

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  
AUGUST 26, 2013

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, August 26, 2013 at 6:00 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:  
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins  
Finance Director Julia Edwards  
County Attorney Ty Browder  
Emergency Communications Director Del Hall

County Manager Richard D. Morris - absent

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

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

- "Commit thy works to the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established"

Vice Chairman Booth delivered the invocation.

Chairman Lankford noted that County Manager Rick Morris was absent for tonight's meeting due to being hospitalized.

#### **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 August 26, 2013

Agenda.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins requested to add the following to tonight's Agenda:

- **Discussion Agenda** – Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee
  - Manager Morris has received two resignations and staff needs direction from the Board regarding the appointments
- **Closed Session** – Is needed

The Board had no issues with the Clerk's request.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup> Agenda as amended.

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS**

#### **Manager/Commissioners**

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for comments.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins commented:

- **Joint Meeting with Board of Education** – Staff has received a request from Chairman Mike Rogers, Stokes County Board of Education, for a joint meeting to discuss the recent Hold Harmless funding request
- Board of Education is available to meet on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> before the Board of Commissioners' meeting or Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at their location
- Meeting would need to be advertised

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Have other obligations with the times of both dates, could meet at 10:00 am on the 30<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Would like more information
- Have no issues meeting with the Board of Education
- Have said many times over the years and will continue to say, it is always good when both boards can work together and keep the common needs and opportunities in mind

- Both boards have the same goals – good education for our children of Stokes County and to see that the schools receive the funding that they need for the teachers, instruction, etc.
- It is a challenge in times like these to get all the pieces to fit together in the way we hope they would
- If a joint meeting will help, will certainly be on board
- September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am would work

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Would be willing to meet for a joint meeting
- September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am would work

Commissioner Jones commented:

- No problem with a joint meeting
- September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am would work

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Certainly open to meeting
- Communication and dialogue is extremely important in anything
- Board of Education dates will work or September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

The Board unanimously agreed to provide the Board of Education the following date and time: Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am for a joint meeting.

Chairman Lankford directed the Clerk to advertise the meeting if agreeable with the Board of Education at either location.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Extended condolences to the family of Juanita Gordy who passed away last week
- Juanita Gordy was well known in the community and a former Greenbox Site Attendant

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Welcome those in attendance tonight
- Nice to see folks who are interested in whatever cause it might be
- Commend each of you for wanting to be involved; that is how government works best when citizens are interested
- Too many times, I hear these days especially from the younger generation which is very concerning to me, “why do I need to be involved, why should I get involved, what difference does it make?”
- Hope most people don’t really feel this way
- Hope people realize that people do pay attention
- Not always going to have everything happen like everyone wants it
- There are times when board members do not always agree, it only takes three votes

- Applaud those people who came tonight for the gathering outside
- May not agree with everything that they have on their list, but there could be a lot if I really knew the details, willing to look at both sides
- Appreciate those coming out tonight
- Always good to see citizens come out to a board meeting
- Attended the NCACC Conference in Greensboro this past week which is very beneficial to the county
- NCACC Conference provides helpful workshops, new ideas, and allows board members to network with other commissioners from other counties
- Feels the NCACC Conference makes the Board stronger

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Also delighted to see citizens getting involved
- Apathy leads to real issues
- Being involved means you have a concern about our county, our government, and the way things work
- John Paul Jones once said “I may not believe a single word you say, but I will defend to the death, your right to say it”
- Will always keep an open mind when it comes to any issue
- People elected the five commissioners sitting here tonight
- Feel we owe it to the citizens to listen
- Also attended the NCACC Conference, which is a great networking opportunity for the county
- Counties voted in a second vice president for the NCACC, Fred McClure

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Welcome everyone attending tonight
- Always glad to listen to everyone
- May not always be able to fix it, but will do what we can
- Also attended the NCACC Conference, very good workshops
- Saw a lot of statistics at the General Assembly
- North Carolina and actually the nation are both falling behind in research, technology, etc. which falls back to education
- Detroit, Michigan was #1 in loss of manufacturing jobs
- North Carolina was #2 in loss of manufacturing jobs
- Recent data shows that Detroit has 70,000 vacant homes, makes you wonder how many Stokes County has
- Just read five more foreclosures this past week in Stokes County
- North Carolina has lost over \$400 million from online sales
- With the help of Congressman Coble, we have the Fair Market Place Act that will definitely impact revenue for North Carolina
- Hope this new revenue will be spent wisely, not expanding government
- Very concerned about farmers in the county
- Had a very good article this week in the Stokes News explaining the new farm growth –“Immigration Reform is Pro-growth/Pro-agriculture”

- Very good thing for everyone
- Encourage everyone to read the article
- There has been a lot of discussion regarding the mowing of grass onto the highway, it is a safety hazard
- Have more laws than we need because people are not courteous
- Would like to see a public awareness campaign instead of writing new laws
- It is a shame taking revenues in a very tight budget to enforce grass being blown onto the highway
- Please pass the word – don't blow grass onto the highway

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Very proud that we have a constitution that allows the freedom of speech
- Always good to hear comments from the public
- Very glad to see everyone at tonight's meeting

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for Public Comments.

Chairman Lankford reminded everyone that Public Comments allow the citizen to have an opportunity to speak, but that the Board of Commissioners do not respond to Public Comments.

The following spoke during Public Comments:

**E. A. "Buddy" Timm**

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: **Governance and Our General Assembly**

Mr. Timm read the following:

"Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you in appreciation of your governance, and our General Assembly's accomplishments towards just governance.

Justice is governance according to our Creator's impartial universal laws; of which, first and foremost, and it should be self-evident, the identity of the person standing before the law is accurate and true.

Every law has to be verifiable to its compliance. That is why Photo Voter ID is so important to the integrity in voting. Is it no hypocrisy to have photo ID for every major transaction in society, and not for voting? Even the poor and needy, surely would not want the possibility of cheating within the voting system.

I like the name Moral Monday, yet I would like to see morals stressed throughout the week; beginning with our Creator's Ten Commandments, which includes: Thou shall not bear false witness, Thou shall not covet, and Thou shall not steal.

Furthermore, if morals were held up in our homes with Moms and Dads faithfully loving and helping each other and their children, our society will flourish.

Balancing the State budget as our General Assembly did is moral too. It is wrong for government to spend more than they take in; because they will need to raise taxes on us to pay their debt, and we the non-government worker, do not get raises as fast as the government can spend it.

Our Federal Government is printing 85 billion dollars a month, with the National Debt soaring above \$17.5 trillion.

Our General Assembly did a fine job on verifiable Photo Voter ID and balancing the budget.

It is moral to prevent harm to people, from any kind of fraud or debt.

Morals are the guardrails of society and a Republic, which our Constitution promises in Article IV, Section 4.

President Reagan said: "Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction". It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. Those who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again.

**Ramona Timm**

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: **Energy**

Ms. Timm commented:

- Appreciate the opportunity to speak
- Appreciate what is being done by the Board, know it is a hard job
- Realize there are probably things that you want to do, but can't
- Would like to speak about energy in regards to fracking
- Very hot topic
- Movies are out about fracking "Gasland and Gasland II"
- Want to be neutral on the subject of fracking, people are being polarized over the issue
- Those that are against it, in my mind, outnumber those for it
- My concern is to find out the truth about fracking
- Started researching the topic
- Movie has been made "FrackNation" which was coproduced by three journalists – documentary regarding fracking
- Very interesting and very disturbing
- Opportunity to look at the film at the Danbury Library, Thursday – 7:00 pm
- Invite the board to attend
- Very interesting issues involving lawsuits, faulty claims, etc.
- EPA has done a study that confirms fracking does not contaminate the water
- North Carolina has legislation that will now allow fracking
- Our legislature, that was voted in by the people, are the ones that are willing to allow fracking in North Carolina
- Thank you for your time and consideration

**Daniel Wolber**  
PO Box 121  
Danbury, NC 27016  
Re: **Public Schools First**

Mr. Wolber commented:

- Retired Stokes County teacher who is staying very busy working for Public School First North Carolina
- Would like to thank the Board of Commissioners and County Manager for honoring the community spirit by allowing Stokes County residents to gather and express concerns on the County's first Moral Monday
- Most of the members of the Board at one time renounced the state system of vouchers because these opportunities and scholarships would take public funds from public education which is unconstitutional
- Very concerned with the silence of the school board, the superintendent and the commissioners on this issue at a time when Stokes County Schools are taking another hard hit to teach a moral and quality education
- Now is not the time to say nothing about extreme party politics that have made North Carolina schools, a model of progressivism and a national spectacle
- Now is not the time to say this is state or national politics, outside the domain or control of local leaders
- The defunding of public education will effect teacher/pupil ratios and the quality of education in the county, unless we pretend that superficial standardized testing is the only measure of quality education
- Counties will be forced to make up the difference on a local level for the lack of support on a state level
- Now is the time to level with the citizens of Stokes County
- If we want our county to be a regional model of quality education, if we want to attract the best and brightest teachers to our classrooms, what do we do?
- Raise the supplements for those teachers who will do what is moral no matter what, taking home essays to grade, driving a bus home from a ballgame after midnight, or feeding their own children from a second or third job
- This is where we are at
- Say no to the leaders in Raleigh who intend on stripping benefits of citizens as corporate online education becomes the norm
- Let the citizens of Stokes County know that we will do what we need to do to compete since North Carolina public schools are our greatest investment
- Does that mean evidently a local education specified tax increase to fully fund all positions and programs?
- If North Carolina becomes 50<sup>th</sup> in the United States in public school funding and will probably be there by the end of the year, how far will Stokes drop among the 100 counties in the state?
- Please resolve to let our leaders and citizens know that this new trend, which has no successful model, will not do in Stokes County
- I brag about Stokes County schools everywhere I go

- Unlike the General Assembly in Raleigh, our ability in Stokes County to put politics aside has worked to build the reputation of our school system
- This has been an undermine of agenda politics that needs to be questioned
- Resolve to question our state representatives who approved the 2013 education budget, do they represent Stokes County or some larger agenda?
- Resolve to tell our education community and citizens the truth

**William Roughton**

2224 Horseshoe Road

Westfield, NC 27053

**Re: Support for Schools and Conditional Zoning Districts**

Mr. Roughton commented:

- Do not represent a group at this point
- Have been very interested in the proposed conditional zoning that the Board of Commissioners will soon hear
- Feel it is the best answer to the problems being faced in communities regarding zoning
- Encourage the Board to make it work for Stokes County
- Appreciate the effort that everyone has been doing regarding the proposed conditional zoning
- As an individual who has looked at it very carefully, would be in support of the conditional zoning which is to come before the board
- Public Schools – at the end of my teaching career
- Have not been a teacher all my life, have spent time in school administration before coming to Stokes County
- Left North Carolina to go into education in Maryland to make more money
- Saw one of the best educational systems in the nation, could not get a job in Maryland unless you had a Masters Degree
- You had to fight for the positions
- What I am seeing now, is the tail wagging the dog in Raleigh
- Some resources in Raleigh, at this point, would be putting teachers in the babysitting category
- Teachers, for the most part, put a lot of time and effort into the classroom
- Work at North Stokes High School, speaking as an individual tonight
- Have watched other teachers over the years struggle to make ends meet, it is getting worse
- Teachers are dropping out to go to other jobs that pay more, more security, etc.
- The more pressure put on the good teachers, the more of them you are going to lose
- It is going to be very hard to recruit good teachers
- Will not be in education much longer
- Would like for the Board to think very carefully, are the people in Raleigh who have a lot of privileges putting Stokes County on the back burner because of the lack of resources?
- Stokes County can't match the supplements paid by other counties
- Ask yourself, "if you had a child getting ready to go into education, would you advise that child to go into education or to go for another job with better pay and job security?"
- Now is the time to tell those people, who you think are representing you, they are not



- Appreciate hearing in the news what the Board is doing about the funding cuts in Raleigh
- Thank you for your time

**Vivian Fulk**

342 Goff Road

King, NC 27021

Re: **Woman's Choice**

Ms. Fulk commented:

- Chairman of the Stokes County Democratic Party
- I am probably, standing in the room and in the county, the most liberal person you have ever met; I will explain why
- Come from a very different background from what you are used to in Stokes County
- Come from a family that struggled with mental illness
- Had two older brothers diagnosed with schizophrenia by the time I was 13 years old
- My single, parent mother simply had a nervous breakdown and I was alone except for the 23 year old sailor that she signed for me to be married to
- Just to have a place for me to go, just to get rid of me
- After we were married, I discovered he was addicted to heroin and also found out that I was pregnant
- I was fighting for my life, just like my father did in WWII, he was a pilot who fought in a war and who won his battles
- I too was fighting a battle for my life
- I was fighting for my health
- I was fighting for my right to determine my own future, fighting to reach the life I wanted to have
- The year was 1973, the year Roe V. Wade passed
- I was probably one of the first people who had an abortion at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola and then got an annulment from the sailor
- The right to choose what is happening with my body gave me the chance to become the person I am today
- It gave me the opportunity to be successful in business, to have a successful marriage of 30 years and to have the passion and means to help this community be a better place
- I would not wish my choice on anyone, but I do support the right of women to choose what happens to their bodies and I don't take likely what happened in the General Assembly
- It was very, very, very disconcerting to me and a lot of other women who come from different and diverse backgrounds that you would not survive
- I support Stokes County
- I am part of Stokes County; I have been here
- I am going to help
- Please understand that there are people that come from different backgrounds than what you normally see in Stokes County
- Stokes County is a lovely county; I love Stokes County
- I have died and gone to heaven in Stokes County

- There are people like me that are coming to Stokes County
- Laws are being made about people like me that haven't had the advantages that most people have had
- This is just one of the laws passed that disenfranchises me

**Kristen Soderlunds**

1056 Todd Lane

Walnut Cove, NC 27053

Re: **Public Schools/Funding**

Ms. Soderlunds commented:

- I am the teen democratic advisor
- I am not used to making speeches
- There has been some great speeches already about education
- From a student, have great respect for my teachers
- They are working my way to my future
- Feel they deserve more than they have been getting; salaries being frozen for six years
- North Carolina Constitution says that public funding goes to public schools
- Really need to think about more benefits being given to teachers
- Know teachers who work until 3:00 am in the morning at other jobs to make ends meet
- Help them out
- They are giving the inspiration to the future of America, to the ones that will be running this place one day
- Deserve better than what has been going on

**Rita Gale Cruise**

1996 Mountainview Church Road

King, NC 27021

Re: **Responsibility to the People**

Ms. Cruise commented:

- Appreciate the opportunity to speak
- Do believe in the governmental system within the United States and very concerned
- Been in NC since 1973, been in neighboring county – Patrick
- Appalled at this time to say I am from here
- One reason is the things going on at the Legislature which hopefully is not going on in Stokes County
- Decisions that are being made, stripping away the rights of citizens, primarily in voting, in the environment, in the school systems and women's right
- Plead with the Board to take those into consideration on a county, state and federal level
- I know when the whole system comes around and we get to vote again, things will be different
- Urge the Board to consider these things
- The protests will not stop, it will continue
- Need to come to peace and be as one with each other in how we move forward

- I realize there is always differences between people, but if we can come together like the Board in meeting with the Board of Education, to make sure there is enough funding
- Have heard a lot of good things about Stokes County tonight, building new schools, etc.
- But we must keep our teachers and value our children, our natural resources
- Heard everything said about fracking
- For me, I lived in West Virginia, saw the devastation of the landscape and the level of loss of the people's rights
- We need to respect each other in order to make good decisions for each other

**Peg Gallagher**

1110 Forest Dweller Road

Germanton, NC 27019

Re: **Education**

Ms. Gallagher commented:

- Appreciate those serving the county
- Know there is a lot of issues from grass to zoning, schools, etc
- Originally from Chicago
- I am a professor in education, primary focus on early childhood education
- Do not believe it is a beautiful day in North Carolina as Vice Chairman Booth previously stated
- I built a home in Stokes County
- I have been here 6 years and embarrassed and afraid for North Carolina
- Commissioner Walker talked about learning both sides of an issues, that is your right and your responsibility
- Do not know where your alliances are
- Beg and implore each of you to really educate yourself and use your voice
- Early Childhood Education is my passion
- North Carolina used to be a leader and a state to strive toward
- North Carolina is no longer a leader nor a state to strive toward
- It has all been pulled out
- It is an embarrassment
- Not sure what you can do
- Everyone knows that children are our most important resource and where we need to invest
- Believe in all education
- Do not know who would want to go into education in North Carolina
- Implore you to be educated
- Implore you to use your voice in any way you can to help turn things around, to go forwards and not go backwards
- Fear for the children who will be in a classroom of 30 with a teacher who is not degreed or certified
- What is going to happen?
- Need critical thinkers in all parts of our nation
- If we don't have critical thinkers as teachers who value themselves, how do we expect for them to become citizens that are critical thinkers?

- Implore you to use your brains, to be informed whether it is fracking, education, or abortion
- You must be informed
- Use your voice
- We need you and appreciate you

**Wesley Durrell**

709 Dalton Street

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

**Re: Voter Rights and Abandon House**

Mr. Durrell commented:

- I am also formally from Chicago, Illinois
- Illinois went through years and years of voter fraud
- Had a mayor who got into office by getting the names off of the tombstones, that is history in Chicago
- Most seniors do good to have what they got, they may not be able to get IDS
- Do you take the vote from the seniors just because they don't have proper identification
- Some have been living in the same place for over 40-50 years, everyone knows them
- Saw a lot of voter fraud in Chicago
- Feel voter ID is the wrong think to start out with
- Need to encourage people to get out and vote, not try to restrict them from voting
- Have an aunt who lives at 1577 Pine Hall Rd, Pine Hall that has a house beside her that needs to be torn down
- Have to talk to staff at Stokes County about having the house torn down
- Not sure who actually owns the house
- Anything that walks, crawls, or flies comes out of that house and comes to my aunt's house
- Would like for someone to check into this issue
- Been in Stokes County for 8 years
- Have children in the Stokes County School System
- Am very concerned about the school system
- Have worked for the school system for 10 years
- Had 50 (4-5 year old) kids in the program I worked in
- Large classes then did not work and will not work today
- Teachers need the funding in order to provide a good education
- The freeze is ridiculous
- People have to make money to live
- If you want people to stay in Stokes County, you have to pay them to stay and work here
- They will go somewhere else, other counties pay better
- Would hate to see our young children who want to be teachers have to go to another county to work

**Junior Morrison**  
1115 Evans Road  
King, NC 27021  
Re: **General Statute 14-399**

Mr. Morrison commented:

- Want to talk about grass being blown all over the road (safety hazard for everyone) as previously mentioned by Commissioner Jones
- Have lived in Stokes County for 19 years
- I have never smoked one cigarette, have never done any street drugs, never done any alcohol or drink coffee, but we all look different
- Read the following from General Statute 14-399
  - (a) No person, including any firm, organization, private corporation, or governing body, agents or employees of any municipal corporation shall intentionally or recklessly throw, scatter, spill, or place or intentionally or recklessly cause to be blown, scattered, spilled, thrown, or placed or otherwise dispose of any litter upon any public property or private property not owned by the person within this State or in the waters of this State including any public highway, public park, lake, river, ocean, beach, campground, forestland, recreational area, trailer park, highway, road, street or alley except.....
  - (c) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section in amount not exceeding 15 pounds and not for commercial purposes is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$1,000 for the first offense. In addition, the court may require the violator to perform community service of not less than 8 hours nor more than 24 hours
  - (j) It shall be the duty of all law enforcement officers to enforce the provisions of this section
- General Statute 14-399 was provided by Representative Holloway
- Appreciate everyone's help to get this law enforced for everyone's benefit in the County
- This is a state law
- As far as education, when Mike got the lottery passed, it was going to solve all the educational problems, would like to know happened?
- Thank you for your time

**Linda Hicks**  
1130 Rock Road  
Madison, NC 27025  
Re: **Fracking, Education, Voter ID**

Ms. Hicks commented:

- Appreciate the opportunity to speak
- Have been to several meetings within the county regarding fracking during the past year
- Haven't seen any of the commissioners at these meetings
- Some of the meetings had experts on the subject who led the meeting
- Not everyone chose to attend those meetings to get information from a real authority on the subject

- EPA has not given any findings regarding fracking, it has been postponed until 2016-17, they are getting so much pressure about the fracking
- Voter ID is Voter ID
- What is voter suppression?
- When polls are going to be closed, it is not moral or Christian, it is voter suppression
- We can all pretend to be Christians or call ourselves Christians, but the Lord above knows what the intents really are
- Private schools are now going to get part of Stokes County's funding for schools
- Don't know of many private or charter schools in Stokes County
- My tax dollars are going to be going to other counties such as Forsyth
- Really need to voice an opinion
- It is the Board's responsibility to protect the taxpayers' money
- If you don't speak out and let legislators in Raleigh know what they are doing to Stokes County citizens, you are not doing what you were elected to do, protect the citizens of Stokes County

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda:

### Minutes

- Minutes of June 17, 2013 – Joint Meeting – Board of Education
- Minutes of August 12, 2013 – Regular Meeting

### Health Department - 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
<b>Health Dept-Title XIX Fund</b>				
110.5104.230	Medical Supplies	\$15,825.00	\$(2,500.00)	\$13,325.00
110.5104.490	Dues and Subscriptions	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,200.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$19,025.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$21,525.00</b>
<b>Home Health</b>				
100.5190.230	Medical Supplies	\$25,000.00	\$(2,500.00)	\$22,500.00
<b>Transfers</b>				
	Transfer to Health Dept-Title XIX Funding	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds to cover cost of a medical information system to enhance sufficiency of the clinic, Home Health, and Health Education for patients. In addition, this system will provide the most current up-to-date medical information to enhance treatment of patients.

This will result in a net increase of \$2,500.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Health Dept. -Title XIX Fund</b>				
110.3982.100th	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

#### **Tax Administration Report – July 2013**

#### **Real and Personal Releases more than \$100**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Releases more than \$100 (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

Property Name	July 2013 Bill Number	Amount	
			Balance on Prorated 2013 Taxes remaining after purchase by a non-taxable Government Entity (Stokes County)
James R. Venable	13A694504639915	\$3,270.99	
Helen Morton	13A696500525926	\$207.27	Correction of acreage
Raymond Booth & Others			
Carrols LLC	13A1556045619.09	\$1,132.16	Furniture/Fixt. Reported Twice
Burger King #778			
Mary Dobbins Frye Trust	13A598700809071	\$254.51	Elderly Exemption

<b>Breault Revocable Living Trust</b>	13A598600512563	\$425.47	Elderly Exemption
<b>Dynamic Machining X MFG</b>	13A156046208.09	<u>\$2,294.01</u>	Leasehold improvements incorrectly reported by accountant
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$7,584.41</b>	

### **Real and Personal Refund more than \$100**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Refund more than \$100 (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

<b>Property Name</b>	<b>July 2013 Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Frances Moore</b>	10A599219623065	\$127.24
	11A599219623065	\$135.02
	12A599219623065	<u>\$135.02</u>
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$397.28</b>

### **Late Application for Disabled Veteran Exclusion**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Application for Disabled Veteran Exclusion (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Kathy M. Flinchum
- Tract of land and a dwelling located at 1012 Old Town Road, Walnut Cove, NC
- Assigned value of \$78,100
- Parcel No: 6963-19-60-5400

### **Write Off Request – 2001 & 2002 Delinquent Vehicle Bills**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write Off Request for 2001 and 2002 Delinquent Vehicle Bills (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:



- Tax Office has determined that there is no further recourse of collection on the listed Delinquent Vehicles Bills from the Tax Years 2001 and 2002
- Requesting the following billings be written off based upon NCGS 105-378:
  - Tax Years 2001 (653 Accounts) Principal Amount Due =\$14,631.12
  - Tax Years 2002 (702 Accounts) Principal Amount Due = \$17,038.13
  - Total Principal Amount Due =\$31,669.25

#### **Write Off Request – 2001 & 2002 Delinquent Personal Property Bills**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write Off Request for 2001 and 2002 Delinquent Personal Property (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Tax Office has determined that there is no further recourse of collection on the listed Delinquent Personal Property Bills from the Tax Years 2001 and 2002
- Requesting the following billings be written off based upon NCGS 105-378:
  - Tax Years 2001 (62 Accounts) Principal Amount Due =\$5,097.90
  - Tax Years 2002 (75 Accounts) Principal Amount Due = \$5,294.01
  - Total Principal Amount Due =\$10,391.91

#### **Write Off Request – Tax Years 1996-2002 Business Personal**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write Off Request – Tax Years 1996-2002 Business Personal (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Tax Office has determined that there is no further recourse of collection on the listed Business Personal Billings from the Tax Years 1996-2002
- Requesting the following billings be written off based upon NCG S105-378:
  - Tax Years 1996-2002 (33 Accounts) Principal Amount Due =\$4,572.68

#### **Write Off Request – Tax Years 2000-2002 EMS Bills**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write Off Request for Tax Years 2000-2002 EMS Bills (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Tax Office has determined that there is no further recourse of collection on the listed Tax Years 2000 - 2002

- Requesting the following billings be written off based upon NCGS 105-378:
  - Tax Years 2000 (481 Accounts) Principal Amount Due = \$103,434.43
  - Tax Years 2001 (544 Accounts) Principal Amount Due = \$158,033.42
  - Tax Years 2002 (482Accounts) Principal Amount Due = \$164,890.86
  - Total Principal Amount Due =\$426,358.71

#### **Write Off Request – Meadows Family EMS Bills**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write Off Request for the Meadows Family EMS Bills (July 2013) at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Tax Office has determined that there is no further recourse of collection (Mr. and Mrs. Meadows are deceased with no estate assets) on the below listed EMS Billings from the Tax Years 2001-2011
  - Tax Years 2001-2011 (18 Accounts) Principal Amount Due = \$6,170.18

#### **Proposed Resolution – Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission**

County Manager Rick Morris presented following proposed Resolution for Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

### **North Carolina**

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission**

#### **Resolution of the County of Stokes, Regarding the Designation of the Official(s) to make recommendations to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission on ABC Permit Applications**

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 18B-940(f) authorizes a governing body to designate an official, by name or by position, to make recommendations concerning the suitability of persons or locations for ABC Permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Stokes wishes to notify the NC ABC Commission of its designation as required by G.S. 18B-940(f).

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that **SHERIFF** and **CHIEF DEPUTY**, is hereby designated to notify the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Commission of the recommendations of the County of Stokes regarding the suitability of persons and locations for ABC permits within its jurisdiction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notices to the County of Stokes should be mailed or delivered to the official(s) designated above at the following address:

Mailing Address: **P O Box 118**  
Office Location: **1012 Main Street**  
City: **Danbury, NC**  
Zip Code: **27016**  
Phone: **336-593-8787**

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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**Ernest Lankford - Chairman**

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**James D. Booth - Vice Chairman**

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**J. Leon Inman - Commissioner**

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**Jimmy Walker - Commissioner**

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**Ronda Jones - Commissioner**

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
**Darlene Bullins - Clerk to the Board**

**Proposed 2014 Holiday Calendar**

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following proposed 2014 Holiday Calendar for the Board's review and approval:

<i><b>Holiday</b></i>	<i><b>Day of Week</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>
New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2014
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 20, 2014
Good Friday	Friday	April 18, 2014
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2014
Independence Day	Friday	July 4, 2014
Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2014
Veterans Day	Tuesday	November 11, 2014
Thanksgiving	Thursday	November 27, 2014
	Friday	November 28, 2014
Christmas	Wednesday	December 24, 2014
	Thursday	December 25, 2014

Floating Holiday-(1) day to be used by employees during the calendar year of 2014 upon approval of supervisor. Can't be carried over to calendar year 2015.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioners Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA**

Chairman Lankford noted there were no items for tonight's Information Agenda.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**Proposed Memorandum of Agreement – Rockingham County – E911**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Rockingham County for E911 backup:

NORTH CAROLINA

STOKES COUNTY

Memorandum of Agreement between  
Stokes County and Rockingham County

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") made and entered into by and between Stokes County, North Carolina ("Stokes"), and Rockingham County, North Carolina ("Rockingham").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Stokes and Rockingham are both corporate and politic existing pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, both Stokes and Rockingham operate 911 emergency communications systems; and

WHEREAS, during times of natural disaster and other unpredictable events, a county's 911 communications system may be temporarily disabled; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham has a Primary 911 Communications Center ("Stokes County Backup 911 Center") which can be utilized immediately to receive and process 911 emergency calls in the event Stokes County Primary 911 Center is disabled; and

WHEREAS, Stokes desires also to maintain a Backup 911 Center, and recognizes the economy and benefits utilizing Rockingham Primary 911 Center, and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to set forth in this MOA the terms by which Stokes may utilize Rockingham County Primary 911 Center for the benefit of the people of Stokes County.

Now, therefore, inconsideration of the terms, conditions, and covenants expressed herein, the parties agree as follows:

## Purpose of agreement

The purpose of this MOA is to establish a formal arrangement whereby Rockingham County makes available to Stokes County its Primary 911 Center located on 150 NC 65, Reidsville, North Carolina, for use by Stokes County during such times as Stokes County may experience failure to its primary 911 emergency call and dispatch center in exchange for and subject to the terms of this MOA.

## Terms

Subject to the terms and conditions of this MOA, the term of this MOA shall commence upon execution and will continue for a period of three (3) years. This agreement shall be automatically extended for an additional three year term unless one of the parties delivers a notice of intent to terminate at least 120 days prior to the expiration of the initial three year period.

Either party may terminate this agreement upon a breach by the other party. If either party desires to terminate this MOA based upon a breach, it shall deliver a notice of its intent to terminate to the other party by registered or certified mail. Termination shall not become effective until 30 days after receipt of the notice of intent.

## Responsibilities of Rockingham County

Rockingham County agrees to make its Primary 911 Center available to Stokes County 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, for Stokes County to man and operate as it's on Backup 911 Center in the event of failure, for whatever reason, of Stokes County Primary 911 emergency call and dispatch center.

## Responsibilities of Stokes County

Stokes shall give to Rockingham 911 Director as much advance notice as is practicable under the then existing circumstances of its need and intent to operate the Backup 911 Center.

Stokes County will provide, at its expense, any and all such hardware, software, and any equipment or service of any kind that is required in order to make the backup 911 center compatible with Stokes's primary 911 emergency call and dispatch operations. It will also be Stokes's sole responsibility to insure and maintain such additional hardware, software, and equipment.

Stokes will hold Rockingham harmless and indemnify Rockingham from any and all claims which may arise out of or relate to Stokes's use of the Rockingham primary 911 emergency call and dispatch center.

Stokes will indemnify Rockingham for any damage to the Primary 911 emergency call and dispatch center (to include the facility and all components thereof) arising out of or relating to the acts of omissions by Stokes in the use of the primary emergency call and dispatch 911 Center.

Stokes shall insure that its operations, hardware, software, and equipment do not in any way interfere with Rockingham's 911 emergency communications operations.

#### Priority

The parties acknowledge and agree that in the event that the Rockingham County 911 Primary Center is needed at the same time for Stokes County 911 Backup Center in the event that shared use, for whatever reason, impossible or not reasonably practicable, Rockingham County shall have priority in the use of the Rockingham County Primary 911 Center, and Stokes's needs to the Backup 911 Center must be subordinated thereto.

#### Amendment

This agreement may not be modified or amended except by subsequent written modification approved and authorized by the governing boards of each party and signed by an authorized representative of each party.

#### Entire Agreement

This MOA contains the entire agreement between the parties, and no statement, oral or written, made by either party or agent of either party that is not contained in this written MOA shall be valid or binding.

#### Remedies

This MOA shall be enforceable by each party by all remedies available at law or in equity. Failure or delay to exercise any right, remedy, or privilege hereunder shall not operate as a waiver of such right, remedy, or privilege, nor prevent subsequent enforcement.

#### Duplicate Originals

This agreement shall be executed by the parties in duplicate originals, each of which when executed shall constitute the same MOA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding is adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

STOKES COUNTY

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Ernest Lankford, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST

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Darlene Bullins, Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding is adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

August 26, 2013

W. Keith Mabe, Chairman of the Board

Pamela M. McLain, Clerk

- Proposed agreement will allow Stokes County to use the Rockingham County's E911 Facility as an E911 backup facility in case the county's 911 communications system is inoperable
- County Attorney Ty Browder has reviewed and approved the proposed agreement

- Some examples of other counties who had 911 failures
  - Orange County (01-02-13) – down 5.50 hours (CenturyLink issue)
  - Alexander County (01-23-13) – down 4.0 hours (vehicle wreck)
  - Yadkin County (01-29-13) down 4.5 hours (problems at Elkin office)
  - Moore County (08-11-13) – down 3 hours (breaker issue)
- Rockingham County has the same equipment that Stokes County is going to have – VIPER
- 911 software is the same as Stokes
- This will make it easier for employees to dispatch from Rockingham County
- Want to have a backup with a county that has a different exchange – County has CenturyLink, Rockingham County has AT&T
- Rockingham currently has 8 consoles with plans for a new facility with 16 consoles
- First step is to get the agreement signed; protocols will then be established and sent to the NC E911 Board for funding approval

Chairman Lankford confirmed with Director Hall that Stokes County could not be the backup for Rockingham due to not having enough consoles.

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Commissioner Inman commented:

- Also thankful to Rockingham County for being on board with the agreement
- On board with the proposed agreement
- No issues

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Very pleased with the proposed agreement
- County needs a backup especially with the County's terrain
- One of the workshops at the NCACC conference stressed the importance of the BOCC knowing what happens in the time of a natural disaster/emergency

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Sounds promising
- Confirmed with Director Hall there is currently no backup arrangement
- Confirmed with Director Hall that this is the best option for Stokes County
- Confirmed with Director Hall that E911 Surcharge Funds could possibly be used for setting up the backup facility
- Appreciate the work being done for the County to have a backup facility

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 9<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

#### **Appointments – Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the following vacancies on the Walnut Cove

Senior Center Advisory Council:

- Two vacancies from the general public
- Senior Services - committee member

Clerk Bullins noted that staff had received an application from George H. Hairston, Jr. who would like to take the position that his father vacated.

Vice Chairman Booth nominated the following:

- George H. Hairston, Jr – representative of the general public
- Vicky East – Senior Services committee member

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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



Commissioner Inman confirmed with Clerk Bullins that 60% of the members are 55 or older.

Commissioner Jones commended Mr. Hairston for wanting to take his father's place who recently passed away.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 9<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

#### **Appointments – Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins provided the Board with the following updated information regarding the recent appointments to the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee:

- County Manager Rick Morris received resignations from Jan Culler and Patricia Hairston
- Both appointments were from the General Public with an interest in Social Services
- Board had received applications from Jo Ann Collins and Linda S. Lee, both for the General Public appointment, neither were appointed
- Requested direction from the Board

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker noted that Linda Hicks and Frances Allen also served on the DSS Board.

Clerk Bullins noted that DSS Director Preston had informed Manager Morris that neither Ms. Hicks nor Ms. Allen were interested in serving on the Committee.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to advertise the two vacancies and place the item on the September 9<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA**

##### **Transfer/Lease of Land to Forsyth Tech for Community College Site**

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the Transfer/Lease of Land to Forsyth

Tech for the Community College Site presented at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the motion for a 40-year lease for eight (8) acres with Forsyth Tech for the Community College Site.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

The Board briefly discussed a 40-year lease versus transferring the land.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Proposed Amended Local General Assistance Policy – Social Services**

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the proposed amended Social Services Local General Assistance Policy presented at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Clerk Bullins noted that County Attorney Browder had reviewed and approved the policy.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the amended Social Services Local General Assistance Policy. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Proposed Home and Community Block Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2013-14**

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the proposed Home and Community Block Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2013-14 presented at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Home and Community Block Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2013-14. Commissioners Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Appointments – Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**

Chairman Lankford noted the following were nominated at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- **Reappointments**
  - Clyde Stewart
  - Darlene Bullins
  - Kathy Ford
  - Kelly Craine
  - Robin Testerman
  - Tom Langan

- **New Appointments**
  - Tamara Veit
  - Kathy Perkins

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Lankford polled the Board.

The Board unanimously voted for the following:

- **Reappointments**
  - Clyde Stewart
  - Darlene Bullins
  - Kathy Ford
  - Kelly Craine
  - Robin Testerman
  - Tom Langan
- **New Appointments**
  - Tamara Veit
  - Kathy Perkins

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

- To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)
- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Vice Chairman Booth moved to enter closed session for the following:

- To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)
- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the August 26<sup>th</sup> 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. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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**Ernest Lankford**  
**Chairman**