

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
MARCH 11, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Ernest Lankford
Vice Chairman James D. Booth
Commissioner J. Leon Inman
Commissioner Jimmy Walker
Commissioner Ronda Jones

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
County Attorney Edward Powell
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Health Director Scott Lenhart
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

Chairman Ernest Lankford called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

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

- "Strive not with a man without cause, if he had done thee no harm"

Commissioner Jones delivered the invocation.

Chairman Lankford announced that Commissioner Walker had sent word that he would be a few minutes late for today's meeting and to proceed with the meeting.

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 March 11, 2013

Agenda.

County Manager Rick Morris requested to add the following item to the Action Agenda:

- Proposed Site License with Conterra Ultra Broadband
- Proposed License was presented to the Board in November 2012 for installation of equipment on the cell tower at Booth Mountain
- Board directed staff to proceed with the proposed license and return final draft for action
- All issues have been resolved by the county's consultant and county attorney
- Equipment could increase cell phone coverage for this area
- Once the proposed license is approved, County will start receiving \$900 monthly revenue

The Board had no issues adding Manager Morris' request to today's Action Agenda.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the March 11th Agenda as amended.

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Walker absent.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for comments from the Board and the County Manager.

Manager Rick Morris presented the following updates:

- Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant
 - County will be submitting an EDA Federal Grant for \$3 million for the water and sewer project to the Meadows Area this Wednesday
 - Last big grant to obtain for the project, other small grants will also be pursued
- Pringle Road Cell Tower
 - Process is still underway
 - There were some legal issues that had to be resolved in order to add needed equipment to the cell tower on Sauratown Mountain
 - Those legal issues have been resolved
 - Equipment can now be added to the cell tower on Sauratown Mountain
 - Do not have a definite date when the cell tower on Pringle Road will be operable
 - Verizon is diligently working the issues

- Sauratown Vol Fire Department – Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
 - Ten Fire and Police Departments across the country are gearing up to implement much needed AEDs won through the Cardiac Science online contest held in partnership with Firehouse.com
 - Sauratown Vol. Fire Department was the recipient of one of the AEDs
 - Assistant Fire Chief Fred Lawson (EMS Paramedic) and EMS Medical Director Darrell Nelson explained the need in a rural area such as Stokes County
 - The AED will be placed with a first responder
 - This will add to the coverage of AEDs in Stokes County
 - This adds to the work being done by Stokes EMS in the area of cardiac care
- CDBG Grant (Housing Rehabilitation Grant)
 - New requirement for the CDBG Funding is a monthly performance status report to be given to the Board of Commissioners
 - The report details the current performance status
 - The February report was provided to each member of the Board
- Emergency Communications Renovation/Relocation Project
 - County will be switching over to the new E911 Center this Wednesday, March 13th
 - There will be two shifts of telecommunicators working on Wednesday, one working the old system and one working the new system
 - This will prevent any issues when the switch is actually done
 - Still have two issues – Identification numbers for radios which is currently being worked by legislators and using the WXII tower
 - Both must be completed before the new radios can be put in operation
 - New E911 Center should be fully operable by Wednesday night
 - Planning to have an open house in about a month once everything is completed
 - Several people have put a lot of effort into making this project a reality
- League of Governments Meeting/Farmer Appreciation Day
 - League of Governments meeting scheduled for April 18th has been rescheduled to May 2nd due to the Farmer Appreciation Day scheduled for April 18th
 - Farmer Appreciation Day will be at South Stokes High School starting around 5:30 pm
 - League of Governments on May 2nd will be hosted by the Town of Danbury starting at 6:30 pm

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Want to point out, even though it has been a rough economy, there have been some very positive things happening in Stokes County – new schools, community college on the way, grants for water and sewer project to the Meadows, just to mention a few

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Commissioner Inman, Manager Morris, and myself met with Congressman Howard Coble last Friday to discuss the EDA Grant and the water and sewer project
- Very productive meeting to make sure our delegates are on board with the project

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Senator Burr's office has also been notified about the project and the EDA Grant

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Remind everyone about the Farmer Appreciation Day Dinner at South Stokes High School on Thursday, April 18th starting around 5:30 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during Public Comments:

E.A. "Buddy" Timm

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: **Second Amendment**

Mr. Timm presented the following comments regarding the Second Amendment:

- Would like to thank the Board for standing up for the Second Amendment rights
- Those rights are central to the self preservation and that as a free state as well
- Point that I see in all this debate regarding gun control at the federal level, which is an infringement, is that power was never delegated, there is no such thing as "shared powers"
- We, as a solvent state, would not ratify the constitution until the Bill of Rights was sent around in circulation for ratification
- Then it was determined it was not just a promise, it is in paper, and then the constitution was signed
- That is how we became part of the United States
- All those rights from the First Amendment on have been compromised
- When they start going after the Second Amendment, you know they are serious
- Should not be able to have that kind of control
- With all the violence in schools, why don't we hear about laws against the criminal
- How about immediate execution for crimes against children within a week?
- No excuses for those crimes
- But all they do is attack our guns
- You must wonder they bought 1.65 trillion bullets which would take 24 years of the Iraq War to burn up that many bullets
- The ignorance of the Federal government who just walk over our rights
- Thankful that the Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution
- Our silence allows them to compromise our rights
- Through the incorporation doctrine, they say they incorporated the Bill of Rights in the 14th Amendment, I must say that they can't do
- That is a judge's or court's opinion
- The courts can't make law – Supreme Court did
- Must remember there was a division of power when the federal government was created

- Legislature can make laws
- President executes the law and power
- Supreme Court makes judgment on those federal powers, not on our powers, our Bill of Rights and we reserve them to us – no infringement, no compromising
- Been on that road for years on end
- Need to do more resolutions to make sure that division is there so that we can run our schools the way we want and with the people in the county being satisfied with what our kids are being educated with
- In another state, a kid ate a pop tart in the shape of a gun and was expelled
- This kind of stuff should not be
- Very thankful that we have a Board to stand up for our Second Amendment rights
- Offer my help, just speak up
- Very concerned about the direction of our country
- Remember countries in 1979 and 1980 taken over by the communists; those people without guns were just gunned down; it is the desire to rule
- It is the death of anyone's right to life, liberty, or property, because that has to be governed by the force of government to share with everyone else
- We have too many indicators that we are going down that road
- Thank you once more for standing up for the people

Chairman Lankford noted that the Board of Commissioners will listen to Public Comments, but will not respond to Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of February 25, 2013 – Regular Meeting

Finance - 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
	Superior Court			
100.4160.441	Juvenile Detention	\$15,000.00	\$(5,000.00)	\$10,000.00

	Health Department			
100.5100.000	Salaries and Wages	\$503,813.000	\$(40,000.00)	\$463,813.00
	Public Assistance			
100.5450.000	Medical Program Costs	\$20,000.00	\$(5,000.00)	\$15,000.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$96,897.00	\$50,000.00	\$146,897.000
	Transfers			
100.9820.984	Transfers to Stokes Rey. Fund	<u>\$1,561,260.00</u>	<u>\$(661,260.00)</u>	<u>\$900,000.000</u>
	Totals	\$2,196,970.00	\$(661,260.00)	\$1,535,710.00
	Stokes Rey. Hospital Fund			
500.5700.003	SRMH Inc-Expenditures	<u>\$1,291,260.00</u>	<u>\$(661,260.00)</u>	<u>\$630,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,291,260.00	\$(661,260.00)	\$630,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
To transfer funds from quarterly review.

This will result in a net decrease of \$(661,260.00) 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
	General Fund			
100.3327.100	Hold Harmless	<u>\$1,509,736.00</u>	<u>\$(661,260.00)</u>	<u>\$848,476.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,509,736.00	\$(661,260.00)	\$848,476.00
	Stokes Rey. Hospital Fund			
500.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$1,561,260.00</u>	<u>\$(661,260.00)</u>	<u>\$900,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,561,260.00	\$(661,260.00)	\$900,000.00

Sheriff's Department - 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
	Sheriff's Department			
100.4310.260	Departmental Supplies	<u>\$37,030.00</u>	<u>\$1,074.00</u>	<u>\$38,104.00</u>
	Totals	\$37,030.00	\$1,074.00	\$38,104.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To purchase memo books and lip balm for the department to use and to hand out to the general public.

This will result in a net increase of \$1,074.00 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
100.3839.001	Calendar Fund	<u>\$6,687.00</u>	<u>\$1,074.00</u>	<u>\$7,761.00</u>
	Totals	\$6,687.00	\$1,074.00	\$7,761.00

Jail - 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
	Jail			
100.4320.260	Departmental Supplies	<u>\$11,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,500.00</u>
	Totals	\$11,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$14,500.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds for supplies for the Jail.

This will result in a net increase of \$3,000.00 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
100.3839.005	Jail Miscellaneous	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$11,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$14,000.00

Elections - 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
Elections				
100.4170.260	Departmental Supplies	\$4,200.00	\$1,821.00	\$6,021.00
100.4170.350	Maint. & Repairs-Equipment	<u>\$29,500.00</u>	<u>\$5,064.00</u>	<u>\$34,564.00</u>
	Totals	\$33,700.00	\$6,885.00	\$40,585.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

HHS Grant (\$1,820.67) received for ADA Compliance Supplies.

HAVA Grant (\$5,063.78) received for 2012 2nd Primary and General Election Coding Costs.

This will result in a net increase of \$6,885.00 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
100.3301.419	HHS Grant	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$6,885.00</u>	<u>\$6,885.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$6,885.00	\$6,885.00

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #70

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #70.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.000	Salaries & Wages	<u>\$1,411,567.00</u>	<u>\$2,864.00</u>	<u>\$1,414,431.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,411,567.00	\$2,864.00	\$1,414,431.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To pay out overtime to Narcotic Detectives for extra work done on a Special Assignment. No County Funding

This will result in a net increase of \$2,864.00 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	\$13,270.00	\$2,864.00	\$16,134.00
	Totals	\$13,270.00	\$2,864.00	\$16,134.00

Proposed Audit Contract – Martin Starnes & Associates – Fiscal Year 2012-13

County Manager Rick Morris presented the proposed Audit Contract with Martin Starnes & Associates for Fiscal Year 2012-13 at the February 25th meeting with a request for approval at the March 11th meeting.

Proposed Resolution – To Preserve and Defend the United States and North Carolina Constitutions and to Protect the Privacy and Security of the Law Abiding Gun Owners in North Carolina

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Resolution at the February 25th meeting with a request for approval at the March 11th meeting:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES AND
NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONS AND
TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF THE LAW ABIDING GUN OWNERS
IN NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, is the sworn duty of each Commissioner to uphold the entire Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina; that further it is our duty to uphold the laws of the United States and the laws of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith; and

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 30 in the North Carolina Constitution states “A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, a “Militia” when properly formed, is in fact the people themselves... and includes... all citizens capable of bearing arms; and

WHEREAS, our rights are given by our Creator and listed in the Constitution of the United States as a limit to the power and size of government; and

WHEREAS, it being "...necessary to the security of a free State" means that the right of the people to bear arms was, and remains, the ultimate barrier to all forms of tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the lawless are unaffected by prohibitions imposed upon law abiding citizens' natural rights; and

WHEREAS, the people of this state have an inherent right to privacy; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of gun owners are law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, owning a firearm for the defense of one's person, home, family and liberty is not the exercise of government privilege, but of God's given right; and

WHEREAS, the public disclosure of gun owner's information has resulted in victimization by criminals; and

WHEREAS, the public disclosure of gun owner's information also exposes an unarmed citizen to risk of victimization by being identified as such; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, detention staff and correction officers have become targets of threat and intimidation following the release of their personal information as gun owners; and

WHEREAS, 40 states and the District of Columbia have taken steps to make information concerning gun owners private, and only 10 states, including North Carolina, continue to treat gun owner information as a public record; and

WHEREAS, no public interest is served by the release of gun ownership information of private citizens that have committed no trespass of law; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in recent months has twice upheld the Second Amendment as applying to individuals' right to keep and bear arms (*Heller*) and (*McDonald*); and

WHEREAS, the President and Vice President of the United States have been reported recently to be considering adopting laws, regulations or actions which would have the effect of infringing on the right of Americans to keep and bear arms.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the **Stokes County Board of Commissioners** resolve as representatives of the people to defend the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 30 of the North Carolina Constitution and will not consent to unconstitutional laws, executive orders, or foreign/domestic tyranny. Furthermore, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners call upon the Governor and the General Assembly of North Carolina to pass legislation that will guarantee the protection of our God-given right in the defense of our liberty for all North Carolinians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Stokes County Board of Commissioners** resolve, as representatives of the people to defend the safety and privacy rights of lawful citizens. Furthermore, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners call upon the Governor and the General Assembly of North Carolina to enact legislation protecting gun owners from undue and unwanted release of personal gun ownership information by exempting said information from the Public Records Laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly adopt a proposed Amendment to the North Carolina Constitution to be submitted to the voters to change Article I, Section 30 to guarantee the right of a law abiding citizen who possesses a conceal carry permit, to carry unimpeded a concealed weapon with very limited exceptions in any place that a duly sworn law enforcement officer may carry a weapon and that any law passed by the General Assembly, or imposed by any executive official, restricting the right to keep and bear arms, be subject to the strictest judicial scrutiny if challenged as infringing on the right to keep and bear arms.

Adopted this the 11th day of March, 2013.

Ernest Lankford – Chairman

James D. Booth – Vice Chairman

J. Leon Inman – Commissioner

Jimmy Walker – Commissioner

Ronda Jones – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk of the Board

Impoundment Lot Vehicles – Request to Sell Vehicles by Private Sale

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following 17 vehicles with a request to sell by private sale along with a request that any future sale of vehicles the County has storage liens against be sold by private sale at the February 25th meeting with a request for approval at the March 11th meeting:

- The following (17) vehicles can be sold after sending NCDMV a LT-264 form giving a 30-day notice of a pending sale:
 - 1993 Chevrolet Lumina 2G1WL54T2P1115953
 - 1993 Ford Mustang 1FACP40M4PF158888
 - 1993 Volkswagen Fox 9BWBA2307PP005152
 - 1995 Ford Truck 1FTDF15Y9SNA52656
 - 1989 Mercury Sable 1MEBM55U4KA600750
 - 1989 Mercury Tracer 3MABM1157KR615290
 - 1994 Chrysler Concorde 2C3HL56T1RH355118
 - 1994 Ford Taurus 1FALP52U8RA137531

○ 1991 Nissan Truck	1N6SD11S2MC351951
○ 1994 Chevrolet Caprice	1G1BL52W5RR198493
○ 1987 Nissan Sentra	1N4PB22S5HC761870
○ 1994 Ford Truck	1FTCR10A9RTB09053
○ 1995 Dodge Truck	1B7HC16Y0SS167432
○ 1987 Honda Accord	1HGCA5526HA071714
○ 1989 Toyota Camry	JT2VV21E7K0027138
○ 1991 Ford Explorer	1FMCU22X5MUD85816
○ 1979 Dodge	NL41D9F150680

Proposed Meeting with State Representatives

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following proposed date and time (Friday, March 22nd -10:00 am) for a joint meeting with legislative delegates with a request for approval at today's meeting.

Commissioner Inman confirmed with Clerk Bullins that the meeting would be held in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Administrative Building.

Vice Chairman Booth and Commissioner Jones stated that they would be unable to attend due to prior obligations.

Clerk Bullins noted the NCAC, who requested commissioners meet with their legislative delegates, wanted the meeting held before the District Meetings in April; this date was chosen when delegates would be home from Raleigh.

The Board discussed the District Meetings in April.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

CenterPoint Human Services - Update

CEO Betty Taylor introduced the following who would be speaking tonight:

- CAO Ronda Outlaw
- CFO Kevin Beauchamp
- Community Operations Director Jeff Eads

CEO Taylor noted the following:

- Went live with the management of the Medicaid Waiver on February 1, 2013
- Activity has been fast and furious
- Continue to encounter challenges and to work collaboratively with members and providers to work thru the challenges and issues
- Will be accumulating data to provide the Board
- There were approximately 3,500 calls received during the first three weeks of February to the Access Center
- Have processed 13,578 claims in the first three weeks
- Systems are working with any issues being promptly rectified

CAO Ronda Outlaw presented the following information:

- Provider Network is the group of providers that CenterPoint contracts with to deliver Medicaid services under the Waiver
- Comprehensive range of services by contracted providers
 - Ten months ago, CenterPoint began to reach out to providers who had delivered Medicaid services to consumers from the four county region
 - Met with providers to inform them of the changes that would occur effective February 1, 2013
 - Informed providers they would have to be credential and contracted with CenterPoint
- Providers qualified via credentialing prior to contract
 - Did outreach to try to get with as many providers as possible in order for consumers not to be without services
 - 1,200 applications were received
 - Credentialing process, which is very time consuming, is a very extensive verification of their ability to effectively deliver services
 - Continue to do sanction checks on a monthly basis to make sure the network is compliant and qualified to deliver services
- “Open” network until 01-31-2013
 - Any willing and qualified provider could make application to delivery services prior to February 1st
 - As of February 1st, the network is closed
 - After February 1, 2013, providers and services added only to address gaps for an identified need or services
- Advantage of Medicaid Waiver
 - The ability to have a closed network allows CenterPoint to raise the bar and have higher qualify providers delivering the services
- MCO Provider Network Development
 - Benchmarks were established to look at the type and geographic distribution of the various types of providers
 - Did projections based on the number of eligible individuals expected to be part of the total population to be served by CenterPoint and the number of people who access services

- Looked at trends to be able to project the number of providers needed to make sure there was an adequate network on February 1st
- Tracked the providers who were credentialed and found many areas actually surpassed the minimum benchmarks
- Felt confident that there was an adequate network to go live on February 1st
- Gap Analysis
 - Recognized there are areas that enhancements to the services are needed
 - Two big areas are Facility-Based Crisis Center and Second Methadone Maintenance Program
 - Facility-Based Crisis Center
 - Do not currently have one in the four county region
 - A Facility-Based Crisis Center could deter those who must wait in a hospital emergency center, which is an issue in Stokes County
 - See this as a significant need and look forward to providing a center in the network
 - Dr. Stevens, CenterPoint Medical Director, is leading a feasibility study to look at the ability to have a Facility-Based Crisis Center
 - Second Methadone Maintenance Program
 - Gap of choice for consumers rather than a gap of inadequate services
 - Currently only have one provider
 - The program is operated by the Partnership in Winston Salem who has adequate capacity to serve the consumers who need the services
 - Second provider of these services would provide the consumer choice
 - Division of Medical Assistance has granted CenterPoint a waiver, as well as others across the state, to operate with a single program until 2014 because of concerns that having a second provider of this very specialized service might destabilize the existing provider
- Provided a MCO Provider Network Development by Service Continuum, Specialized Services, Local & Specialty Hospitals, Intermediate Care Facilities and Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHAs) and Spanish Speaking Practitioners along with a Glossary of Abbreviations

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for questions.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Appreciate the report given today
- Appreciate the support from CenterPoint given to consumers in Stokes County
- How does the change position Stokes County as far as the future? Is it likely to keep service delivery the same or increase? What are the end results of the change?

CAO Outlaw responded:

- Under the Medicaid Waiver, there are a number of tools that will help CenterPoint actually increase the quality of services – one being a closed provider network which enables CenterPoint to raise the bar and establish expectations for providers so that the number in the network is equivalent to what is needed to meet consumer demand

CEO Taylor responded:

- Under the Medicaid Waiver, a MCO is allowed to take those dollars that are not expended under the waiver for medically necessary services to create new initiatives and new services
- Feels this is very applicable for rural counties
- Sounds good, now here is where there is concern:
 - Governor McCrory has stated Medicaid is \$200 million short of funds, on the surface that sounds as if it is condemnation of the way Medicaid is managed; there is some truth to that at the state level, management has always not been at that level of quality and efficiency that all taxpayers would want
 - However, Secretary Cansler was very outspoken with the last budget that if you are under funding services so extremely and then faulting them because they can't stay within the budget, at some point you must reconcile that difference
 - Watching this issue very closely
 - Very appreciative for the county commissioners making mental health funding one of their priorities
 - Governor is saying that appropriate mental health funding is one of his priorities
 - This will hopefully eliminate the MCO from not having funding at the end of the day to do the things that they have told their counties that are possible under the Medicaid Waiver
- Another thing the Board must understand is, based on an actuarial analysis, the state projects the savings it wants to make by converting to an MCO format and takes those off the front end
- They book their savings and lowered the member per month rate that is paid to the MCOs to provide all the medically necessary services
- Must trace the baseline closely in order to inform the Board projections on where CenterPoint is going to come out financially the first year and to determine if CenterPoint can really do things its wants to do in rural counties

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Feels the state has finally realized there is a more cost efficient way perhaps to deliver the medically necessary services that are Medicaid billable
- Very glad to see the MCOs (eleven statewide) taking the initiatives to deliver the medically necessary services at a more cost efficient way
- A private for profit entity (Value Options) previously administered the program
- Feels the MCO will work under the Medicaid Waiver
- Feels the bottom line will be that the consumers get better services

- Services will still be delivered for Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Disabilities
- Very glad the pharmaceutical program will still be offered

Commissioner Walker questioned if transportation is a problem for consumers?

CEO Taylor responded:

- Transportation is always a problem, even within the county boundaries
- Have contracted with a provider in Winston Salem to provide transportation such as from the regional hospital to get the consumer back to their first appointment and then home
- Transportation is always a problem and getting worse with gasoline prices
- Trying to address the issue
- Consumer and Family Advisory Committee actually used part of their budget to fund bus cards to those who need transportation
- There are older people who live in the northern part of Stokes County who need the services, but are often afraid to access the transportation services
- Very sensitive to that particular situation
- If anyone knows of a particular issue involving transportation, please let administrative staff aware of the issue

Commissioner Walker noted that most of the time when a consumer with limited means has a need for services, at some point, transportation becomes a factor especially when services are not in the county.

CFO Kevin Beauchamp commented:

- Fiscal Year 2013 Allocation of Stokes County Discretionary Funds

Area	Amount	%
Mental Health	\$104,477	20
Developmental Disabilities	\$151,215	29
Substance Abuse	\$51,003	10
Inpatient	\$52,500	10
Transportation	\$10,000	2
Waiver	\$148,127	29
Total	\$517,322	100

- Old Vineyard Behavioral Health – inpatient services
 - Utilization reduces wait time by law enforcement
 - Local inpatient care benefits consumers and families
 - Stokes County Utilization thru December 31, 2012

Quarter	Admissions	Bed Days Utilized	Cost	County Funding
Q1	5	30	\$19,500.00	\$13,125.00
Q2	9	59	\$38,025.00	\$13,125.00
Total	14	89	\$57,525.00	\$26,250.00

- Pharmaceuticals
 - Value of free or low-cost medications that have been provided to residents of Stokes County through the Patient Assistance Program (PAP) which is operated by CenterPoint for the period 07-01-2012/12-31-12 is \$126,828

Quarter	Stokes Samples and PAP	Co. Funding
Q1	\$ 80,305.00	\$ -
Q2	\$ 68,191.00	\$ -
Total	\$ 148,496.00	\$ -

- Last year, the value of the program was over \$200,000

Community Operations Director Jeff Eads commented:

- Introduced Christopher Hicks, Project Director for Reclaiming Futures, heads up the team to coordinate and pull together services to help young folks in the community with drug and alcohol abuse

Project Director Christopher Hicks commented:

- Appreciate the opportunity to be here
- Reclaiming Futures has the following goals:
 - Improve the availability of treatment services for adolescent drug and alcohol use
 - Improve the quality of treatment services for adolescent drug and alcohol use
 - Involve families and support networks in treatment efforts
 - Create an integrated system of care that coordinates and tracks each youth's path through the juvenile justice system and social services
 - Involve the local communities in establishing new opportunities and social outlets for youth
- Stokes County representatives serving on the Reclaiming Future Change Team are Chief Court Counselor Rusty Slate and Honorable William Southern
- Very pleased to have Rusty Slate and Judge Southern on the team, feel they both will be very valuable assets to the program
- Studies have shown that if the youth, who needs the treatment, is able to obtain treatment in a timely fashion, it can greatly reduce the recidivism rate
- Program will make sure that the youth in Stokes County will get the same quality care as those youth in Rockingham, Forsyth, etc.
- Reclaiming Futures is a "data-driven" program and so a large part of our initial work revolves around setting up systems to gather data about our counties court-involved

youth, and learning how to interpret the data received (track the youth to make sure they are attending appointments)

- Working currently on implementing the model in Stokes, Rockingham and Davie Counties
- Very excited about the program
- Feel the program will make a difference in the lives of Stokes County youth

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for comments:

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Like the sound and tone of the program
- Everyone knows there is a sizable need for this type of program
- Often the youth goes back into the same pattern, what can this program do to strengthen the youth from going back into the same pattern?

Director Hicks responded:

- Involving the youth in local communities in establishing opportunities and social outlets for the youth after treatment
- Youth will be assigned to social events to involve the youth with new people who are not court involved youth such as basketball; change their social youth

Chairman Lankford confirmed with Director Hicks that the program is currently in the implementation stage.

Chairman Lankford extended the Board's appreciation to the CenterPoint staff and Director Hicks for the information provided to the Board at today's meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Tax Administration Report – February 2013

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the February Report:

Fiscal Year 2012-13	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$20,861,260.00	\$19,843,556.67		\$1,017,703.33
New Schools F-Tech Fund	\$1,390,751.00	\$1,324,308.76		\$66,442.24
Prior Taxes				
1994-2011 Tax Years				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$675,000.00	\$672,132.35		\$2,867.65

EMS Current Collections**Total Collected**

(02-01-13/02-28-13) \$160,523.86

Total Collected

(07-01-12/06-30-13) \$694,988.16

Delinquent EMS Collection**Report****Total Collected**

(02-01-13/02-28-13) \$22,883.95:

(07-01-12/06-30-13) \$109,659.22

Personal Property Discovery Report**Audit Dates**# of
Accts**Total****Taxes****Due**

02-01-13/02-28-13

26

\$164,759.00

\$1,612.90

07-01-12/06-30-13

1,503

\$10,947,418.00

\$95,639.92

Business Personal Property Discovery**Report****Audit Dates**# of
Accts**Total****Taxes****Value****Due**

02-01-13/02-28-13

0

\$00.00

\$00.00

07-01-12/06-30-13

0

\$00.00

\$00.00

Motor Vehicle Release**Report****Audit Dates****Accounts****Total Value**

02-01-13/02-28-13

48

\$1,576.84

Motor Vehicle Refund**Report****Audit Dates****Accounts****Total Value**

02-01-13/02-28-13

4

\$90.35

Number billed for**February 2013**

3503

Garnishment Totals

Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amt	Collected Amt
02-01-13/02-28-13	114	\$29,150.34	\$19,612.67
F/Year 2012-13			
(07-1-12/6-30-13)	951	\$269,720.44	\$233,498.37

Interstate Collection Report**February 2013****Collection****Total Collected**

Cumulative Total Collected to Date

NC Debt Setoff

\$136,122.63

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Motor Vehicles

\$89,244.00

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Property Taxes

\$23,274.50

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

EMS

\$135,798.02

Collected (to date)

All Categories

\$248,316.52

Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report for February 2013:

<u>County</u>	<u>Real/Personal</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>2013</u>			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2011	\$ 326,691.13	\$(162.60)	\$259.06		\$ (1.21)	\$(25,742.07)	\$ 301,044.31
2010	\$ 154,757.31		\$129.51			\$(10,165.40)	\$ 144,721.42
2009	\$ 94,914.16		\$134.65			\$ (5,670.79)	\$ 89,378.02
2009	\$ 49,306.76		\$124.22			\$ (1,669.74)	\$ 47,761.24
2007	\$ 28,138.44					\$ (641.85)	\$ 27,496.56
2006	\$ 18,850.37					\$ (227.35)	\$ 18,623.02
2005	\$ 14,081.52					\$ (109.31)	\$ 13,972.21
2004	\$ 13,662.06					\$ (145.73)	\$ 13,516.33
2003	\$ 9,885.52						\$ 9,885.52
2002	\$ 8,104.76						\$ 8,104.76
2001	\$ 5,808.66						\$ 5,808.66
2000	\$ 7,570.11						\$ 7,570.11
1999	\$ 7,962.76						\$ 7,962.76
1998	\$ 585.50						\$ 585.50

<u>County</u>	<u>Motor</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>2013</u>			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2011	\$ 73,607.13	\$(114.51)	\$ 144.52	\$36.12	\$ (2.84)	\$(14,422.20)	\$ 59,248.22
2010	\$ 34,377.53					\$ (848.53)	\$ 33,529.00
2009	\$ 24,350.44					\$ (344.81)	\$ 24,005.63
2008	\$ 22,673.63				\$ (33.58)	\$ (624.07)	\$ 22,015.98
2007	\$ 18,851.98					\$ (191.43)	\$ 18,660.55
2006	\$ 13,429.85					\$ (149.36)	\$ 13,280.49
2005	\$ 16,460.52					\$ (352.51)	\$ 16,108.01
2004	\$ 14,483.54					\$ (118.47)	\$ 14,365.07
2003	\$ 14,440.84					\$ (15.96)	\$ 14,424.88
2002	\$ 17,150.54					\$ (50.12)	\$ 17,100.42
2001	\$ 14,816.41					\$ (5.75)	\$ 14,810.66
2000	\$ 18,692.12				\$(76.26)	\$ (22.88)	\$ 18,592.98
1999	\$ 16,483.15						\$ 16,483.15
1998	\$ 16,540.23						\$ 16,540.23

<u>New</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Forsyth</u>	<u>Tech</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>2013</u>	
Year	Beginning	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2011	\$ 24,918.93	\$ (18.48)	\$ 23.97		\$ (0.28)	\$(2,590.76)	\$ 22,333.38

Release less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Release less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (February 2013) for the Board’s review:

Release less than
\$100 - Real/Personal
Property

February 2013

Name	Bill Number	Amount
Rebecca Miller	13A61960.09.1	<u>\$21.92</u>
	Total Amount	\$21.92

Refunds Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (February 2013) for the Board’s review:

Releases more than
\$100 - Real/Personal
Property

February, 2013

Name	Bill Number	Amount
Linda Radford	12A55515.06	<u>\$57.38</u>
	Total Amount	\$57.38*
Eddie Carter	12A155927134.05	\$87.42
	11A155927134.05	<u>\$87.42</u>
	Total Amount	\$174.84

*Refund for Linda Radford will be applied to account #11450

Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (February 2013) for the Board’s consideration at the March 25, 2013

meeting:

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

February 2013

Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Ronnie Lee Amos	12A697902669840	\$ 151.58	Corrected Access
	11A697902669840	\$ 151.58	Corrected Access
Sondra Stanley	12A692500649634.1	\$ 299.92	Use Value Continues
	12A692500649634.2	\$ 299.92	Use Value Continues
	12A692500649634.3	\$ 317.96	Use Value Continues
	12A692500649634.4	\$ 317.96	Use Value Continues
	12A692500658150.1	\$ 297.92	Use Value Continues
	12A692500658150.2	\$ 297.92	Use Value Continues
	12A692500658150.3	\$ 315.84	Use Value Continues
	12A692500658150.4	\$ 315.84	Use Value Continues
	12A692500657537.1	\$ 133.00	Use Value Continues
	12A692500657537.2	\$ 133.00	Use Value Continues
	12A692500657537.3	\$ 141.00	Use Value Continues
	12A692500657537.4	<u>\$ 141.00</u>	Use Value Continues
	Total Amount	\$ 3,314.44	

Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (February 2013) for the Board’s consideration at the March 25, 2013 meeting:

**Refunds more than
\$100 - Real/Personal
Property**

February 2013

Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Jerry/Theresa Lynch	12A597700436193	\$ 157.92	Located & Billed in Surry Co.
	11A597700436193	\$ 157.92	Located & Billed in Surry Co.
	10A597700436193	\$ 148.96	Located & Billed in Surry Co.
	09A597700436193	\$ 148.96	Located & Billed in Surry Co.
	08A597700436193	<u>\$ 150.29</u>	Located & Billed in Surry Co.
	Total Amount	\$ 764.05	

Linda Radford	12A55515.06.1	<u>\$486.44</u>	SWWH Double Listed
	Total Amount	\$486.44*	

* Amount will be apply to Account #11450

Discount for Early Payment of Annual Bills

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the 2% discount for payment of annual tax bills prior to September 1st of each year:

- For many years the County has offered a 2% discount for payment of annual tax bills (real/personal) prior to September 1st of each year per NCGS 105-360(c)
- Unless the Board of Commissioners chooses to amend the current policy, the Tax Department annual bills will continue to reflect the offering of the early payment discount
- No action will be required to continue the existing policy
- Any amendment to the existing resolution must be approved by the Governing Body by May 1st of each year
- New or revised schedules must be submitted to the Property Tax Division for approval and then published once in a newspaper

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman stated that the department collects approximately half of the budget amount in the month August.

Commissioner Walker questioned Tax Administrator Oakley if there was any reason that the Board should change the 2% discount?

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- Not really
- Offers low income and elderly the opportunity to save 2%
- They look forward to getting that 2% discount
- All escrows, which pay about \$5 million a year, must take advantage of the 2% discount
- If the 2% is discontinued, everyone can wait until December to pay

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed Tax Administrator Oakley to leave the 2% discount as is.

Write Off Request

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding a Write Off

Request:

- Bill #10VZVB6155 (\$26.85)
- Account #156031500
- Taxpayer – Jessica Lynn Flippin
- Request \$17.90 be written off the amount due of \$26.85
- Vehicle was titled to another owner and the license plate surrendered to the Department of Motor Vehicles within four months of tagging
- This is being done through a legal procedure
- Recommend the Board Write Off the requested amount of \$17.90
- Have all needed documentation to support the Write Off
- Requested the item be placed on the March 25th Consent Agenda

Commissioner Walker questioned Tax Administrator Oakley regarding the upcoming E&R Meetings and general tone of the revaluation.

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- Department has received few calls due to the decrease in property values
- Have had some calls regarding their property values being decreased
- Very quiet revaluation
- Feel the public understands what is going on due to the economy
- Some people are happy due to a decrease in property taxes while others who may be wanting to sell their home are unhappy
- Staff has done a very extensive analysis of sales and what is being put on the market to sell and feels very good about the values placed on the property

Commissioner Walker questioned Tax Administrator Oakley why information the Board had received regarding the revaluation showed that the King Fire District increased while all the other fire districts decreased?

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- The King Fire District increased due solely on the Tax Department doing a purge of the data base and finding property owners on the district boundary line between the Service District and the King Fire District being in the wrong district
- Found several that needed moving into the King Fire District which decreased the Service District
- Just found the errors during the purging prior to the revaluation

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the March 25th Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00
- Write Off Request

King Clinic – Further Discussion

Health Director Scott Lenhart provided the following information as requested at the February 25th meeting:

- Total estimated active patient records for Stokes County Health Department is 16,906
- Total estimated patients seen with the zip code of 27021 is 4,836 or 28.6%
- Total population for King according to the 2010 US Census is 6,890 with Stokes County's population being 47,242; therefore, the King population ratio to county is 14.50%

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for further discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Appreciate the additional information
- Most of my questions have been answered
- Looking at the recommendation seems to have a lot to do with the accreditation process
- Before the accreditation the building requirements were not as strict

Director Lenhart confirmed that Commissioner Inman's conclusion that before the accreditation there were not as many standards to take into consideration.

Commissioner Inman continued:

- Along with the facility issues, people have just not been using the Southwestern Service Center
- Questioned Director Lenhart regarding the cost to bring the facility up to standards for accreditation?

Director Lenhart responded:

- To bring the facility up to accreditation standards, assuming five days a week, salaries alone will be approximately \$200,000 a year
- Putting everything that is in the Danbury location at the King location such as the lab which does not meet Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA)
- All OSHA and HIPPA requirements
- External internet and phone services will have to be upgraded
- No bathrooms in the patient waiting area
- Copier, printers, etc.
- Must meet accreditation even if it is only for one day

- Will only have to make minor renovations if the recommendation is to increase WIC Services such as IT equipment and bathroom issues
- Would not have to do all the accreditation requirements if we only increase the WIC Services

Commissioner Inman confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that the major accreditation facility issues would not have to be met if the County approved to only increase WIC Services.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Assessment and Report were excellent, self explanatory
- Common sense tells me the King Clinic is not feasible physically speaking and that WIC should be expanded and possibly prenatal in the future
- No questions

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Jones that it is not physically feasible for the King Clinic
- Very good report
- We are for all the people of Stokes County, not just one section
- There are at least 25 providers in the King area with the rest of the county having only about 4 to 5 providers
- Danbury location is centrally located and those in Sandy Ridge, Pine Hall, HWY 704, lower Walnut Cove, Germanton areas having the same distance to drive as those coming from King to Danbury
- Don't see it being feasible to pull staff from Danbury to go to King leaving the Danbury location not having staff

Director Lenhart commented:

- WIC is self sufficient
- Bringing in more WIC clients increases revenue for the County
- Numbers are increasing
- Budget for 2013-14 is the same as last year
- Meeting all state requirements
- New Nutritionist is ready to hit the road next week which should bring the numbers up and bring in more revenue for the County

Vice Chairman Booth continued:

- Can't see putting services in one area and not the rest of the areas of the county
- Can go along with the director's recommendation as long as it is feasible
- Understand that the King area is not medically underserved
- Current staff providers can't work in the King area due to not being underserved

Director Lenhart confirmed that the numbers will increase with the new Nutritionist.

Vice Chairman Booth stated that with all information presented, can go along with the

Director's recommendation to increase WIC Services at the Southwestern Service Center in King as long as it is only minor renovations and feasible.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Appreciate the additional information, have reviewed it
- Based strictly on dollars and cents, don't know if reopening the King Clinic would be a move in the right direction or not; but there are some interesting aspects
- Reiterated the patients who have a medical emergency and have no insurance (private, Medicaid or Medicaid) and no transportation have only one option - call E911 and go to the ER
- Found a person who had to follow that route, their bill for JRJones was approximately \$,1400 not including the ambulance
- As far as money, if the county had looked strictly at dollars when dealing with the hospital, I added up approximately \$15 million of JRJones patient money and county taxpayers' money to subsidize the hospital
- No one has ever complained or questioned that amount of money
- County is out of the hospital business, Pioneer has that responsibility
- Understand Pioneer is doing a good job and hear compliments
- Feel they are good folks to have in the County
- Not talking about millions and millions of dollars to be spent
- Talking about a particular segment of the county's population that is very vulnerable and has needs
- Am not one that is comfortable turning my back on people who we could serve in some way if we only had to extend ourselves
- While the hospital was functioning, JRJones was going down and getting behind and now we are talking about a facility that needs considerable upgrades to be brought up to accreditation standards
- Getting all kinds of mixed signals
- Don't know the answer, but you have 50% of the county's population in that quadrant of the county
- Out of that 50% of population, there are a lot of folks that need this clinic
- Agree with Vice Chairman Booth that there are other areas that need medical services
- Understand that some things may be happening in Walnut Cove
- Can't go just Danbury and King and say we have covered the county needs
- Have a broader spectrum, broader focus, I think, than just what we do from Danbury and having WIC in King
- Don't know the answer, but know there is one, if you can find some balance

Director Lenhart responded:

- Being the administrator, looking at the cost and understanding how the budget works, on the business side, it makes a bad business sense for me to say yes, do it
- If the Board wants a clinic in King, will do what the Board wants and try to make it work as much as possible

- Looking at the numbers and doing the extra research for additional information justified my survey with the amount people that were seen
- Don't know why they are not using it
- Looking at the 4,800 people that are in the King zip code 27021, 28% of the population in the area, the question is why do only 193 show up in a year
- These numbers were prior to my employment with Stokes County
- Right now, we all must do more with less
- My budget this year is 20% less than last year, still seeing the same number of patients
- Getting harder and harder to do everything that is needed
- There is something for everyone in the center part of the county and have to make the best of it
- Maybe we need to take a look at the transportation issue and try to get those who want to come to Danbury from King
- Maybe YVEDDI could have a van each day for urgent needs
- Need to educate the citizens to call the providers instead of going to the ER (one of the most expensive places for care) if it is not an emergency, this would help decrease the cost of health care in our county
- Agree, need to come to some kind of balance
- As Health Director, I must be responsible for my budget, I can't see reopening the King Clinic right now
- If the Board chooses to fund the project, salaries, renovations, mandates, etc., we will make it work, but there are other issues to consider such as Home Health
- Need to look at what is going to benefit most of the people
- Need to start looking at the people who will fall through the cracks of Health Care Reform
- Health Department is already seeing patients on a sliding scale, working out payment arrangements, providing vouchers for gas to get patients to referrals in Winston Salem, and seeking out the cheapest medicine for those who can't afford to buy the needed prescriptions
- Must look closely at the numbers which support the survey
- Recommend right now to increase the days for WIC at the King Clinic, get prenatal in the Danbury clinics and possibly later in the King Clinic
- Prenatal has not been at the Health Department in about three or four years
- Health Department is averaging about 50 patients a week for prenatal
- Prenatal Clinic will feed into Child Health, WIC, Maternal Health, and Adult Health Programs which means more revenue for the county
- Been working on getting prenatal in the Danbury Clinic for about two years
- Do not know the answer to "what is the balance?"

Commissioner Walker continued:

- In talking to people in the King about the clinic, most of the people didn't even know when it was opened or whether it was closed, only opened one day a week
- Has the Board of Health discussed this decision and if so, what is the Board of Health's position on the issue?

Director Lenhart responded:

- Yes, the Board of Health recommended the King Clinic be closed at the time of the accreditation
- The Board of Health will be briefed at tomorrow's Board of Health meeting regarding the information provided to the Board of Commissioners along with my recommendation
- The reason the King Clinic was only opened one day a week was due to there were not enough staff to support opening the clinic more than one day a week
- When the King Clinic was opened, four staff members would have to be taken away from the Danbury location

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Expressed appreciation to Director Lenhart for his patience
- Presentation was very informative
- Appreciate the amount of time spent on preparing the presentation

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the March 25th Action Agenda.

Office Space for Congressman Howard Coble's Staff

County Manager Rick Morris provided the following information regarding a request from Congressman Howard Coble:

- Congressman Coble's staff would like to establish an office in Stokes County one day a month
- Will provide staff an office in the Administrative area
- See no issues with the request

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Feels it will be a real plus for constituents to know that there will be someone here one day a month from that level of government
- No issues with the request

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Jones
- Was disappointed that Stokes County was not chosen for a satellite office
- Certainly concur
- Don't think in my ten years, there has been a congressional candidate who has had any office time in Stokes County
- Real plus for the constituents in the county

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Agree with comments from Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Inman

- With the office only being be used one day a month, it can be used for other purposes, could be used by commissioners if needed
- Have no issues with the request

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Feel it is a good gesture on the part of Congressman Coble to send staff to Stokes County
- Senator Richard Burr actually did that as a Congressman; he had an office in King
- Think I would do it a little different; would rotate around the county visiting different areas each month
- When Burr's staff was in King, normally people from the other parts of the county did not come
- Would offer that as a suggestion
- Have no problems with the request if that is his choice

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed Manager Morris to provide office staff for Congressman Coble's staff one day a month.

Proposed Water Line Change – Water and Sewer Project

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the proposed Water Line Change for the Water and Sewer Project:

- This item was discussed in detail at the March 4th Work Session with Pilot View
- Lot of benefits to make the change
- At the meeting, feel there was a consensus from the Board to change the water line if it did not increase the cost of Phase I of the project
- Have confirmed with Charles Anderson, Pilot View, that if the water line is changed, there will be no additional cost to Phase I of the project
- Recommend the water line change be incorporated into the Water Sewer Project
- The change will be included in all future grant applications
- Will be planning another evening public meeting to inform the citizens the status of the project

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Water line will now be coming from a tank with a higher altitude which is a very important factor
- There is a potential for more subscribers for the proposed water line route
- Another important factor for me, in my opinion, we now have a fallback position, if the new water line route was chosen, for the community college
- Trying to get approximately \$6 to \$6.5 million in grants for water and sewer project
- By securing the Golden LEAF grant for \$2 million and the potential for other grants that are in the process, feel fairly confident that we can make the sewer work
- If we had to, there is already water on the location

- The sewer is the essential item
- Want to make this project work for water and sewer infrastructure
- This will tie in the community college and bring the potential for future economic business growth in the Meadows area
- As long as there is no additional cost to Phase I for the county, on board with the proposed water line change

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Concur with what Commissioner Inman said about the project
- Very thankful for the \$2 million from Golden LEAF
- With the other grants, we can build the community college
- Agree there is a water supply at the community college site already (40 gallons a minute)
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that there is no additional cost to the taxpayers in Phase I
- Good with the proposed water line change

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Little confused, at the Water and Sewer Project, there was discussion regarding an additional \$40,000 cost to the county for the proposed water line change
- That is the reason the item was placed on today's Agenda for discussion
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that there would be no additional cost for the water line change and any additional cost will be taken from the project's contingency line item
- Running both lines on Highway #89 would have been a huge undertaking
- Like this plan much better, simpler and should do the job
- One other aspect as mentioned by Commissioner Inman, water is kind of "icing on the cake", it will be good to have but is not essential for the community college project
- Without sewer, we would be paying the price by using good land that could otherwise be used for good purposes
- Sewer is much more important
- If the water can be done without tying up a lot of taxpayers' dollars, certainly worth having
- Have no issues with the proposed water line change

County Manager Morris responded:

- Would like to add one thing, the water system, as is, is not sufficient to do the new community college facility; there has to be fire suppression, there will have to be changes to the water system with additional cost

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that if changes had to be done to the current water system, the additional cost could be paid from grant funding if available

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Manager has confirmed with Charles Anderson there will be no additional cost to Phase I of the water and sewer projects
- Project is moving along

County Manager Morris requested the Board to move the item to today's Action Agenda in order for the water line change to be included in the EDA Grant that will be submitted this week.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Concur with fellow Board members' comments
- Very glad with the new design of the water line
- Will be glad to see 2014 come to see this project underway

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

NCDOT – Request to Abandon a Portion of SR#2036 – Snow Loop Road from the Secondary Road System and Abandonment of Right of Way

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Jones moved to deny the request to abandon a portion of SR#2036 from the Secondary Road System and to abandon a portion of the Right of Way. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Chairman Lankford noted the following were nominated at the February 25th meeting:

- Sarah Booze - Student representative - Term expires 06-30-2014
- Elijah Evans - Student representative – Term expires 06-30-2014
- Matt Barber – 4H representative – Term expires 06-30-2014

There were no other nominations.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Inman moved to close the nomination. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lankford polled the Board:

Commissioner Jones: Sarah Booze, Elijah Evans, and Matt Barber
Commissioner Inman: Sarah Booze, Elijah Evans, and Matt Barber
Chairman Lankford: Sarah Booze, Elijah Evans, and Matt Barber
Vice Chairman Booth: Sarah Booze, Elijah Evans, and Matt Barber
Commissioner Walker: Sarah Booze, Elijah Evans, and Matt Barber

Chairman Lankford noted Sarah Booze, Elijah Evans, and Matt Barber were unanimously appointed to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Conterra Ultra BroadBand LLC – License

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the proposed Site License with Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC submitted at today's meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Water Line Change – Water and Sewer Project

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the water line change for the Water and Sewer Project. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to enter closed session for the following reasons:

- 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 G.S. 143-311.11(a)(3)
- 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 of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)

Commissioner Inman moved to enter closed session for the following:

- 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 G.S. 143-311.11(a)(3)
- 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 of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the March 11th meeting.

Commissioner Inman exited the meeting during Closed Session.

Animal Control – Designation of Land

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to set aside 1.54 acres of land located directly behind the current animal shelter for an extension of the animal shelter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker questioned if all the 1.54 acres would be needed for the extension of the animal shelter.

Manager Morris responded that the 1.54 acres could be needed for the building, parking lot and meet setbacks.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that the land is just being designated and not being transferred.

Manager Morris stated that plans for the additional facility would be presented to the Board for approval at later date.

The motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Inman absent.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Inman absent.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ernest Lankford
Chairman