

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 9, 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, September 9, 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:
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
County Attorney Tyrone Browder
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Social Services Director Kristy Preston
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley
Health Director Scott Lenhart

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":

- "God's plans are best for our lives, why then is trusting him for wisdom and direction so difficult"

Commissioner Jones delivered the invocation.

Chairman Lankford noted that County Manager Rick Morris' surgery went well and he was recuperating at home.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lankford opened the meeting by inviting everyone in attendance to join the

Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to approve or amend the September 9, 2013 Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the September 9th Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

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

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following comments:

- **Rating Agencies**
 - County recently received notification that the Standard and Poor Rating Agency has increased Stokes County's rating from A+ to AA-
 - Moody has also increased the county's rating to Aa2
 - This puts both rating agencies in the double A rating
 - These increased ratings will assist the county in future debt (better interest rates)
- **County Surplus Sale**
 - Stokes County had its annual surplus sale on Saturday, September 7th
 - Only vehicles were sold this year
 - 36 vehicles were sold for \$30,925

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Been very busy with continuing education in Charlotte, just got back and will be leaving again this week for more continuing education
- Will be back in time for the upcoming Stokes Stomp, looking forward to the Stokes Stomp

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Have been asked again to Chair the NCACC Public Education Steering Committee
- Would like for the Board to replace him on the PART – Board of Directors
- Have recently had to miss two meetings due to conflicts with meetings in Raleigh

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Very pleased with revenue from the recent surplus sale
- Attended the sale along with Chairman Lankford

- Provided Board members with a copy of the Stokes Soil Water Conservation District Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2012-13
- Would like to commend Clerk Bullins for her continued dedication while the manager has been absent

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Will be out of town the rest of the week, annual fishing trip
- Very good news from the Clerk regarding the bond rating
- Sure the increase to the County's Fund Balance was a major factor for the increase
- Also good to hear positive information regarding the county
- Glad to see Sara Jo Durham here for today's meeting and extend appreciation to Ms. Durham for her continued hard work to keep Stokes County clean
- Would like to welcome all those for whatever reason they came for today
- It is still the people's government (of the people, by the people, and for the people)
- It is great to see people willing to be involved
- Feels it makes a better government when people are involved

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Appreciate all the volunteers who serve all the organizations in the County
- Without these volunteers, it would hard to operate county
- Very glad to see people step up and volunteer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following spoke during public comments.

Sara Jo Durham
2480 Dillard Road
Madison, NC 27025
Re: **Big Sweep**

Ms. Durham commented:

- Coordinator of the Big Sweep again this year
- Provided Board members with a pamphlet – NC Big Sweep 2013
- We all live in a beautiful rural county that we want to keep clean
- Would appreciate the Board adopting the proposed resolution “Big Sweep Month in Stokes County” that is included in today's Consent Agenda
- Statewide Big Sweep cleanup is held on the first Saturday in October (October 5th) but cleanups can be done any time of the year
- Landfill waives the tipping fee for Big Sweep, but do request citizens allow the trash to be weighed in order to determine how much trash has been picked up
- This year, there are blue bags for recyclables and orange bags for regular trash
- No longer able to use inmates from Yanceyville, currently using Boy and Girl Scouts
- Very fortunate to have the county continue to support Big Sweep
- Challenge each Board member to pick up trash on their road

- Stokes County has several individuals that do not even live in Stokes County that come to Stokes County and help pick up trash such as paddle groups from other counties
- Have already had the Rockingham County Paddlers cleaning the Dan River
- Appreciate the Board allowing time to promote the "Big Sweep"

E.A. Timm

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: **Spying**

Mr. Timm read the following:

Thanked the Board for this opportunity to speak.

Some have claimed a "Moral Monday" within our State, yet I bring before you the immorality of spying, and the question of: Is our county prepared to handle it?

In yesteryear, we called them "peeping Toms," who would go around and peep through windows to see what is going on inside. That was illegal and the Sheriff could arrest them.

Now, we have the Federal Government doing it through the NSA and drones; a clear violation of our 4th Amendment, right to be secure in our person, houses, papers, and effects; besides most Federal Agencies have their own SWAT teams.

One can listen to an interview with John Whitehead of the Rutherford Institute and author of the book "A Government of Wolves and the "Emerging Police State", by going to Google: The Jason Lewis Show, listen, archives, August 30th, 3rd hour, and August 14th, 3rd hour.

It has been said, if you are not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to worry about. That is right when you are dealing with God, but not the Left; just recall what happened to those who love the Constitution of original intent and our Republic's Universal Laws of our Creator; and not the spin of a Totalitarian Socialist Federal Government.

Are we prepared for SWAT team raids, even to a wrong address? All they need to say is they are looking for something illegal.

We must never forget the flow of governance and Rights come from our Creator above, to the individual below, supported and secured by the closest government to the, not the most distant; for what good are they in time of need.

A raid, to the wrong address, happened to my wife's cousin. She was thrown to the floor, stomped on, while her apartment was destroyed, then threatened; "If you say anything, we will get you". She lost all the hair on her head and needed three months of psychiatric counseling.

We have never delegated the State's policing powers to the Federal Government.

I have called our Federal representatives and written our Governor on this matter and have not received a response.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of August 19, 2013 – Special Called Meeting
- Minutes of August 26, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes of September 3, 2013 – Planning Meeting

Emergency Medical Services - Budget Amendment #14

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #14.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Emergency Medical Services				
100.4370.351	Maint & Repairs – Auto	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,871.00</u>	<u>\$62,871.00</u>
	Totals	\$60,000.00	\$2,871.00	\$62,871.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claim funds for repairs to ambulance.

This will result in a net increase of **\$2,871.00** 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
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,871.00</u>	<u>\$2,871.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$2,871.00	\$2,871.00

Senior Services - Budget Amendment #15

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #15.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Senior Services				
100.5860.263	SHIIP Grant	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,801.00</u>	<u>\$2,801.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$2,801.00	\$2,801.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
 To appropriate grant funding for Senior Medicare patrol events.

This will result in a net increase of **\$2,801.00** 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
100.3301.366	Dept of Insurance	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$2,801.00</u>	<u>\$2,801.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$2,801.00	\$2,801.00

Proposed Resolution – October 2013 – Big Sweep

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following proposed Resolution – Declaring October 2013 As Stokes County Big Sweep Month for the Board's review and approval:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 DECLARING OCTOBER 2013
 AS STOKES COUNTY BIG SWEEP 2013 MONTH**

WHEREAS, Stokes County is rich in natural resources and beauty; and

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need for all life; and,

WHEREAS, trash fouls our waterways as well as our landscapes, and,

WHEREAS, every citizen should contribute to keeping our environment clean and healthy by working together to preserve clean water and the natural beauty of our surroundings; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina Big Sweep is a statewide and global community effort to retrieve trash from North Carolina's waterways and landscapes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, does hereby declare **OCTOBER 2013** as **STOKES COUNTY BIG SWEEP 2013 MONTH**, and does further hereby urge every citizen to do his or her part to restore the beauty and function of our streams by volunteering to participate in the N.C. BIG SWEEP event.

Adopted this **9th** day of **September, 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

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Chairman Lankford stated that Chief Administrative Officer Ronda Outlaw, Chief Finance Officer Kevin Beauchamp and Community Operation Director Jeff Eads were all in attendance for today's meeting to present the CenterPoint Bi-Annual Report.

CFO Kevin Beauchamp noted the following:

- **Comparison of Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014 Allocation of Stokes County Discretionary Funds**

2013

Area	Amount	%
MH	\$ 104,477.00	20
I/DD	\$ 151,215.00	29
SA	\$ 51,003.00	10
Inpatient	\$ 52,500.00	10
Transportation	\$ 10,000.00	2
Waiver	\$ 148,127.00	29
Total	\$ 517,322.00	100

2014

Area	Amount	%
MH	\$ 84,666.00	23
I/DD	\$ 166,029.00	45
SA	\$ 54,815.00	15
Inpatient	\$ 52,500.00	14

Transportation	\$ 10,000.00	3
Total	\$ 368,010.00	100

- The biggest difference is the one time allocation given to CenterPoint for the wavier implementation
- This year, CenterPoint is back to the regular discretionary less the payback of the first year amount

• **Old Vineyard Behavioral Health – Inpatient Services**

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
Q3	8	53	\$34,320.00	\$13,125.00
Q4	7	52	\$33,670.00	\$13,125.00
Total	29	194	\$125,515.00	\$52,500.00

- Utilization reduces wait time by law enforcement
- Local inpatient care benefits consumers and families
- Stokes County Utilization thru June 30, 2013

• **Pharmaceuticals**

Quarter	Stokes Samples & PAP	County Funding
Q1	\$80,305.00	\$0.00
Q2	\$68,191.00	\$0.00
Q3	\$33,717.00	\$0.00
Q4	\$59,984.00	\$0.00
Total	\$242,197.00	\$0.00

- Reiterated there was no cost to Stokes County
- The value of free or low-cost medications that have been provided to residents of Stokes County through the Patient Assistance Program by CenterPoint for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

CAO Ronda Outlaw noted the following:

- CenterPoint normally refers to individuals receiving services as “consumers”
 - Talked with the Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) regarding the terminology relating to consumers
 - Those who were asked wanted to be called “clients”
 - Honoring the request from the CFAC members who wanted to be clients
 - Today and future documents will use “clients” to identify those individuals who receive services

- Stokes County Clients Served

	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	FY12	FY 13	FY 13	FY13	FY13
MH	1025	933	946	357	324
DD	121	119	130	75	81
SA	27	17	22	20	27
Dual Dx	123	100	153	224	232
Total	1296	1169	1251	676	664

- Have concerns with the dip in the data that has been received
- Numbers are based on paid claims
- Able to identify some factors for Quarters 3 and 4 depressed due to:
 - Staff resignations at a major Stokes County provider (Triumph) resulted in reduced services delivered in the weeks prior to Triumph discontinuing business operations in April 2013
 - New provider (RHA Services) needed time to finalize hiring and maximize service delivery; RHA is fully staffed
 - Billing lag: The count of individuals served in Q4 will increase as additional claims are received/paid; providers may bill within 90-days of service delivery
 - Still concerned with the numbers dropping, continuing to evaluate the situation; will provide the results to the Board once the assessment is completed
- Service expansions planned or in process:
 - Pioneer Hospital Joint Initiatives
 - Looking forward to working with the new CEO Pam Tillman
 - Have had several meetings during the past year with CEO Tillman to discuss bringing behavioral health services to Pioneer Hospital
 - Appreciate Commissioner Inman's support by attending those meetings
 - Hope, with Pam Tillman as CEO, behavioral health services can be brought to Stokes County to help lessen the need for citizens to travel
 - Appreciate any support the Board can offer
 - Stokes County Wellness Center (initial exploration underway)
 - This is coming from Jeff Eads' department
 - The site would be available to those who receive or need services
 - A place where someone could come for education and support
 - Could provide recovery focus activities
 - Would hope the Stokes Opportunity Center might have some space, would appreciate the Board considering this idea or possibly any other available space
 - Expanded school-based services in additional Stokes County Schools
 - Waiver B3 services (Respite, Peer Support, Community Guide)
 - Will provide additional services for particular areas
 - One area that will receive additional funding is Respite Services

- Community Guide is case management like services for intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Community Guide will provide linkage to services for individuals
 - Supported Employment for mental health and substance abuse populations
 - A new service looking to expand in the county
 - Have finalized a contract with Monarch who has a lot of experience delivering this service to the intellectual and developmental population
 - New evidence-based services
 - Intensive Alternative family Treatment (evident-based/effective child residential services)
- Stokes County Services Continuum
 - Outpatient Services
 - Outpatient (OPT) Therapy & Medication Management
 - I/DD Vocational Services
 - NC Innovations Services (I/DD)
 - School-based OPT
 - Child SA services
 - Psychosocial Guide
 - Agency with Choice
 - Community Respite
 - Intensive Home or Community Based
 - Multi-Systemic Therapy
 - Intensive In-Home
 - ACTT (Assertive Community Treatment Team)
 - Community Support Team
 - School-based Day Treatment
 - Crisis Services
 - First Responder
 - Mobile Crisis Teams
 - NC START (I/DD)
 - Crisis Walk-in Clinics with telemedicine & Peer Support (Winston Salem)
 - Crisis Respite
 - Facility Based Crisis (Gaps in services)
 - Residential Services
 - Therapeutic Foster Care
 - Supervised Living/Residential Supports
 - Transitional Apartment Program
 - Respite (Child MH)
 - Intermediate Care Facility (ICF for I/DD)
 - Inpatient/Detox
 - Forsyth Medical Center
 - ARCA
 - State Hospital Facilities
 - “3-Party” Hospital Contracts
 - Old Vineyard Behavioral Health

- Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
 - Moses Cone Health System
- Prevention
 - School-based SA Prevention Services
 - Substance abuse media campaigns
 - Community Coalition to reduce substance abuse
 - Suicide Prevention Task Force
 - NC Innovations (Primary Response/Behavior Consultation)
- Supports
 - Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Program
 - Family Partners
 - Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
 - Texts for Teens
 - Wellness Center (Gaps in services)
 - Transportation (Gaps in services)
 - Housing (Gaps in services)
- Integrated Medical/Behavioral Health
 - State federal SBIRT grant (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment) – early intervention for individuals with/at risk of substance use
 - Integrated Care RNs at LME/MCO
- Presented the Board members with a listing of services available to Stokes County residents

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Feels the goals/plans such as a partnership with Pioneer Hospital and a Wellness Center will be very important for Stokes County residents
- Looking forward to seeing those things happen

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Like the sound of a Wellness Center, looking forward to that

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Feels the initiative with Pioneer Hospital will be a great benefit for Stokes County, will save time for law enforcement and the citizens of Stokes County
- Great opportunity for the County

Community Operation Director Jeff Eads noted the following:

- Will be talking about two things today
 - Collaboration with the Stokes County Health Department
 - New services for children
- Collaboration with Stokes County Health Department
 - Expressed appreciation to Health Director Scott Lenhart and staff for the recent 2012 Health Needs Assessment
 - Survey responses for a small county was very impressive

- Has helped the Health Services Alliance to know what is needed in Stokes County
- Would like share a few things that has been helpful to CenterPoint
 - Between 2007-11, out of the top ten causes of death for those ages between 20-29:
 - Suicide was #2
 - For those ages 40-64 in that same time period:
 - Suicide was #5 with chronic liver disease (cirrhosis) which is normally associated with substance abuse and alcoholism being #6
 - Adults responded the unhealthy behaviors that have the biggest impact on the county: In 2008, alcohol abuse was #1 and drug abuse #2 with that flipping in 2012 – drug abuse being #1 and alcohol abuse #2
 - Tells CenterPoint that the people who took the survey continue to believe that alcohol and drug abuse are the top two unhealthy factors that have the biggest impact on Stokes County
 - Behaviors that may cause poor health:
 - Youth - #1 alcohol abuse, #2 tobacco, #3 drinking and driving, and #4 drug abuse
 - 92.2% of the those who took the survey indicated that they would tell someone they knew if they thought the person needed to talk to someone
- Feels the Wellness Center will be that place that a person who needs services can talk to someone
- Working with the Health Department and Health Services Alliance to try to determine what is really needed and how CenterPoint can provide those services
 - Will probably start with heavy marketing and public awareness
- CFAC will have a booth at the Stokes Stomp for opportunities to be the committee and spreading the word
- New Services for Children –Intensive Alternative Family Treatment (IAFT)
 - This service will help children who need to go to group homes stay in their community
 - Will utilize licensed therapeutic foster homes who are offered additional training
 - Foster parents will have access to professionals daily and have weekly meetings involving those children
 - Goals are to give the children a safe nourishing family who is trained to support the child's needs instead of living in an artificial environment outside of a home; keeps children closer to their schools and families
 - Children who eligible for this type of program have typically exhibited verbal and physical aggression, oppositional behavior, or suicidal ideation with many having been exposed to trauma

- Hope this service will soon be available to children in Stokes County who need the service along with assistance for Juvenile Justice and DSS

Chairman Lankford expressed the Board's appreciation to CenterPoint for the update.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

CenterPoint Human Services – Proposed Local Business Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-16

CAO Ronda Outlaw discussed the following CenterPoint Local Business Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-16 with a request for approval at the September 23rd meeting:

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- Three-year strategic plan which is required by statute
- Contains short term goals (to be done within a year) and long term goals (could take as much as three years)
- State provided a template that included mandatory state level goals
- CenterPoint has developed local goals that support the state initiatives and addresses the needs of the counties
- Plan has significant stakeholder input
- Started in April talking to CenterPoint committees for their thoughts
- Had community meetings in August to review these goals
- CenterPoint will develop an implementation plan with progress being posted on CenterPoint's website

LOCAL BUSINESS PLAN FY 2014 – 2016

MISSION

CenterPoint Human Services is a managed care organization responsible for assuring that accessible, quality and accountable care is available for those with mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance abuse challenges.

*Goals apply to all clients regardless of funding source; however, state-funded services may be subject to funding constraints.

GOAL 1

**To support the State's Initiative of *Transition to Community Living*
Develop the infrastructure within CenterPoint and the community to provide community-based housing alternatives.**

- A. Finalize housing placement for eligible individuals identified under the *Transition to Community Living* Initiative (Department of Justice [DOJ] Settlement), meeting State benchmark of providing housing for 3 individuals per month in each of the three fiscal years.

- B. Care Coordination staff (including care coordinators, transition planners and certified peer support specialists) will work together to perform in-reach and/or transition functions to clients defined in the DOJ Settlement. Clinical and non-clinical staff will work together to assure that clients fully understand their options and the supports (e.g. treatment services) that will be available to assist them during transition and afterwards.

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- In order to avoid a federal lawsuit, the State of North Carolina recently entered into an agreement with the Federal Government that seeks to move individuals with disabilities who are living in congregate settings like rest homes to a more independent living environment
- Will be a significant focus over the next few years
- If the State of NC does not establish benchmarks to move a specific amount of people out each month, there will be a federal lawsuit
- Sort of like the “Willie M” class action lawsuit
- Very focused on this goal
- Have already hired individuals to help meet this goal

GOAL 2

**To support the State’s Initiative for *Assertive Community Treatment Team/Supported Employment*
Develop and/or enhance community-based wrap-around supports including
Assertive Community Treatment Teams and Supported Employment with fidelity to evidence-based
models.**

- A. Following the State’s onsite analysis beginning July 2013 of Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACTT) provider fidelity to the Tool for Measurement of Assertive Community Treatment (TMACT) standards, analyze the capacity of qualified ACTT providers to serve individuals in or at risk of adult care home placement; identify and contract only with ACTT providers operating with fidelity to TMACT standards.
- B. Following State training on Supported Employment/Long-Term Vocational Support (SE) models and establishment of service definition, identify and establish contract(s) with provider(s) to deliver SE in all four counties; analyze network adequacy and capacity of qualified SE providers to serve individuals in or at risk of adult care home placement; add additional provider(s) based on identified capacity needs and available funding.
- C. Care Coordination staff, as well as Utilization Management (UM) staff in their role as Care Manager, will work with clients and providers to assure that clients identified as part of the DOJ settlement are connected to the most appropriate wrap-around supports to build a successful plan for transition into more integrated housing. UM staff will also complete focused post-payment reviews on randomly selected cases to assure services are being provided appropriately, e.g. according to evidence-based models, and that level of support is meeting the client’s needs.

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- This goal will help to support those individuals who decide to move out

- Individuals who chose to make this move must have the services and support wrapped around them to be successful in the community

GOAL 3

**To support the State's Initiative for addressing *Crisis Services/Emergency Department Wait Times*
Align programs to emphasize importance of recovery, self-determination and least restrictive level of care.**

- A. With support of community stakeholders, plan a Facility-Based Crisis Center with 24 hour assessment capability.
- B. Customer Services staff will be trained in and will implement an evidence-based triage tool to assess lethality and/or potential harm to self on all calls to the Customer Services line from individuals requesting services/assistance. This tool will better prepare the staff to detect subtle cues that indicate possible lethality or potential harm to self, leading to more appropriate interventions/referrals.
- C. Care Coordination staff will improve integration of behavioral and physical health care through tracking increases in primary care data for individuals identified as having "high cost/high risk" needs and "special health care needs" to support efforts to reduce inappropriate use of crisis services.
- D. Improve client engagement in the treatment process, thereby improving appointment compliance (initial, follow-up and post-hospitalization) and decreasing the use of crisis services as well as decreasing readmission rates to hospitals and other treatment facilities. In addition to benefitting clients, process also benefits providers by preventing lost revenue due to no-shows and decreasing inappropriate use/overuse of crisis services.

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- Hope to provide crisis services for those who need services and to help reduce the wait time for those waiting in emergency departments
- Have identified the need for a facility based crisis center which would provide screening capability 24/7 to provide short inpatient stays
- Have identified some properties in Forsyth County that could be feasible
- Customer service staff has been trained on an evidenced based model that helps to assist callers who need services to make a better assessment of what the situation needs

GOAL 4

**To support the State's Initiative *Closer to Home*
Through encouraging the appropriate use of residential treatment services for children.**

- A. Implement a comprehensive "system of care" that includes a thorough comprehensive clinical assessment, reviews by Child & Family Teams, Person-Centered Plan development, involvement with Care Coordination staff and rigorous review of authorization requests by Utilization Management so that only medically necessary placements occur, with a strong preference for local options.
- B. Enhance local options for diversion from Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) and step-down from more intensive services.
- C. Admission and continued stay decisions on children/adolescents in PRTF consistently based on medical necessity criteria resulting, by end of year 3, in a 5% reduction in PRTF admissions and 20% reduction

in out-of-state PRTF placements, as well as a 5% reduction in average length of stay (baselines to be set based on usage during calendar years 2011 and 2012).

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- Under this goal will be looking at services that will be a step down diversion if the child can be served in an appropriate clinical way
- There will be a two prong approach to make sure other alternatives are looked at

GOAL 5

**To support the State's Initiative *Intellectual/Development Disabilities (I/DD) Waitlist*
Supporting the needs of individuals waiting for Innovations services.**

- A. CenterPoint will increase the number of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) served by enrolling currently un-served or under-served individuals in B3 services, state-funded services and Innovations services.

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- Will be looking at what type of services an individual needs and how the services can be obtain services

GOAL 6

**For the Local Initiative *Planning for the Future*
Strengthen CenterPoint's viability in the evolving health care system to assure that publicly managed, accessible, quality and accountable care continues to be available.**

- A. Prepare for a successful expansion capacity assessment, a pre-condition for assuming management of a non-certified Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO).
- B. Enhance positive outcomes through quality services by actively participating in the statewide provider/MCO collaborative effort to implement a streamlined, sustainable system infrastructure.
- C. Position CenterPoint to emerge as an industry leader of publicly managed behavioral health care through regional and/or state alliances following analysis and evaluation of all available business models.

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- Goal speaks to the uncertainty that CenterPoint and all manage care organization across the state face under the Governor's proposal to privatize Medicaid by January 2015
- CenterPoint and other MCO's goal is really to maintain public management of publically funded behavior health services
- Governor's proposal would bring in 2 or 3 large national companies that would manage Medicaid Services both on the medical and behavioral health side
- Looking at all options
- Looking to see if CenterPoint can join with other MCOs?
- Want MCOs to be able to continue to manage the behavior health services

- Feels CenterPoint can do it better than a national company – know the services, know the clients, are local and in the community

GOAL 7
For the Local Initiative *Finance*
Assure financial stability of the LME/MCO.

- A. Achieve defined financial indicators and benchmarks including, but not limited to, those specified in:
- The “Contract Between the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medical Assistance and CenterPoint”.
 - The “Contract Between the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and CenterPoint”.
 - All relevant legislation, including Session Law 2013-85.

GOAL 8
For the Local Initiative *Performance-Based Contracts*
Ready the provider network for performance-based contracts with incentives based on client outcomes focused on quality and recovery.

- A. Establish client outcomes for Intensive In-home and Day Treatment services that are focused on quality and recovery, e.g. length of stay in service, movement to another level of service, use of crisis services. Establish benchmarks for all providers of these services.
- B. Establish client outcomes for ACTT and Community Support Team providers that are focused on quality and recovery, e.g. adult hospital readmission rates and the average length of stay in each specific service. Establish benchmarks for all providers of these services.
- C. Support provider network focus on recovery and client outcomes through expansion of Peer Support capacity by increasing numbers of trained, certified Peer Support Specialists (PSS) in the catchment area; increasing numbers of employed PSS; training and supporting providers in employment and supervision of PSS.
- D. Provide training and consultation via contracted vendor for enhanced sustainability and quality outcomes for LME/MCO and provider network.

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- Doing an initiative with a national consultant to help identify performance indicators for contracts with providers (initiatives would go into the providers’ new contract)
- Doing a kickoff for a two-day training for providers regarding the new outcomes in upcoming contracts

GOAL 9
For the Local Initiative *User-Friendly Systems*
Maximize system-wide standardization and enhanced Management Information System capabilities.

- A. Maintain the Management Information System (MIS) infrastructure, assuring the reliability and security of electronic resources.
- B. Redesign the system testing process and link to user training to encourage the utilization of varied instructional strategies and assessment techniques which will address the needs of all learners.
- C. Support the evolution of a standards based user-friendly system while maintaining simple user interface, secure and scalable technology solutions aligned with clinical workflows to support LMLE/MCO activity, with AlphaCM and North Carolina LME/MCOs.

GOAL 10
For the Local Initiative *Rural Service Enhancement*
Implement service enhancements designed to improve service quality, access and provider choice in rural communities.

- A. Implement service enhancements in Rockingham County that improve mental health and substance abuse service access, quality and provider choice as specified in a county-specific work plan developed with extensive local input and including outcomes, tasks, responsible parties, and timelines.

CAO Ronda Outlaw commented:

- Focusing on Rockingham County first due to them not having the access to Forsyth services that Stokes and Davie Counties currently have
- This is not saying that we are forgetting our other rural counties

GOAL 11
For the Local Initiative *Enhancing Lives*
Focus the I/DD service system on delivering meaningful day activities and least restrictive residential settings.

- A. Transition at least 5% of total census of individuals with I/DD needs residing in Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF-I/DD) to community-based Innovations services over the next three years; in year one, implement transition plans for a minimum of 5 individuals living in ICF-I/DD facilities.
- B. Honoring self-determination and choice, transition individuals currently served in sheltered workshops by end of Fiscal Year 16 to evidence-based Supported Employment (community-based or competitive employment) or other appropriate services. All clients transitioned by end of year 3.
- C. By assuring timely medical care and by moving clients to the least restrictive residential setting, reduce overall service costs for I/DD clients who currently reside in an ICF-I/DD facility while maintaining clinically appropriate services.

GOAL 12
For the Local Initiative *Housing*
Develop infrastructure within CenterPoint and the community to provide community-based housing alternatives.

- A. Using the expanded range of housing options (“Housing First”, Housing Authority of Winston Salem Initiative), provide linkage and/or appropriate housing for 15 clients by 4/30/14. Goals for subsequent years are to be determined by April, 30, 2014.

CAO Ronda Outlaw concluded:

- If the Board has other ideas about things that are needed in the county, please let us know

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Feels the goals are doable

Commissioner Jones questioned what would be the plan if the Governor did privatize Medicaid?

COA Outlaw responded:

- CenterPoint along with other MCOs across the State have been fighting for public management for these services
- Feels the MCOs have the experience
- CenterPoint’s MCO has only been up and running for six months, others across the State have been established longer
- MCOs bring predictability to cost and quality to services
- Hope, by joining MCOs across the state, to provide an alternative plan to the Secretary of Human and Health Services in the fall so that the proposal can be given to the Governor

Chairman Lankford expressed appreciation to COA Outlaw for the detailed report.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 23rd Action Agenda.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Rural Operating Assistance Program Application

Clerk Darlene Bullins introduced YVEDDI Transportation Director Jeff Cockerham who provided the Board with the proposed F/Y 2014-15 Rural Operating Assistance Program Application (ROAP).

YVEDDI Transportation Director Jeff Cockerham presented the following information regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Rural Operating Assistance Program Application:
September 9, 2013

- Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) is a state-funded public transportation grant program administered by the NC Department of Transportation –Public Transportation Division
- ROAP consolidates:
 - Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) - \$63,685
 - Use this fund to transport elderly or disabled individuals to dialysis or critical medical needs
 - Not enough to cover every elderly or disabled medical needs
 - Supplement this program with RGP funding that can be used for any reason
 - Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL) - \$13,252
 - Transport individuals who have transitioned off of WorkFirst or TANF within the last 12 months, anyone in a WorkForce Development Program or anyone who is considered the disadvantaged transportation public
 - DSS Director Kristy Preston has agreed to the same funding as last year - \$5,000 to DSS and \$8,252 to YVEDDI for employment transportation
 - Rural General Public (RGP) - \$80,307
 - Can be used for any reason
- YVEDDI has completed the application for Stokes County
- Would request the Board approve the Certified Statement for FY 2014 along with scheduling a mandatory Public Hearing for September 23rd
- YVEDDI will be responsible for advertising the Public Hearing

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

There were no issues with the information provided by Director Cockerham.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place a Public Hearing on the September 23rd Agenda along with the ROAP Application on the Action Agenda.

Community Transformation Project – Comprehensive Plan

Clerk Darlene Bullins introduced Health Director Scott Lenhart who provided the Board with an update regarding the recent grant award for a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Planning Director Sudderth was in attendance for the meeting).

Health Director Scott Lenhart presented the following information regarding the Community Transformation Project (Comprehensive Plan):

- Two years ago, our region received a grant for a five-year period that must focus on four specific areas:
 - Tobacco free living
 - Clinical prevention services

- Act of living
 - Healthy eating activities
- Health Directors studied how the funds could make the biggest impact for the counties
- Stokes County opted to update the County's existing land use plan by having a complete Comprehensive Land Use Plan done
- Have had one kickoff meeting
- Appalachian Regional Commission awarded the contract to Destination by Design to do the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for several counties
- Eric Woolridge will be the principal planner for Stokes County
- Hoping to get buy-in from the towns/municipalities within the county
- Price for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is \$90,000 (\$60,000 grant with \$30,000 local match)
- Understand \$10,000 was allocated in the FY 2013-14 budget
- To meet federal guidelines, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan must have a health aspect
- Plan will include items to better enhance the communities such as parks, walking trails, green space areas, connection to Mountain to Sea Trails, etc.
- Part of the grant was used to go into public housing areas to try to keep them smoke free, billboards for healthier eating, farmers' market located at Pioneer Hospital
- Will be setting up meetings with representatives from the towns/municipalities very soon

Clerk Bullins noted that Manager Morris has already started talking to town /city leaders regarding financial support for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Manager Morris requests direction from the Board to find the financial funding needed for the local match.

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that Destination by Design was awarded the contract for all the counties doing a Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Expressed appreciation to Director Scott for his participation
- Comprehensive Plan Use Land is something that has really been needed in Stokes County for a long time
- Will fit in with the new zoning concept being considered by the Board
- Looking at the eight planning elements with the very important Health component
 - Land Use
 - Housing
 - Recreation
 - Environment
 - Public facilities

- Public infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Glad to see the County is being proactive instead of reactive

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Echo Commissioner Inman 's comments
- Grant came at a time when funds were badly needed
- All those things are needed in the county
- Hopefully parks will provide an outlet for adults and children to get back to nature
- Appreciate Director Lenhart's efforts in securing this grant for Stokes County

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Plan will provide the reasons needed for making decisions with the proposed conditional zoning
- Will assist those making grant applications

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Director Lenhart that things are ready to go to see this happen
- Confirmed with Director Lenhart that the contract has been signed by Designation by Design
- Confirmed with Clerk Bullins that the manager is currently working on the local match and will be providing that information to the Board (\$10,800 has been allocated in the FY 2013-14 budget)
- Confirmed with Director Lenhart that there should be no issues with making this Comprehensive Plan a reality

Planning Director David Sudderth commented:

- Echoed Director Lenhart's comments regarding the County is ready to get started with the Comprehensive Plan Use Plan
- Have already scheduled meetings with staff from City of King, Town of Danbury and Town of Walnut Cove
- Grant will provide the County with a detailed Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Clerk Bullins that the local match is \$15,000 for two years - \$30,000 total local match.

Clerk Bullins confirmed that the Board did not have any issues with instructing Manager Morris to continue talking with the towns/municipalities regarding the local match.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 23rd Discussion Agenda for an update from Manager Morris regarding the local

match.

Tax Administration Report – August 2013

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the

August Report:

Fiscal Year 2013-14	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$20,480,675.00	\$8,710,774.22		\$11,769,900.78
New Schools F-Tech Fund	\$1,365,378.00	\$581,018.82		\$784,359.18
Prior Taxes				
1998-2012 Tax Years				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$750,000.00	\$264,532.34		\$485,467.66
EMS Current Collections				
Total Collected				
(08-01-13/08-31-2013)		\$103,575.10		
Total Collected				
(07-01-13/06-30-14)		\$225,586.74		
Delinquent EMS Collection Report				
Total Collected				
(08-01-13/08-31-2013)		\$13,877.74		
(07-01-13/06-30-14)		\$27,372.84		
Business and Personal Property Discovery Report				
		# of Accts	Total	Taxes Due
Audit Dates				
08-01-13/08-31-2013		906	\$5,235,244.00	\$41,901.31
07-01-13/06-30-14		1167	\$7,403,796.00	\$61,230.32
Motor Vehicle Release Report	Accounts	Total Value		
Audit Dates				
08-01-13/08-31-2013	38	\$1,389.34		
Motor Vehicle Refund Report	Accounts	Total Value		
Audit Dates				
08-01-13/08-31-2013	5	\$174.27		
Number billed for August 2013	5180			
Garnishment Totals				
	Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amt	Collected Amt
08-01-13/08-31-13		168	\$49,641.73	\$52,183.38

F/Year 2013-14

(07-1-13/6-30-14)

377

\$129,765.19

\$109,572.59

Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Real/Personal</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>2013</u>			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2012	\$ 495,892.01	\$(385.54)	\$72.00	\$13.12	\$(3.01)	\$(47,276.13)	\$ 448,315.45
2011	\$ 213,122.43	\$(109.30)	\$72.00			\$(10,962.89)	\$ 202,122.24
2010	\$ 111,420.01	\$(72.00)	\$72.00			\$ (7,119.18)	\$ 104,300.83
2009	\$ 72,405.42	\$(72.00)	\$72.00			\$ (4,376.03)	\$ 68,029.39
2008	\$ 37,305.77	\$(72.00)	\$72.00			\$ (374.70)	\$ 36,931.07
2007	\$ 24,752.84					\$ (203.80)	\$ 24,549.04
2006	\$ 16,561.81					\$ (125.40)	\$ 16,436.41
2005	\$ 11,889.75					\$ (125.40)	\$ 11,764.35
2004	\$ 12,364.12					\$ (359.74)	\$ 12,004.38
2003	\$ 9,179.50					\$ (83.08)	\$ 9,096.42
2002	\$ 6,855.51				\$(5,294.01)	\$ (42.75)	\$ 1,518.75
2001	\$ 5,200.44				\$(5,097.90)		\$ 102.54
2000	\$ 362.74						\$ 362.74
1999	\$ 391.72						\$ 391.72
1998	\$ 359.67						\$ 359.67

<u>County</u>	<u>Motor</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>2013</u>			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2012	\$174,927.90	\$(306.38)	\$58.92	\$22.29	\$(15.86)	\$(38,682.87)	\$ 136,004.00
2011	\$ 34,772.64					\$(937.28)	\$ 33,835.36
2010	\$ 30,860.34		\$8.33		\$0.29	\$(572.89)	\$ 30,296.07
2009	\$ 22,990.92					\$(183.88)	\$ 22,807.04
2008	\$ 21,234.26					\$(54.36)	\$ 21,179.90
2007	\$ 18,464.14					\$(26.20)	\$ 18,437.94
2006	\$ 13,022.09					\$(84.66)	\$ 12,937.43
2005	\$ 15,733.69						\$ 15,733.69
2004	\$ 14,108.39					\$(7.54)	\$ 14,100.85
2003	\$ 14,160.14					\$(6.01)	\$ 14,154.13
2002	\$ 17,038.00						\$ 12,361.51
2001	\$ 14,491.87						\$ (139.25)
2000	\$ -						\$ -

1999	\$	-		\$	-
1998	\$	-		\$	-

<u>New</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Forsyth</u>	<u>Tech</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>2013</u>	
Year	Beginning	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2012	\$55,182.12	\$(33.25)	\$8.73	\$2.36	\$ (1.30)	\$ (5,704.94)	\$ 40,861.34
2011	\$ 16,053.15	\$(7.29)	\$4.80			\$ (756.84)	\$ 14,400.28

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- Will provide the Board next month with information regarding the August discount period
- Collection is very much on schedule

Releases less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

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

Releases less than \$100 - Real/Personal

Property Name	August 2013 Bill Number	Amount
William & Annie Brown	13A697200819891	\$42.30
James Robert Slate Sr	13A690214345006	\$42.30
Betty S. Conner		
Martha S. Thornhill		
Roy Flinchum	13A4944.03	\$6.00
Margaret Brown	13A3868.08	\$17.68
Joshua Fulp	13A155925947.02.1	\$5.44
Kaye Cooke	13A383.02	\$15.86
James Stiltner	13A155917055.09.1	\$1.55
Bobby Woods	12A59577.06.1	\$3.88
Evelyn Campbell	13A155893429.02.1	\$44.70
	12A155893429.02.1	\$43.03
Carl Reeves Price	13A23819.06.1	\$1.94
William T Boles, Jr	13A1073.04	\$19.04
Donald Ray Shaw	13A46310.09.1	\$7.60
Jeffrey T. Shelton	13A166889.08.1	\$66.22
Franklin Riggs	13A14277.08.1	\$3.88
Gilmer W Mabe	13A9942.05	\$6.00

Kenneth M Calloway	13A47988.04.1	\$1.94
Lee Allan Holden	13A156018625.09.1	\$8.55
David Brian Gordon	13A5375.09.1	\$41.46
James L Andrews	13A21227.06.1	\$4.27
Ronald W Young	13A15586.05	\$15.86
Timothy E Boles Sr	13A156035700.09.1	\$2.33
	12A156035700.09.1	\$2.29
Bobby J Clark	13A42747.09.1	\$46.64
	12A42747.09.1	\$44.96
	11A42747.09	\$43.83
David & Dora Bragg	13A2734.07.1	\$1.94
Ralph & Phyllis Reneau	13A155908872.09.1	\$16.61
ADA Reneau Salon		
Travis W Chambers	13A156013565.09.1	\$28.02
Kenneth M Calloway	13A155923755.04.1	\$18.73
KMC Custom Metals		
Barry Donna Owens	13A31698.07.1	<u>\$11.64</u>
	Total Amount	\$616.49

Refunds less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

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

Refunds less than \$100 - Real/Personal

Property	August 2013	
Name	Bill Number	Amount
William H Brown*	12A697200819891	\$41.40
Annie F Brown*	11A697200819891	\$41.40
	10A697200819891	\$39.00
	09A697200819891	\$39.00
	08A697200819891	<u>\$39.00</u>
	Total	\$199.80*

***Process check to Stokes
County Tax Office & apply
to 12A697200525253**

James R Slate, Sr.	12A690214345006	\$42.30
Betty S Conner	11A690214345006	\$42.30
Martha S Thornhill	10A690214345006	\$39.90
	09A690214345006	\$39.90
	08A690214345006	<u>\$39.30</u>
	Total Amount	\$ 203.70

Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2013) for the Board's review and consideration at the September 23rd meeting:

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

Property	August 2013		
Name	Bill Number	Amount	
Kim Gravely	13A508100221336	\$198.81	Correction of appraisal
V.L. & Frances DeHart	13A696206376542	\$141.44	Building Demolished 2010
	13A696210472298	\$107.87	Building Demolished 2010
	13A696206373776	\$149.76	Building Demolished 2009
	13A696206389044	\$422.24	Building Demolished 2009
			Perm. Tagged Trailer-Owner
Robert Hairston	13A9008.07	\$367.59	Information error
Elihew Gray	13A156028641.09.1	<u>\$134.38</u>	Boat not in Stokes
	Total Amount	\$1,522.09	

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2013) for the Board's review and consideration at the September 23rd meeting:

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

Property	August 2013	
Name	Bill Number	Amount
V.L. & Frances DeHart		
Bldg Demolished in 2010	12A696206376542	\$157.04
	11A696206376542	\$157.04
Bldg Demolished in 2009	12A696206373776	\$145.60
	11A696206373776	\$145.60
	10A696206373776	\$140.00
Bldg Demolished in 2009	12A696206389044	\$451.36

	11A696206389044	\$451.36
	10A696206389044	\$434.00
Bldg Demolished in 2010	12A696210472298	\$104.88
	11A696210472298	<u>\$104.88</u>
	Total Amount	\$2,291.76

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

Present – Use Value Late Application

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Present-Use Value Late Application (August 2013) for the Board's review and consideration at the September 23rd meeting:

- Rodney E Slate - taxpayer
- Parcels:
 - 692303149392 – 5.5 acres
 - 692303145871 – 1.29 acres
- Has another large tract already under the Agricultural Present Use Value Program
- Tax Administration recommends the Board approve the late application

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

EMS Billing – Jail (Inmates) (Write off Request)

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following EMS Billing (Jail inmates) (Write Off Request) for the Board's review and consideration at the September 23rd meeting:

- Tax Office has determined that there is no further recourse of collection for the following EMS Billing:
 - Requesting the following billings be written off

Call Number	Date	Charge Number	Reason
1302942	5/2/2013	\$ 358.00	Inmate - No insurn.
1302975	5/3/2013	\$ 483.00	Inmate - No insurn.
1303054	5/7/2013	\$ 358.80	Inmate - No insurn.
1303055	5/7/2013	\$ 357.20	Inmate - No insurn.
1303440	5/24/2013	\$ 358.00	Inmate - No insurn.
1304060	6/19/2013	\$ 358.80	Inmate – No insurn.
1304112	6/21/2013	\$ 483.00	Inmate - No insurn.

1304445	7/8/2013	\$ 366.00	Inmate - No insurn
Total		3,122.80	

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

Late Application for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2012

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2012 for the Board's review and consideration at the September 23rd meeting:

- Marty Glenn Hester and Wanda Gail Hester
- Taxpayer owns a tract of land and a single-wide mobile home located at 108 Bracken Lane, King, NC
- Assigned tax value of \$25,642
- Review of their application and accompanying documents indicate that they qualify for the exemption
- Due to the circumstances of their request, Tax Administration recommends the Board approve the late application

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

Tax Foreclosures

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding procedures for Tax Foreclosures:

- Currently, the law office of Meadows and Aderhold, Winston Salem, handles all aspects of the Tax Office's foreclosures (property sold by the County for non-payment of real property taxes)
- County Attorney Ty Browder has expressed an interest in handling the tax foreclosures for the county
- Feel these proceedings would be adjudicated much more expeditiously with Attorney Browder being located in Stokes County
- Provided a brief summary of the tax foreclosure process for information
- Comparison of the total cost from both Attorney Browder and Meadows & Aderhold shows a lower fee schedule from Attorney Browder
- Recommend the Board of Commissioners approve future tax foreclosures proceedings be handled by Attorney Ty Browder

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the request to change law firms for tax foreclosures.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following items on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100
- Present-Use Value Late Application
- EMS Billing (Write Off Request)
- Late Application for Elderly and Disabled Exemption
- Tax Foreclosures – Selection of Attorney

Arts Council – Donation of Property

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding the donation of property from the Arts Council:

- Arts Council voted unanimously to donate the property at 504 N Main Street to Stokes County contingent upon the following conditions:
 - The property be included within the current Stokes County Arts Council Lease as part of the Dan Center for the Arts capital project along with the properties at 500 N. Main Street and 502 N. Main Street in Danbury, NC
 - The County of Stokes waive water and sewer fees for a specified period of time as agreed to by both the County of Stokes and the Stokes County Arts Council
- Have discussed the issue with Manager Morris and as Budget Officer for the County has no issues with the request and suggested having the specified time be consistent with the lease agreement
- Arts Council currently uses approximately 1,000 gallons each month which cost \$37 each month
- The three existing buildings have three separate meters for water and sewer; the plan is to have one meter for the complete complex so the Arts Council could not exceed the \$37 monthly cost which has a 3,000 gallon maximum
- The current lease agreement has a term of five years expiring on March 1, 2016 which automatically extends for five (5) additional five (5) year terms, unless sooner terminated by written mutual consent of both parties
- Manager Morris suggested the water/sewer costs be analyzed at the end of the first five years (March 2016)

Director of Arts Eddy McGee presented the following additional comments:

- Stokes County Arts Council recently purchased the former Wood's Barbershop as part of the renovation and expansion project
- It had to be purchased for the renovation project
- Total cost of the purchase was approximately \$15,600
- Arts Council does not own any property and does not wish to own any property
- Would like to gift the property to the County
- County currently owns all the property on the block except for the former barber shop
- Maintenance should be a lot less for the county since all electrical, heating/air, roof, etc. will be new
- Renovation and expansion is projected to cost ¾ of a million dollars with the hope to break ground the end of this year
- Respectfully request the County waive water and sewer costs for a specific period of time

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford confirmed with Director McGee that the present lease states the County maintains the exterior of the leased property and the Arts Council will shall be responsible for the payment of all bills for water/sewer, heating and electrical.

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Director McGee that the lease can be negotiated at the end of the first five years (March 2016).

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 23rd Action Agenda.

Proposed By-Laws – Stokes County Medical Facilities Corporation

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding the proposed

By-Laws for the Stokes County Medical Facilities Corporation:

- The Stokes County Medical Facilities Corporation held their first meeting and approved the proposed By-Laws
- The proposed By-Laws were prepared and approved by County Attorney Ty Browder

BY-LAWS
Of
STOKES COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITIES CORPORATION

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

Section 1. To lease, own, build, establish, utilize, conduct, maintain and operate, exclusively for non-profit purposes, one or more hospitals, out-patient medical and surgical facilities, long term care facilities and/or other health care related facilities in Stokes County, North Carolina.

Section 2. To engage, directly or through wholly or partially owned subsidiaries, in any other lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina that may, directly or indirectly, promote the interests of the corporation or enhance the value of its property; provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage, other than as an insubstantial part of its activities, in activities that are not in furtherance of one or more of those purposes specifically enumerated above.

Section 3. The carrying out of the corporate purposes shall be for the benefit of the citizens of Stokes County; and the corporation will be performing an essential government function in support of county government.

ARTICLE II. OFFICES

The Principal office of the corporation will be at such place in Stokes County, North Carolina as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise fixed, the principal address will be 1014 Main Street, Danbury, North Carolina 27016.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

The corporation shall have one member, which shall be The County of Stokes, North Carolina.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be elected or appointed by its sole member, The County of Stokes, North Carolina. The number of Directors, their method of election or appointment, and their terms of office shall be determined from time to time by the County pursuant to resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County. A director of the corporation may be removed from office at any time by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. An annual meeting of the board of directors will be held in August of each year for the purpose of electing officers. In addition to its annual meeting, the board of directors will hold regular meetings at least annually each calendar year at such place as may be designated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called at any time by the Chairman, or in his absence by the vice-chairman.

Section 3. Notice of regular, special, and annual meetings will be mailed at least five (5) days prior to the day such meeting is to be held. Any director may waive notice of the meeting, which waiver will be filed with the minutes of the meeting. Appearance at a meeting is deemed a waiver of notice of the meeting.

Section 4. At all meetings of the board of directors, each director present in person or by conference telephone call will be entitled to cast one vote on any motion coming before the meeting. A majority of the directors present in person or by conference telephone call at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. A simple majority of affirmative vote of the directors is required to pass a motion before the board.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the corporation will be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2. The officers will be elected annually by the members of the board at its annual meeting. Each officer will serve one year terms.

Section 3. Each officer must be a member of the board of directors, except for the secretary.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed with or without cause by the board of directors by a vote of a majority of the board members.

Section 5. A vacancy in any office may be filled by a majority vote of the board of directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. **Chairman.** The chairman shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and, subject to the control of the directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the directors. He may sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof

shall be expressly delegated by the directors or by these by-laws to some other officer or agent of the corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of chairman and such other duties as may be prescribed by the directors from time to time.

Section 2. **Vice-Chairman.** In the absence of the chairman or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the vice-chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the chairman. The vice-chairman shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the chairman or by the directors.

Section 3. **Secretary.** The secretary shall keep the minutes of the members and of the directors' meeting in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required, be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member and in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him be the chairman or by the directors.

Section 4. **Treasurer.** If required by the directors, the treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the directors shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these by-laws and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the chairman or by the directors.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The corporation shall have such committees as may from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. These committees may consist of persons who are not directors of the Board. These committees shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board, with no powers to act on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 2. Meetings and action of committees shall be governed by, noticed, held and taken in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws concerning meetings of the Board of Directors, with such changes in the context of such bylaw provisions as necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board and its members, except that the time for regular and special meetings of committees may be fixed by resolution of the Board or by the committee. The Board of Directors may also adopt rules for the conduct of meetings of committees to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX. INDEMNITY

The directors and officers shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation. The corporation shall indemnify any director or officer or former

director or officer of the corporation against all expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the settlement or defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which he or she is involved or made a party by reason of being or having been such director or officer. This indemnity, however, shall not extend to matters as to which such person shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, to be liable for negligence or misconduct in performance of duty to the corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law.

ARTICLE X. ACTIONS REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The corporation shall not make any conveyance of any interest in real property without the advance written approval of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE XI. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, nor be distributable to, its member, directors, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

Section 2. The corporation shall not exercise any power or authority that would cause the corporation to recognize gross income under Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code because such income is not included under the exception from gross income provided by Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding provision of any future United States revenue law.

ARTICLE XII. DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or other termination of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the net assets of the corporation to The County of Stokes, North Carolina; or, if it is not then in existence, to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c) (3) and 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or to federal, state or local government exclusively for public purposes.

ARTICLE XIII. APPROVAL OF BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

These bylaws are subject to the approval of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners. Amendments to these bylaws may be made upon affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors, subject to the approval of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

These By-Laws were duly adopted on August 22, 2013.

Secretary

County Attorney Browder commented:

- Attended the organization meeting on August 22, 2013
- Final version was approved by the Stokes County Medical Facilities Corporation - Board of Directors

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker questioned County Attorney what would happen if the County (only member) chose not to be a member in the future?

County Attorney Browder responded:

- A non-profit corporation can have members or no members
- It would still exist and the total control would be in the hands of the Board of Directors who would dictate its future as far as continuing or dissolving
- If the corporation dissolves, the assets will go to the county

The Board had no other issues with the proposed By-Laws.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 23rd Action Agenda.

Cooperative Extension – Special Leave for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following request from North Carolina Extension

Service:

- State Legislature awarded Cooperative Extension employees 40 hours of “Special Leave” for Fiscal Year 2013-14
- Request the County agree to award or not agree to award the proportional match of the “Special Leave” provision

- County did not grant to award the proportional match for Cooperative Extension for Fiscal Year 2012-13
- Hours are awarded to only those leave-earning employed on July 1, 2013
- Will be paid out only to employees who separate due to retirement
- Item was not received in time to place on the August 26th Agenda
- Request the item be moved to today's Action Agenda to meet the Tuesday, September 10th deadline

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford noted that all other county employees do not receive "Special Leave" hours.

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed that if the County did not award the "Special Leave" hours, the Cooperative Extension employees still get the proportion of the state hours.

Vice Chairman Booth noted that the Cooperative Extension employees did receive the 2% COLA given to county employees on their county share of their salary.

Commissioner Walker questioned Personnel Officer Bullins her opinion on granting the "Special Leave" for Cooperative Extension employees?

Clerk/Personnel Officer Bullins responded:

- This is a policy decision for the Board
- Reminded the Board that no other County employees receive any amount of "Special Leave"
- Noted that the "Special Leave" hours would be payable to employees if retirement occurs
- Reiterated the Board chose not to award the "Special Leave" provided to state employees last fiscal year

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

Proposed Agreement for the Protection, Development, and Improvement of Forest Lands

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding the proposed Agreement for the Protection, Development, and Improvement of Forest Lands:

- Received the yearly agreement from the State of North Carolina – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Science for the Protection, Development and Improvement of Forest Lands
- Per Forest Ranger Jonathan Young, no changes to the annual contract except for the dollar amounts
- County budget allocated \$53,827 for Fiscal Year 2013-14
- Request approval at the September 23rd meeting

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the proposed agreement and placing the item on the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 23rd Consent Agenda.

Forsyth Tech - 40-Year Lease

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding the 40-year lease with Forsyth Tech for eight acres for the community college:

- Ken Jarvis, Forsyth Tech, emailed the County on 08-28-2013 that as the site plan had been developed, there would be a need for only 4.5 acres of land to be transferred or leased to Forsyth Tech
- Staff informed Mr. Jarvis that the Board of Commissioners, at their August 26th meeting, had approved a 40-year lease for eight acres as requested
- Staff informed Mr. Jarvis that the new information would be provided to the Chairman
- Chairman Lankford directed the Clerk to place the item on the upcoming Agenda
- Mr. Jarvis emailed the county on 09-3-13 requesting since the motion had already been approved, could the motion stand for the 8 acres for future campus development
- Staff informed Mr. Jarvis the item would be placed on the September 9th Agenda for discussion

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Vice Chairman Booth and I attended at meeting last week regarding the design of the campus
- A plan has been scoped out with the 4.5 acres being more than enough for the community college facility, parking, second 10,000 ft building and a third 5,000 ft addition

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Reiterated the proposed plan for 4.5 acres is enough land for the facility, parking and two additional buildings for future development

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Would like to remind the Board of one point regarding the property
- The person sold the property to the county under the premise that the property would be used exclusively for a community college
- Technically, there is 45 acres for a community college, unless the Board violates the person's trust
- Have no problem leaving the motion at 8 acres
- The only creditable thing that we as a Board can do is keep our promise
- Don't believe the property owner would have sold the land if it was not stated that the land would be used exclusively for a community college
- Feel we could get on thin ice real quick if we were not totally above board and use the entire 45 acres for community college purposes
- One thing that I look at as we develop this community college property, most campuses do not have land available for agricultural instruction – greenhouses, experimental crops, etc; Stokes County probably does have the available land
- The only way for this Board to maintain their creditability as a Board to the property owner is for the entire property to be use for community college purposes
- Reiterated have no problem leaving the motion at 8 acres
- Eventually the entire 45 acres should be used for community college purposes, otherwise, the Board was not completely honest to the property owner

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Walker that the owner was told the land was for a community college site
- The land would still be available, but do not feel the County needs to lease any more than what is needed – 4.5 acres for the community college facility, parking, and additional buildings
- There will be 3.5 acres just sitting there that might not be the best location for things like agricultural instruction, may have to be placed on another part of the property

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Curious why we are dividing out the property when the entire 45 acres was promised to be used for community college purposes

Chairman Lankford responded:

- The original request was for 8 acres which is the normal request from Forsyth Tech for a community college site
- Plans now show that there is only a need for 4.5 acres

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Totally agree about being up front and making sure the 45 acres is used for community college purposes eventually
- 3.5 acres is not going to make that much difference and it may be simpler to leave it alone
- Really don't have a issue with changing to the 4.5 acres as indicated by the site plan
- Would like to know if there are any safety valves to make sure when and if the Board changes, the entire 45 acres will be used for community college purposes if needed

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- The Early College is a good example – the land still belongs to the County but is being used for instructional purposes

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Not sure if it is a good idea to give up a large amount of land even if it is only leased to an outside entity

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed that Chairman Lankford and Vice Chairman Booth are serving on the design committee for the community college facility
- Confirmed with Clerk Bullins that Mr. Jarvis made a final request to keep the 40-year lease for the 8 acres that the Board of Commissioners had already approved
- The Board has the option to leave the motion as is – 8 acres (40-year lease)

Chairman Lankford questioned the Board regarding placing the item on the September 23rd

Action Agenda?

Commissioner Walker responded:

- Do not concur placing the item on the September 23rd Action Agenda
- My position is to leave the motion as is – 8 acres (40- year lease)
- Take no action.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Feel the County has to operate in a spirit of mutual trust with Forsyth Tech
- Could deed or lease the property
- Either way, if Forsyth Tech cedes to operate a community college, the property reverts back to the county
- Know the footprint of the facility, parking, and additional buildings and realize the 4.5 acres is sufficient for the proposed plan
- One issue would be that if Forsyth Tech needs additional land beyond the 4.5 acres, they must come back before this or another Board and everything done again such as a new lease
- On board with leaving the motion as it stands – 8 acres (40- year lease)

Commissioner Jones responded:

- Agree with Commissioners Inman and Walker to leave the motion as it stands – 8 acres (40- year lease)
- You are only talking about 3.5 acres

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Another issue to think about
- Right now the facility is designed to stay off the existing sewer system
- If everything does not pan out with the proposed water/sewer project, you would still have the existing sewer system
- If you built another additional building that the current system could not handle, you would still have the existing sewer system
- If you lease the 8 acres, it would include the existing sewer system

Commissioner Inman confirmed with Vice Chairman Booth that the proposed plan does not place any facilities or parking on the existing sewer system.

Commissioner Walker responded:

- Believe that Forsyth Tech would work with the County if an issue regarding the usage of the existing sewer system came up

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Good information provided by Vice Chairman Booth
- Forsyth Tech would have to come back to County before building any other additions

Chairman Lankford questioned the Board regarding keeping the original motion for 8 acres or placing the item on the September 23rd Agenda.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Leave the motion as is

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Leave the motion as is

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Leave the motion as is

Chairman Lankford noted it was the consensus of the Board to leave the original motion as is – lease 8 acres to Forsyth Tech for the community college facility for 40 years.

External Postings – Health/Home Health Departments

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following requests from Health Director Scott Lenhart:

- Health Department
 - Request to advertise external a vacant Nutritionist II position
 - Stokes County has invested their time and money in training the last three Nutritionists who left for a neighboring county that paid better
 - Would also request a hiring range Grade 68 Step 3B (\$30,169) to Step 6A (\$31,708) if fully qualified in order to get someone who might stay
 - Last three employees were in a work against position, once they were trained and fully qualified they left for more money
- Home Health
 - Request to advertise external a vacant Public Health Nurse II position
 - There are no internal qualified candidates
- Request to place both positions on the September 23rd Action Agenda

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Questioned moving the hiring range for the position?
- Questioned approving a higher hiring range for this position when other needed positions in the county are not given a higher hiring range?
- Just want to be fair to everyone

Commissioner Jones responded:

- Must take into consideration that there are people who go for extensive education for their careers and keep that education up
- This is one of those situation
- You have to make the county competitive
- Only talking a couple of thousand dollars more
- This is a constant conversation

Vice Chairman Booth responded:

- Agree that the County must be competitive, but we have only done it with the medical field
- Know of a recent mechanic position that had the same issue

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Believe that Director Lenhart is bumping up against where the market is at for Nutritionists
- If we are going to get a good, qualified person, he has a range that he will most likely have to meet, otherwise we will continue to get trainees who leave once they are trained
- This seems to be happening quite a bit particularly with the Health Department, these folks are in demand, several openings available

- Not being competitive puts the Health Director in an awkward position

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Every time this happens, there is a chaos factor of having to recruit, to find, and train another employee, this is far going to exceed \$2,000
- We must be competitive to stop this continuous cycle
- Health Care far exceeds mechanics especially in this day and age
- Need consistency when it comes to the Health Department

Commissioner Inman confirmed with Clerk Bullins that the position is 100% Federal funding.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 23rd Action Agenda.

Social Services Monthly Report

Social Services Director Kristy Preston presented the following information regarding the Social Services Monthly Report for the Board's review:

- Services Report
 - Social Work Services
 - Family Support Services
 - Administration
- Audits and Reviews
 - None
- Director's Report
 - Board of Development – Fraud Investigations
 - 2013 Social Services Institute – Hickory, NC
 - NC FAST - Food and Nutrition Services
 - NC FAST – North Carolina and the Affordable Care Act Newsletter

DSS Director Preston briefly discussed the following with Board:

- 10 A NCAC 71.P.0508 (Fraud) details the responsibilities of the DSS staff along with the Board 's responsibilities acting as the DSS Board for the County
- Former DSS Board had delegated the responsibility to pursue fraud cases to the DSS Director
- Staff currently works with families internally to repay overpayments, intercepts tax refunds and lottery winnings
- Cases with possible criminal charges were taken to the former DSS Board for direction
- Fraud Investigator position is currently vacant

- Board of Commissioners can leave existing procedures that delegate the responsibility to the DSS Director with possible criminal fraud charges coming to the Board of Commissioners for consideration
- Can develop a formal policy is so desired by the Commissioners

Commissioner Jones confirmed with Director Preston that the employee who resigned from the Fraud Investigator position left for more money and to be closer to home.

DSS Director Preston continued:

- Upcoming Social Services Institute which will include new Board member training will be held in Hickory the last of October
- Would be glad to register anyone who would like to attend, have funding allocated for 1 to 2 members in the DSS budget

Commissioner Walker commented:

- As a former DSS Board member, attended the new Board member training
- Excellent training
- Helps you see things you would have probably never realized

DSS Director Preston continued:

- NC FAST
 - Have temporarily suspended services at the Southwest Service Center in King for three months trying to dedicate resources to the Danbury location to get Food and Nutrition caught up
 - State is in the process of interviewing for a full time person for each county to come and offer onsite support to caseworkers
 - Working closely with King Outreach and East Stokes Outreach and have used some Local General Assistance dollars to assist families who have not gotten their benefits timely
 - Medicaid Caseworkers have been assisting Food Stamps Caseworkers with their caseloads during this transition
 - Behind approximately 260 families
 - Staff is doing the best it can
 - As the system improves and the workers become more efficient, the situation will improve
- Affordable Care Act
 - Medicaid Workers are in training for their part in NCFAST
 - Problem that staff foresees is that Medicaid will no longer be able to assist Food Stamps Workers after October 1st to handle the influx of customers once the market opens up on October 1st
 - Estimate (census data) there are approximately 3,000 individuals that are eligible for Medicaid that currently do not have health care insurance but will be seeking health care insurance effective October 1st
 - Estimate (census data) there are approximately 6,700 individuals in Stokes County that do not have health care insurance

- Will be advertising for individuals to visit the “healthcare.gov website” which has been made available to help families navigate thru the system
- One big concern is those individuals, who do not qualify for Medicaid, have no insurance
- Also concerned that those who don’t have coverage will have no other place to go except the ER

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Confirmed with Director Preston that the issues with the backlog of Food Stamps recipients is the implementation of NCFAST

DSS Director Preston responded:

- Have been working toward implementation since January 1, 2013
- Felt staff had a very good handle on the situation
- On July 15, 2013, the State changed the system to add Medicaid Programs which changed all the rules; productivity went to zero

Commissioner Inman responded:

- Heard Dr. Vos (Secretary of NCDHHS) speak in Greensboro at the end of August and assured everyone that everything was online and doing fine

DSS Director Preston responded:

- Technical service is available from the State
- Do believe it will be a better system once all issues have been resolved and employees are trained
- Must keep in mind that the Food Stamps population has doubled in past ten years
- DSS Directors met with State officials in August to discuss issues around NCFAST

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with DSS Preston that information regarding the issues is being forwarded to the State.

Chairman Lankford expressed appreciation to DSS Preston for the monthly report.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Proposed Memorandum of Agreement – Rockingham County

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the following Memorandum of Agreement presented at the August 26th meeting:

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, in consideration 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 and 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

Ernest Lankford, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST

Darlene Bullins, Clerk

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

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

W. Keith Mabe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST

Pamela M. McLain, Clerk

September 9, 2013

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Rockingham County for E911 Backup Services. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Committee

Chairman Lankford noted that County had received an application for appointment for the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Committee from Judy Long.

Chairman Lankford noted that George H Hairston Jr and Vicky East (committee member) were nominated at the August 26th meeting for appointment.

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Inman nominated Judy Long.

Chairman Lankford noted there were two vacancies from the General Public and the need to appoint newly appointed Senior Services Director Vicky East as a 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.

Chairman Lankford polled the Board.

The Board unanimously appointed the following to serve on the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Committee:

Committee Member – Vicky East

General Public – George H Hairston, Jr. and Judy Long

Appointments – Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for nominations for the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee.

Vice Chairman Booth nominated Amy Barnes.

Vice Chairman noted that Ms. Barnes is a Guardian Ad Litem and has plenty of time and wants to give something back to the citizens of Stokes County in the Social Services area.

Commissioner Inman nominated Linda Lee.

Commissioner Walker nominated JoAnn Collins.

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, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 23rd Action Agenda.

Cooperative Extension – “Special Leave” for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the “Special Leave” for Cooperative Extension employees presented at today’s meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to not agree to award the proportional match of the “Special Leave” provision for Cooperative Extension employees. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

NCFAST

Commissioner Walker questioned if there was anything that needed to be placed on the Board’s next Agenda regarding the situation with NCFAST.

Social Worker Supervisor Stacy Elmes responded not at this time.

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 plan, conduct or hear a report concerning the investigation of alleged criminal misconduct G.S. 143-318.11(a)(7)

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 plan, conduct or hear a report concerning the investigation of alleged criminal misconduct G.S. 143-318.11(a)(7)

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the September 9th meeting.

Social Services - Fraud

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to pursue criminal charges involving DSS Case #24325.

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ernest Lankford
Chairman