



## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Inman noted the following:

- Recently selected Chairman of the NCACC Public Education Steering Committee
- Want to devote time as Chairman of the Public Education Committee in Raleigh and will not have time to serve as Chairman or Vice Chairman for the Board of Commissioners
- Will relinquish my Vice Chairman position

Commissioner Jones nominated Commissioner Ernest Lankford to serve as Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

With no further nominations, Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Clerk Darlene Bullins polled the Board regarding Chairman of the Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Jones - Commissioner Ernest Lankford  
Commissioner Inman - Commissioner Ernest Lankford  
Commissioner Lankford – Commissioner Ernest Lankford  
Commissioner Walker – no vote  
Commissioner Booth – Commissioner Ernest Lankford

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted Commissioner Lankford will serve as Chairman for the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins turned the meeting over to Chairman Lankford.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Inman nominated Commissioner James Booth to serve as Vice Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Walker nominated Commissioner Ronda Jones to serve as Vice Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

With no further nominations, Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Lankford polled the Board regarding Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Booth - Commissioner Booth  
Commissioner Walker - Commissioner Jones  
Chairman Lankford - Commissioner Booth  
Commissioner Inman - Commissioner Booth  
Commissioner Jones – Commissioner Jones

Chairman Lankford stated that Commissioner Booth will serve as Vice Chairman for the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

**Comments**

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for comments.

Chairman Lankford noted the following comments:

- Been a privilege to be part of this Board during the past six (6) years
- Feel this Board is a strong team and will continue to do the people's work
- Will continue to make the most informed decisions possible

- This Board has accomplished a lot during the past years with making budgets go as far as possible

Vice Chairman Booth noted the following comments:

- Would like to thank everyone for having confidence in him to serve as Vice Chairman
- Pledge to do the best job I can serving as Vice Chairman

Commissioner Walker noted the following comments:

- My “no vote” as far as the chairman was nothing personal to do with Commissioner Lankford
- It is well known that I believe in rotation
- Thought Commissioner Booth or Commissioner Jones would be good at being Chairman if it was not offered to me as the leading vote getter in the recent election
- Nothing personal against Chairman Lankford, I knew he wanted to be Chairman another year
- I explained to him that I wanted to see rotation in the Chairman’s position
- Feels rotation in the Chairman’s position makes a stronger board
- Feels there is mutual respect between Chairman Lankford and myself
- Just feel any board is stronger when there is rotation in the Chairmanship (leadership positions)
- My reason for nominating Commissioner Jones was that she was the leading vote getter in the previous election and had a very strong campaign with Commissioner Lankford second and Commissioner Booth third
- Thought it would have been good for Commissioner Jones to have a leadership position
- Am only one member of a five member board, things don’t always work out
- Will continue to do what we can do best to serve the needs of the citizens of Stokes County who have put their trust and confidence in electing us to the offices we hold

Commissioner Inman noted the following comments:

- Just wanted to say that being on this Board is certainly a honor and privilege
- Feels the entire team has worked very well together
- My vote today was not against anyone
- Have the upmost confidence that anyone of the five people serving on this Board could lead this Board in a very effective manner and five people that could equally be vice chairman
- My vote was simply because of a prior commitment made and I always honor my commitments

Commissioner Jones the following comments:

- Will not parrot what Commissioner Inman stated because I would say about the same thing
- Looking forward to this Board moving forward in some tight financial times

Chairman Lankford thanked those who were in attendance for the organizational meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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

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

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**Darlene M. Bullins**  
**Clerk to the Board**

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**Ernest Lankford**  
**Chairman**