
- Need to consider ordinances to make sure it is a pleasing area since there will probably be several businesses going up in the area
- Don't want to see a square brick box facility that is not inviting

Commissioner Booth noted the facility needs to be designed to expand possibly look at a three story building.

Vice Chairman Inman noted:

- Might be a good idea in the near future to have Charles Anderson inform the Board of his progress
- Reason for the recent meetings with Dr. Greene was to make sure the Board of Commissioners is at the table from the start

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 8th Action Agenda.

The Board discussed possible dates for a tour at the Forsyth Tech-Woodruff Center.

The Board agreed to visit Forsyth Tech and Southeastern Middle School on October 15th or October 23rd at 10:00 am. Chairman Lankford directed the Clerk to see what date would be best for Mr. Jarvis.

Capital Projects – EMS Remounts and Proposed Resolution

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Ambulance Remounts:

- Northwestern Emergency Vehicles
 - 2012 Chevrolet G4500 “6.6 Duramax Diesel Engine
 - \$177,194 for two units (\$88,597 each)
- Funding source – lease purchase agreement
- Completion timeframe: 12-14 weeks
- Going with Chevrolet – Ford is currently not producing any diesel engines
- Board must approve the following sole source resolution:

RESOLUTION

EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL STATUTES FOR FISCAL YEAR 12-13 AMBULANCE REMOUNT PURCHASES

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 143-131 and 143-129 require public bidding for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment requiring an estimated expenditure of public money over a stated dollar amount and further provided that no contract may be awarded therefore, by any board or governing body of the State, or of any institution of the State government, or of any political subdivision of the State, unless provisions of these statutes are complied with;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-129 contains the following exception;

(e) (6) Exceptions – The requirements of this Article do not apply to:

Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the governing board of a political subdivision of the State shall approve the purchases listed in the preceding sentence prior to the award of the contract.

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

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

Remounting of current ambulance modular body onto a new chassis hereby be exempt from the provisions of North Carolina General Statute bidding Requirements for the following reasons:

- Northwestern Emergency Vehicles has remounted several ambulance bodies for Stokes County and has a proven track record of providing a trouble free unit;
- Compatibility, standardization and product performance are major concerns to be taken into consideration for these remounts;

Adopted the ____ day of _____ 2012.

Ernest Lankford - Chairman

J. Leon Inman - Vice Chairman

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Ronda Jones - Commissioner

James D. Booth – Commissioner

Attest: _____

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Booth questioned Manager Morris if the Mercedes Sprinter is going to be ready for consideration as previously discussed at a prior meeting?

Manager Morris noted that he did not think that Mercedes had the Sprinter ready, but would verify before the next meeting.

Commissioner Walker questioned Manager Morris how many times could a box be remounted? Commissioner Walker also requested information on the status of the county's front line ambulances be provided to the BOCC.

Manager Morris noted that he would have the information for the next meeting.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 8th Action Agenda.

Capital Projects – Law Enforcement Vehicles

Manager Rick Morris provided the following information regarding the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Law Enforcement Vehicles:

- Recommend purchasing the law enforcement vehicles from Capital Ford utilizing North Carolina State contract pricing
- 2013 Ford Police Interceptors = \$23,588 each
- To purchase (8) Interceptors = \$188,704
- New design has replaced the Crown Vics
- Vehicle was designed to use all the equipment from the Crown Vic
- Funding Source – Lease Purchase Agreement = \$196,000.00
- Additional funding will be utilized to pay 3% vehicle sales tax, vehicle striping and cages
- Need to move to tonight's Action Agenda in order to utilize contract price which expires on 09-28-12

The Board discussed the item with Manager Morris.

The Board had no issues with Manager Morris' recommendation.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to move the item to tonight's Action Agenda.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to place the item on tonight's Action Agenda in order to utilize the contract price which expires 09-28-12. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Capital Projects – Law Enforcement Vehicles – School Resource Officers

Manager Rick Morris provided the following information regarding the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Law Enforcement Vehicles for School Resources Officers:

- Sheriff is requesting to replace three SRO vehicles with new 2013 Ford Fusions – 4 cylinder (not police cars)
- Funding for these cars is available in a Capital Reserve Fund
- Approximately 6-7 years ago, former Sheriff Mike Joyce, former School Superintendent Ron Carroll and the County verbally agreed to set aside \$10,000 received from the School System each year in a Capital Reserve Fund to be used at a later date to purchase new cars or better used cars (At Risk Funding)
- Finance Director Julia Edwards bills the school system each year for salary, fringes, gasoline, uniforms, and vehicle maintenance along with \$10,000 for cars
- Funding must be used on SRO related items, can't be spent on any other budgetary item
- In the past, the County has made one purchase from the Highway Patrol Department, a vehicle that already had 70,000 to 80,000 miles for under \$10,000
- Have issues with buying Highway Patrol vehicles now
 - Cars are Dodge Chargers which are having a lot maintenance issues
 - Prices are between \$12,000 to \$15,000 for a vehicle with at least 120,000 miles
 - No longer a good deal
 - Highway Department is keeping vehicles longer
- Per Capital Ford, the last day to order 2013 Ford Fusions utilizing term contract has passed
- New vehicle contract will not be in place until late November
- Capital Ford has offered to sell the county 2013 Ford Fusions (4 cylinder) for \$17,550 each
- Three (3) Ford Fusions = \$52,650
- Funding Source = Capital Reserve = \$60,000.00

- Additional funding will be used to pay the 3% vehicle sales tax, vehicle striping and cages
- Sheriff Mike Marshall feels purchasing the Fusions is the best value for the county
- Vehicles would be striped and have lights installed, would not have cages, but could have cages if needed in the future
- Sheriff Marshall feels the vehicles would have an 8 to 10 year shelf life
- Cars will have factory warranty, get better fuel mileage
- Other option would be to buy used vehicles
- Recommend purchasing the (3) Ford Fusions for school resource officers
- Will need to approve Budget Amendment #15 if the Board approves the purchase of the Ford Fusions (used or new)

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Manager Morris that the current SRO vehicles were used vehicles purchased approximately 6-7 years ago, have high mileage, have maintenance issues (computer went out last week in one of the SRO vehicles) and will probably be sold at the next county auction.

Chairman Lankford noted that the school system didn't fund the \$10,000 this year due to At Risk funding cuts received from the state.

Commissioner Walker noted the following:

- Best way to get vehicles at low cost is to purchase the cars through DSS
- Lot of counties are doing this practice
- Can get Ford Fusions for 43% of the state contract price
- Cars must stay in DSS for either 110,000 miles or five years and then can be transferred to other departments
- Only half of the vehicle's useful life has been used
- No better value, best option
- Brand new vehicle for approximately \$7,500
- Why should taxpayers' money be wasted when you can get vehicles at 43% of the state contract price?
- The current Ford Fusions in DSS were bought in 2010 and could be available for transfer in 2-3 years
- Could probably purchase 2-3 Fusions to replace Crown Vics that have high mileage
- Will probably pay \$13,000 to \$14,000 for a one-year old Fusion

Chairman Lankford noted:

- My preference is to continue buying used vehicles
- Some funding will be available when vehicles need to be replaced again
- It is a perception issue
- Vehicles used for SRO are not used like deputy's vehicles, vehicles are normally only driven back and forth to the schools

- Need to find used Ford Fusions that are much less than \$17,550 each

Commissioner Walker reiterated new Ford Fusions can be purchased through DSS for approximately \$7,500, a “no brainer”.

Commissioner Booth noted:

- The SRO vehicles are needed now
- Could three of the best eight vehicles that are being taken off the road be transferred to SROfficers?
- Could the county sell the used vehicles for SRO usage?
- Could keep the funding for possibly a time when there are no used vehicles available

County Manager responded:

- Vehicles taken off the road will be evaluated by Vehicle Maintenance, not sure if they can be transferred using the At Risk funding
- Not sure it would be legal to buy used vehicles from ourselves (county) using state funding
- May need to discuss the option with the Board of Education

Commissioner Jones noted:

- Not sure that the state might possibly request the unused funding be returned

Finance Director Edwards reiterated the \$10,000 funding was initiated by Dr. Ron Carroll while he was school superintendent, no written agreement.

Commissioner Booth agreed with Chairman Lankford regarding the vehicles being used just to drive back and forth to the schools and noted the vehicles being taken off the road are already striped, lighted, and ready to go.

Chairman Lankford reiterated that his preference is purchasing used vehicles or using vehicles already in the county’s fleet.

Commissioner Walker noted that DSS workers travel all over the county and outside of the county and vehicles can be bought at 43% of state contract price, but no one seems to be interested even though we are talking about purchasing vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department and EMS Remounts for EMS.

Vice Chairman Inman noted that he would like to have Sheriff Marshall at the next meeting.

County Manager Morris stated that his recommendation is to find out what is the best value, to buy new or used vehicles.

Chairman Lankford stated that his reasoning for purchasing used vehicles is that it is the previous practice used by the county and if you use all the \$60,000 now, where will funding come from the next time vehicles are needed, taxpayers' dollars?

County Manager Morris stated that he could research the price and availability of used Fusions.

Commissioner Booth requested to find out if three of the vehicles being taken off the road could be transferred for SRO vehicles, vehicles that would be ready to go. Commissioner Booth noted that these vehicles will be transferred to others department if usable, so why not transfer them for SRO use?

Chairman Lankford questioned if there was any other information needed before the next meeting?

Vice Chairman Inman noted the need to know if the county can use At Risk Funding to buy from the county's current fleet.

Chairman Lankford directed the manager to research used vehicle prices.

Commissioner Walker noted that he agreed with Chairman Lankford to save some of this funding because future budgets are looking extremely tight.

Manager Morris noted Budget Amendment#15 was provided to transfer funding and could be modified if used vehicles were purchased.

Budget Amendment #15

Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.510	Equipment	<u>\$208,435.00</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$268,435.00</u>
	Totals	\$208,435.00	\$60,000.00	\$268,435.00

Capital Reserve Fund

201.4310.001	Sheriff's Dept- Equipment	\$60,000.00	\$(60,000.00)	\$00.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	<u>\$470,843.00</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$530,843.00</u>
	Totals	\$530,843.00	\$00.00	\$530,843.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of SRO vehicles. Funds are from the Stokes County School System for the purpose of purchasing vehicles for the SRO officers.

This will result in a net increase of \$60,000.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Reserve	<u>\$470,843.00</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$530,843.00</u>
	Totals	\$470,843.00	\$60,000.00	\$530,843.00

Capital Projects – Interest Rates

Manager Rick Morris provided the following information regarding financing:

- Request for loan quotes were sent to the following for providing capital funding for Fiscal Year 2012-13 vehicles and E911 radios upgrades:
 - Southern Community
 - First Citizens
 - Sun Trust
 - BB&T
 - PNC (Old RBC)
 - LGFCU
 - New Bridge
- Financing was as follows:
 - **Option #A** - F/Y 2012-13 -Vehicles = \$381,000 – (Term 48 months)
 - BB&T – Fixed Rate – 1.31% (payback \$393,765.68)
 - Sun Trust – Fixed Rate – 1.625% (payback \$393,949.04)
 - Sun Trust – Fixed Rate – 1.825% (payback \$395,490.35)
 - New Bridge – Fixed Rate – 2.25% (payback \$403,721.55)
 - LGFCU– Fixed Rate – 3.50% (payback \$414,919.86)
 - **Option #B** - Radios, paging system, E911 relocation = \$1,675,000 (Term 59 months)
 - PNC – Fixed Rate – 1.37% (payback \$1,744,339.55)
 - BB&T - Fixed Rate – 1.42% (payback \$1,747,585.80)
 - Sun Trust – Fixed Rate – 1.736% (payback \$1,761,227.55)
 - Southern Community – Fixed Rate – 2.62% (payback \$1,812,624.31)

- **Option #C** - F/Y 2012-13 vehicles, radios, paging system, E911 relocation = \$2,056,000 (Term 59 months)
 - PNC – Fixed Rate – 1.37% (payback \$2,141,054.80)
 - BB&T - Fixed Rate – 1.42% (payback \$2,145,096.35)
 - Sun Trust – Fixed Rate – 1.736% (payback \$2,161,727.35)
 - Southern Community – Fixed Rate – 2.62% (payback \$2,224,087.09)
- **Option #D** - F/Y 2012-13 vehicles, radios, paging system, \$9111 relocation and the City of King radios - \$2,264,000 – Term 59 months
 - PNC – Fixed Rate – 1.37% (payback \$2,357,634.30)
 - BB&T - Fixed Rate – 1.42% (payback \$2,362,110.00)
 - Sun Trust – Fixed Rate – 1.736% (payback \$2,380,372.90)
 - Southern Community – Fixed Rate – 2.62% (payback \$2,448,717.69)
- City of King has now decided that they would not be joining the county in financing
- Best value for the county is to use Option #1 (BB&T – 1.31% and Option #2 (PNC – 1.37%)
- Using both options will save the county approximately \$2,900
- Recommend the County use both options #1 and #2
- Will need to adopt a bank resolution at the October 8th meeting no matter what option is approved by the BOCC

The Board had no issues with the Agenda item.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 8th Action Agenda.

Health Department – External Postings

Manager Rick Morris presented the following request from Health Director Scott Lenhart regarding advertising vacant positions externally:

- Respectfully requests to advertise the following vacant positions externally:
 - LPN II (Licensed Practical Nurse)
 - Physician Extender II (Family Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant)
- Also requested approval for a hiring range for the Physician Extender II position of \$60,000 to \$65,000
- This would make the position more competitive and hopefully attract more quality candidates
- Both positions are critical in maintaining accreditation status and be in compliance with state guidelines
- There are no qualified internal candidates for either position
- Recommend external advertising with requested hiring range for the Physician Extender II

Commissioner Walker noted that Health Director Lenhart had stated that once the accreditation was completed, he would look into getting the King Clinic opened and questioned if he was staffing to reopen the clinic?

Commissioner Walker requested Manager Morris to check with Director Lenhart regarding the King Clinic.

Commissioner Booth responded to Commissioner Walker's comments regarding the King Clinic:

- Health Director Lenhart had stated that he would check on it
- It is my understanding there would be a need to approve more positions to run both clinics

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 8th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Appointments – Stokes County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Chairman Lankford noted there were no nominations for the Stokes County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee at the September 10th meeting - (one vacancy).

Clerk to the Board Bullins noted that Mr. Joe McKenzie, as requested by the BOCC, had been contacted and agreed to serve on the Committee.

Chairman Lankford nominated Joe McKenzie.

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:

Commissioner Jones – Joe McKenzie
Vice Chairman Inman - Joe McKenzie
Chairman Lankford - Joe McKenzie
Commissioner Walker - Joe McKenzie

Commissioner Booth - Joe McKenzie

Chairman Lankford noted the Board unanimously approved Joe McKenzie to serve on the Stokes County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

Appointments – Stokes County Aging Planning Committee

Chairman Lankford noted the following were nominated at the September 10th meeting:

- James Carlin
- Debra Cox
- Vicky East
- Louise Flynt
- Suzan Garner
- Susie Grabs
- Ted Griesenbrock
- Angie McHone
- Lynn Martens
- Carolyn Manuel
- Martina Moore
- Erma Perkins
- Kristy Preston
- Jean Sands
- Carol Shamburg
- Madeline Watkins
- Charlotte Williams

Chairman Lankford noted that Vice Chairman Inman had a nomination for the committee.

The Board discussed the Aging Planning Committee ByLaws which states that membership shall consist of county Senior Services providers, a representative from Hospice, Cooperative Extension, and nine other members (age 60+) representing ACTS and senior citizens from different areas of the county.

Clerk Bullins noted that it was her understanding that only nine civilian members could be appointed which were already recommended by the Aging Planning Committee.

Commissioner Walker stated that his interpretation of the ByLaws did not limit the number on the committee.

Chairman Lankford directed staff to verify if additional members could be appointed.

Vice Chairman Inman noted that Brenda Carroll is willing to serve if there is an opening.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 8th Action Agenda.

United Health Care – Health Insurance Premium Rebate for 2011

County Manager Morris provided the Board with the following information regarding the United Health Care (UHC) Health Insurance Premium Rebate for 2011:

- County received a rebate from UHC as required by the Affordable Care Act (health reform law) for calendar year 2011 in the amount of \$22,109.50
- Employees/retirees who paid premiums to cover themselves or their dependents will receive a rebate for the following period: July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011
- The following formula was used to determine the rebate for employees:
 - Total rebate received from UHC was divided by the premiums paid by the county and employees from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 which resulted in a 3% rebate owed to employees/retirees who paid premiums
 - Example: An employee who covered their children for the entire six months will receive a rebate of \$56.78
 - Example: An employee who covered their spouse for the entire six months will receive a rebate of \$80.82
 - Rebate will be reimbursed to county employees in their October paycheck and mailed to retirees and employees no longer with the county
 - Refund will be taxable income for county employees
 - Amount to be refunded to employees/retirees is \$2,848.85
 - County will retain \$19,260.54 for premiums paid for employees and retirees
- Recommend the County refund the 3% rebate in the October payroll

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Manager Morris that this amount does not include the rebate for employees of Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the formula to refund the rebate recommended by Manager Morris in October. Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Capital Projects – Law Enforcement Vehicles

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the purchase of (8) 2013 Ford Police Interceptors in order to take advantage of the state contract pricing which ends 09-28-12

(item was discussed at tonight's meeting).

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the purchase of (8) 2013 Ford Police Interceptors for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Recessed

Chairman Lankford recessed the meeting to allow the Board of Commissioners to set as the Board of Trustees for Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital for a Special Called Meeting.

The Board returned to the regular session of the September 24th meeting.

Closed Session

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

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

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

The Board returned to the regular session of the September 24th meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ernest Lankford
Chairman