

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
NOVEMBER 12, 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:  
County Manager Richard D. Morris  
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins  
Finance Director Julia Edwards  
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley  
County Attorney Tyrone Browder

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

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

- "When facing times of trouble, we can always find strength from God's Word "

Commissioner Inman delivered the invocation.

#### **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 November 12, 2013 Agenda.

Commissioner Inman moved to add special guests Representative Bryan Holloway, Senator Shirley Randleman, and Dr. Marshall Stewart, NC State University to today's Information Agenda. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the November 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda as amended.

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners**

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

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following comments:

- Duke Energy –There has been a three-week series on the front page of the Sunday Journal about Duke Energy's Belews Creek coal plant
- Feel the article has been a little slanted in some of the viewpoints regarding the information provided about the Belews Creek plant which is a very important asset in Stokes County
- Presented Board members with an editorial from Director Jimmy Flythe, Duke Energy Government/Community Relations, which was published in the Winston Salem Journal regarding how Duke Energy safely manages coal ash to protect the public and environment

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Been very busy
- Recently attended continuing education in Wilmington regarding wetlands
- Attended the meeting to "Save Camp Sertoma"
- Will be attending the PART meeting tomorrow
- Stokes Future will be having an open meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the auditorium of the Cooperative Extension building; everyone is invited

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Attended the NCACC Board of Directors meeting last weekend in New Bern, very productive meeting
- Very glad to see NCACC President Ray Jeffers appointing an EDC Task Force
- Stokes County EDC held a Manufacturing Symposium in King this morning
- School Superintendent Ronnie Mendenhall, Dr. Gary Green, Forsyth Tech, and a representative from Wieland Copper was on the forum
- Great attendance at the symposium which discussed new age manufacturing; very excited about the possibility of attracting new business and industry to the county
- Will have EDC report about the symposium at a later meeting

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Very glad to see the amount of people at today's meeting regarding Camp Sertoma
- Also very glad to see our state representatives and Dr. Stewart here today

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Attended the Manufacturing Symposium this morning, very encouraging to hear some of the news shared today
- Representative Bryan Holloway also attended the symposium
- Could sense a team spirit in the room
- It is going to take that type of spirit to help create more jobs in Stokes County
- Feel this type of meeting will help to bring good, positive momentum towards creating jobs
- Know that Senator Randleman is also doing what she can to promote this effort for Stokes County
- Did not realize there would ever be a question regarding whether Camp Sertoma would be closed
- Over the years, have taken it for granted that it was always going to be in Stokes County
- Now there is a situation where the camp may be closed
- Camp Sertoma is very positive for Stokes County and want it to continue to be part of Stokes County
- Have always supported the 4-H, like the leadership it develops
- Appreciate those here today supporting Camp Sertoma
- Together, hopefully, we can turn things around in a good direction
- Attended the World Champion Chicken Stew in King, was fortunate enough to be a judge; will say that all the chicken stew was very good
- Appreciate those attending today's meeting

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Two years ago, the Northwest Piedmont Council of Government (NWPCOG) and Piedmont Triad Council of Government (PTCOG) merged to form the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) which serves 12 counties
- Needed a new facility to house the PTRC instead of renting two separate facilities
- PTRC new home will be in Kernersville
- Open house for the new facility will be Wednesday, December 18, 2013 (1-2:00pm)
- Appreciate those in attendance today

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following spoke during public comments:

**Janis Henderson- Hunsucker**

PO Box 396

Danbury, NC 27016

Re: **Save Sertoma**

Ms. Henderson-Hunsucker presented the following comments:

- Would like to thank our state representatives and Dr. Marshall Stewart from NC State University for attending today's meeting
- Would like to talk about two things today
- Currently an art teacher at North Stokes High School
- Often talk about ethics in my class
- This would be questions that I would ask my students, "Is it Sertoma's responsibility to pay for Camp Mitchell's debt?" "If they did not make the debt, why should Camp Sertoma have to pay for the debt?"
- The reason I bring this up is because one of the reasons they are talking about closing Camp Sertoma is because of all the debt
- My second concern is: some people in the community think that Camp Sertoma is not a 4-H Camp because they don't have traditional summer camp
- That is not the case, that is not how I see it
- I know that Camp Sertoma does not get 4-H Camps there every summer, but in the past, Terri Bost (4-H Youth Development Person – now it is Matt Barber) was very instrumental in creating community partnerships
- Terri hosted several camps at Sertoma
- There have been several teen council retreats, county councils, along with summer fun activities at Sertoma
- At the end of the day one of the things that makes Camp Sertoma so wonderful, not that it is one group of people/kids, is that it is many, many groups coming together as you can see from the number of people at today's meeting in support of Camp Sertoma
- Have a common philosophy and common purpose that is in alignment with the 4-H philosophy of learning by doing, hands on, and experimental education
- This is what makes Camp Sertoma wonderful and feel this is one of the reasons that we should keep it open

**Johannah Stern**

1215 Single Tree Road  
Westfield, NC 27053

Re: **Save Sertoma**

Ms. Stern presented the following comments:

- As a Stokes County business owner, as a major landowner in this county owning property adjacent to the Moores Springs' properties, the future of this very substantial neighbor is very much a concern
- Beg you, need a one-year moratorium to figure out how to save these most special properties
- Feel it has been a psychological shock to everyone in this county to hear that it may be closed
- The future of this cultural icon is way too important to make any quick decisions
- It belongs to the people of Stokes County
- A little confused about actually who owns the property; the deed states it belongs to the State of North Carolina
- Love to know how that chain of command goes

- Would like to ask the Commissioners to consider taking over and managing all these properties
- See a grave danger to piece milling it out to various charities and entities whose finances are in question from year to year
- The County, itself, is the only logical controlling entity
- Mr. Chairman, before you say the County can't afford it, as you always say, would like to have a year to study the options
- In this situation, raising the money is the least of the worries, we know how to do that
- This valuable asset belongs to the people of Stokes County; it is our heritage
- Need a year to study the options
- Would like to ask the Commissioners to do their best to keep this most historical and valuable asset for the people of this County
- Will find a way to pay for it

**Jay Young**

2374 B Village Lane

Greensboro, NC

Re: **Save Sertoma**

Mr. Young presented the following comments:

- Speaking today on behalf of Friends of Sauratown Mountains
- Was caught very off guard with the closing announcement of Camp Sertoma
- Seeking the one-year moratorium in order to allow the community to pull together and come up with a plan to save both Camp Sertoma (Vade Mecum) and Moores Springs
- Very important to the community and the county
- Tremendous asset
- If we can have a year to pull together a plan, know that with all stakeholders, can come up with a viable plan
- Just heard last week, the camp was on target for this coming year to be in the "black"
- It is a camp that can operate on its own
- Need that one year to get a viable business plan together to make it happen

**Bill Sparks**

1215 Singletree Road

Westfield, NC 27053

Re: **Save Sertoma**

Mr. Sparks requested to return his time, did not want to be repetitive.

**Tony McGee**

1225 Styers Street

Germanton, NC 27019

Re: **Moores Springs**

Mr. McGee presented the following comments:

- Has been a while since providing the BOCC with an update

- All of you know my long association with Camp Sertoma and Moores Springs
- Have worked with Forsyth Tech to bring vocational programs to the Camp
- Have always seen Sertoma and 4-H as important partners in education and economic development in Stokes County
- Really want to encourage you to do all you can to create a sustainable and orderly transfer for the future of this property so it can continue to be an important part of the fabric here
- Have taken on the responsibility of developing funds to build mountain bike trails that attract hundreds of visitors to the county
- Have a federal grant about to go forward from State Trails to build more trails
- When you get to fifteen (15) miles of trails, you begin to have an economic impact because people will come and stay overnight
- This is a big plus, not only for the campground at Moores Springs, but for adjoining entities, property owners, and local businesses
- Appreciate the BOCC doing all they can

**Steven Mierisch**

7016 Ashburn Circle  
Clemmons, NC

Re: **Save Sertoma and Moores Spring**

Mr. Mierisch presented the following comments:

- Current President of the Sauratown Trails Association which maintains the trail between Hanging Rock and Pilot Mountain State Parks
- Here to speak on behalf of the Association in support of a one-year moratorium to keep Camp Sertoma and Moores Springs open
- These properties are not only a current asset to the community, but represent future tourism for the county
- There is a great trails network that can draw people from not only the Triad, but from the State beyond to come to Stokes County
- The NC State Trails Committee and the State Trails Office, in the past, have identified this area as a potential regional trail node which can bring in a lot of people to enjoy all the recreational uses in the county

**Jana Elliott**

1010 Pine Forest Drive  
Pinnacle, NC 27043

Re: **Sertoma**

Ms. Elliott presented the following comments:

Hello there! I am Jana Elliott, Director of Heroes Helping Heroes. Heroes Helping Heroes is a 501(c)(3) based in Stokes County serving foster, adopted, and at-risk children in grades K-8 from Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, and Forsyth counties. We provide free mentorship programs during the school year, two weeks of free summer camp (had 92 kids the first week of camp and 76 kids the second week of camp this past summer with 13 of those kids accepting Christ as their Savior), as well as, free adult educational programs for the parents/caregivers. Our programs are staffed by

rising 10<sup>th</sup> grade through college aged youth and adult volunteers from the local community. It is one of our greatest joys to see the growth and maturity our youth staff develops by working so closely with these children.

It has come to our attention that Camp Sertoma is scheduled by the state to close as of January 1, 2014 with the county seeking a one-year moratorium. We are asking that Heroes Helping Heroes be blessed with the privilege of owning or managing this facility and operating it in the same fashion as it currently exists.

Currently, we provide two weeks of free summer camp, meet with our children throughout the year on the first Sunday of every month, and host two (2) one-day major fundraisers throughout the year. This schedule would enable us to continue to outsource Sertoma to accommodate other camp operations, utilization of the facility, as well as, venue rental for corporate and private event functions. We would also continue the partnership with local community colleges for educational training.

I am also part of Stokes and Surry counties' community collaborative groups and have had the opportunity to attend several JCPC meetings over the past years. It has become clear to me that the local residents of Stokes County, especially in the northern tier of the county, have a very hard time receiving services that they so desperately need such as mental health services or services that will help their families become much more cohesive and more functional. We suggest that Camp Sertoma be an operation, a base camp for folks that are part of the local community service organizations to be able to come in and offer these services to the community members. See this as an opportunity to extend the legacy of Camp Sertoma and also extend the opportunity for Heroes Helping Heroes to work directly with families in our community and provide a source of healing.

Camp Sertoma has had a legacy in this County of providing a place for respite and healing. It is Heroes Helping Heroes' mission to nourish the physical, spiritual, and mental growth of vulnerable children and families throughout the mentorship program in the summer camp that is offered. We feel this gives us an opportunity to reveal to these children and families that God has a plan for them and believe that nothing happens by accident. We know in all things that God works for the good of those who love him and have been called according to his purpose (directly from Romans 8-28)

We feel that Heroes Helping Heroes has been called and we know our purpose. We ask that you grant us the opportunity to continue the legacy of Camp Sertoma to this community.

**Henry Fansler**  
919 Williams Road  
Lewisville, NC  
Re: **Sertoma**

Mr. Fansler presented the following comments:

- Chair of the Foothills Group of the Sierra Club
- Would like to comment today regarding the closing of Camp Sertoma for the Stokes County members of the Foothills Group

- Our founder, John Muir, long ago found the best way to encourage folks to protect their natural heritage and to understand and feed their own need to be outdoors was simply to take them out there and show them what is there and help them learn to enjoy it
- Camp Sertoma has been doing just that for decades
- Feel it is a designated natural site in Stokes County
- In the past, the NC Sierra Club has used Camp Sertoma for the state conferences, which have been discontinued
- Many members enjoy contra dancing at the camp
- Many members in the past have provided the music for the contra dancing and still continue to use the camp
- As a frequent volunteer at Hanging Rock State Park, on occasions in the past, I have had to tell people that biking is not allowed on the trails at Hanging Rock and the Sauratown Trails are not intended for mountain bike riding
- In past, have also that to tell people, when the Park is full, not aware of any other campgrounds where they can go for lodging
- Now with the Moores Springs' trails and campground, there is somewhere for them to go
- Heard they are very exceptional trails
- Very welcome news that there is the possibility for a one-year moratorium
- Hope the Board can make that one-year moratorium possible

**Emily Abel**

921 Lockland Avenue  
 Winston Salem, NC  
 Re: **Save Sertoma**

Ms. Abel presented the following comments:

- Did not come prepared to speak, thought I needed to sign up to attend the meeting
- Have been a volunteer at the Contra Band Feet Retreat Weekend at Camp Sertoma for the past couple of years
- Can say, for someone just graduated from college, it has really helped me being in that beautiful space
- Really conducive to helping people have a conducive experience of coming together
- Been wonderful to use that space
- Can't imagine the weekend happening and not using Camp Sertoma
- Looks like the community is very passionate about Camp Sertoma
- Would love to see it continued to be used for Contra Dance Weekends, Heroes Helping Heroes, and other community members that want to use the space

**Carol Thompson**

1621 Willomore Street  
 Greensboro, NC  
 Re: **Save Sertoma**

Ms. Thompson presented the following comments:

- Representing the dance community that Emily Abel spoke about
- Members of Fiddle and Bow Country Dance Groups from Winston Salem and Greensboro

- Also have a member from the Chapel Hill Triangle Group here today
- Dance Weekend at Camp Sertoma is called "Feet Retreat"
- Have been coming to Camp Sertoma since 1982
- First retreat had about 50 people
- Now the retreat brings over 280 dancers and musicians every year to Camp Sertoma
- Have already booked Camp Sertoma for September 2014; we don't want to lose that booking
- This moratorium is very important so that we can keep our booking for 2014
- The dance group is very passionate about coming to Camp Sertoma
- Have been coming a long time and do not want to stop

**Louie Cromatie**

404 Wesley Drive

Chapel Hill, NC

Re: **Save Sertoma**

Ms. Cromatie presented the following comments:

- Representing Triangle Country Dancers from Chapel Hill/Carrboro areas
- Have been dancing at Camp Sertoma for twenty-one (21) years
- Have been using the fourth weekend in April (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)
- It is such a special place
- Could dance many other places, but our membership chooses to drive two (2) to three (3) hours from the Chapel Hill area along with members coming from Minnesota, Florida, etc.
- They understand how special Camp Sertoma really is
- Have it booked for April 2014 for the Spring Dance
- In a very bad position now to find another place for 2014
- Have looked and checked several places, but they don't have the magic and the spirit as Camp Sertoma
- We have intergenerational kids from four (4) to people of eighty (80) dancing together celebrating music and life all weekend long

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

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: **A Petition to Governor**

Mr. Timm presented the following Petition to the Governor:

The Governor of North Carolina

115 West Jones Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Governor Pat McCrory and General Assembly

Please address the Petition below, mindful of, where did we delegate to the Federal Government a power over our Health Care in the Constitution, since that is what we swear to uphold?

November 12, 2013

A Petition to our Governor and General Assembly to Nullify Obamacare within our State, as Jefferson and Madison nullified non-delegated powers in their Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions

**Whereas:** It is God, our Creator, that gives Life to the individual, with accompanying Rights to sustain it. That is affirmed within our Declaration of Independence, which states: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

**Whereas:** We are the People, through our State delegated, in trust, certain enumerated powers, as recorded in the Constitution, along with structure, which created the Federal Government. That whenever a breach beyond those powers occurs, it is we the delegators of those powers, through our State, who is party to the Constitution, are to judge for themselves, whether they delegated that power or not; and thereby Nullify all usurpations outside of the Constitution.

**Whereas:** The Constitution’s Article 1, Section 1, states: “All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States...” Not: All legislative powers shall be vested in a Congress of the United States. The words “herein granted” are very important words, because if Congress has not been granted a power over something, Congress has no “herein granted” power to write a law on it. Therefore, the President has no law, to execute into law; and the Federal Supreme Court has no law, to make judgment on. The granted taxing power, Jefferson explains, in his Kentucky Resolutions, Resolved 7, is a subsidiary power to accomplish the granted enumerated limited powers.

**Whereas:** The Constitution’s Article IV, supremacy clause states: “This Constitution and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land...” Therefore, the supremacy of the Federal Tribunals’ jurisdiction is alone over their granted enumerated powers, and not ours: the people’s and the State’s; since all laws are to be made “in Pursuance thereof” the Constitution.

**Whereas:** The words and original intent of those words within the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, are to keep their original meaning regardless of an opinion called the “Incorporation Doctrine.” To lawfully change those words or the original intent of those words, should take an Amendment to the Constitution to do so.

**Whereas:** The Tenth Amendment affirms powers are delegated to the Federal Government and not opinions, as the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments so called the “Incorporation Doctrine” over the Bill of Rights. Even if it were true, if one incorporates something it stays as is. If individual Health Care Insurance is not a delegated power, it remains a non-delegated power. A negative remains a negative. The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment words: “Congress shall make no law” are not to be changed to: Congress can make a law; nor have an opinion enforced as law. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment words: “shall not be infringed” are not to be changed to: can be infringed; because that is amending the Constitution.

**Whereas:** The “Bill of Rights” are not powers delegated to the Federal Government, that was the original intent; and according to Jefferson: “are withheld from the cognizance of the federal tribunals.” Therefore, if it is incorporated, it stays “withheld from the cognizance of the federal tribunals.” The words, meaning, and intent should not be allowed to be changed without a specific amendment.

**Whereas:** Individual Health Care is not a delegated power to the Federal Government, nor should it be considered a delegated power under the “common Defense and general Welfare” clause nor the Taxing power clause, since that “goes to the destruction of all limits prescribed to their powers by the Constitution: that words meant by the instrument to be subsidiary only to the execution of limited powers, ought not to be so construed as themselves to give unlimited powers, nor a part to be so taken as to destroy the whole residue of that instrument...” Jefferson explained in his Kentucky Resolutions, Resolved 7. Therefore, Obamacare should be Nullified in our State.

**Whereas:** Obamacare was sold to the American people by lies and great falsehoods, which would be punishable in a court of law if it was a business that did it. We were lied to for years with assurances: If you like your doctor and insurance policy, you can keep them, period. Period, means, the end of a sentence, nothing is to be added, no excuses either. If our Nation is being lead by lies, how can we trust anything? Shall all transactions and laws be founded in lies? Therefore, Obamacare should be Nullified in our State.

**Whereas:** Obamacare is the chains of slavery around you, placed by the government to take whatever amount of money they want from you through premiums. It is to be hoped that they will allow you to keep enough for food and shelter. Another chain is its fine, or tax on life, in essence, it is a poll tax because one exists. It also violates one’s equality before the law with the Marxist principle: “From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.” Our Founders refused a tea tax, because it was not by the consent of the governed. Freedom for the people under our Creator’s laws was America’s magnificence. Therefore, Obamacare should be Nullified in our State.

**Whereas:** “Whensoever, the general government assumes un-delegated powers, it acts are unauthoritive, void, and of no force: that to this compact each State acceded as a State... Where powers are assumed which have not been delegated, a nullification of the act is the rightful remedy... “wrote Thomas Jefferson in his Kentucky Resolutions.

**Whereas:** “A deliberate, palpable, and dangerous exercise of other powers, not granted by the said compact the states who are parties thereto, have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progress of the evil...” wrote James Madison in his Virginia Resolutions.

**Whereas:** James Madison in his Virginia Resolution of 1798, states: “... it would make a reproachable inconsistency, and criminal degeneracy, if an indifference were now shown, to the most palpable violation of one of the Rights... to consolidate the states by degrees, into one sovereignty, the obvious tendency and inevitable consequence of which would be, to transform the present republican system of the United States, into an absolute or at best a mixed monarchy.” That would violate the Constitutional guarantee to the States of: “a Republican Form of Government,” Article IV, Section 4; and that: “by uniting legislative and judicial powers to those of executive, subverts the general principles of free government...”

Resolved: That the Governor and General Assembly declare Obamacare Nullified within our State.

In concurrence with our with our great founders: Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, this petition is submitted – Drafted by E.A. Timm, PO Box 573, Walnut Cove, NC 27052

**Stephen Webb**

543 Second Street NE

Hickory, NC

**Re: Camp Sertoma**

Mr. Webb presented the following comments:

- Former pastor of the Salem Chapel Christian Church in Walnut Cove and the current Director of the Rock Christian Summer Camp which up until now met for a week in June at Camp Sertoma
- The Rock had the privilege last year of hosting ninety (90) children and fifty-five (55) adults at the week long summer camp
- Being a Christian summer camp, obviously, we are concerned about matters of the Christian faith, but we are not a summer camp that seeks to get anyone to come down the sawdust path
- Sole mission is to bring families together and show them that their lives are worthwhile because they are created in the image of their Heavenly Father and he loves them very much
- Last year, over half of the children were there on scholarship from urban and rural, poor areas including fifteen (15) young women from an urban ministry in Durham, NC
- Those fifteen (15) young women got to experience something that they had never seen before, that there is life outside the concrete jungle of the literal slumps that they live in and that there are men in this world that value them as daughters of the most high God and not for what they can get from them
- These young women were all minorities – Hispanic and Black who learned that there are white people that say they love them and mean it
- We take anyone regardless of age, creed, race, national origin and we show them that we can live unified as children of the most high
- Have been put in a horrible position
- Have been in camp ministry for over fifteen (15) years
- North Carolina is very blessed with summer camps, but the average summer camp in North Carolina for any given week has a multi-year waiting list for facilities wanting to lease it
- We were blessed by God to have the week we needed available when we came to Camp Sertoma and were committed to being long time returning partners
- We wanted to grow our camp from ninety (90) children to one hundred and thirty (130), what we believe is the full occupancy
- Were planning in 2015 to launch a leadership development program that was going to be accepted by college campuses toward leadership development initiatives required for undergraduate degrees which was being developed by a retired corporal in the US Army
- Not only have we lost access too, what in my opinion, is the finest camp facility in North Carolina and I say that with authority because I have seen a lot of them, but there is no camp in North Carolina like Camp Sertoma, none

- There are other camps and other good camps, but only one Camp Sertoma
- Not only have we lost access to it, we have been put in the position, by this knee jerk decision, of having to find a facility with less than a year's notice of telling people that they are not going to be able to come to this location for that week; they may have to miss out on summer camp simply because they had planned for the "The Rock Summer Camp" to be the first week in June at Camp Sertoma
- Needed at least a year's notice to look for someplace else, but besides from that, if we allow Camp Sertoma to close, we are turning our backs on the stewardship of the blessing of not only a fine camp facility but a piece of our history; say that not as a Stokes County resident
- Drove here today from Hickory, NC because of my ties to Camp Sertoma and this community
- Greatly appreciate the previous partnership with 4-H
- Previously with Higher Ground that meets at the Swannanoa Campground in Swannanoa, NC
- Can tell you this with my experience with Swannanoa, have seen what happens when the state "moth balls" a camp
- My hands literally bled doing volunteer rebuilding so that they could use Swannanoa Camp in 2007
- Our camp brought volunteer contractors in to bring the camp up it up to code so that it could be opened in time for the promised date given
- In all seriousness, can't afford, regardless how the numbers look on paper, to "moth ball" Sertoma and let it fall into the disrepair that Swannanoa did
- Have been there and do not want to do that again

Chairman Lankford noted that everyone who spoke today, did it with compassion and sincerity and would like for everyone to know that the Board of Commissioners listened to those who spoke at the last meeting and has placed a proposed Resolution requesting a one-year moratorium on today's Action Agenda.

Chairman Lankford thanked those for their comments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **Minutes**

- Minutes of October 28, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- Minutes of November 4, 2013 – Goals/Budget Work Session

**Planning/Contingency - Budget Amendment #32**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #32.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
	<b>Planning</b>			
100.4910.180	Professional Services	\$00.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	<b>Contingency</b>			
100.9910.501	Comp. Land Use Plan	<u>\$10,800.00</u>	<u>\$(10,000.00)</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funds for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the County, City and Towns.

This will result in a net increase of **\$5,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3839.000	Misc. Revenue	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

**Appointments – CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the re-appointment of Commissioner Leon Inman to the CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors to the BOCC at the 10-28-13 Meeting.

Commissioner Leon Inman was nominated for reappointment to the CenterPoint Human Services Board of Directors at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with approval at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Appointments – CenterPoint Human Services – County Commissioner Advisory Board**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the appointment of Commissioner Leon Inman to the CenterPoint Human Services – County Commissioner Advisory Board to the BOCC at the 10-28-13 Meeting.

Commissioner Leon Inman was nominated to serve on the CenterPoint Human Services County Commissioner Advisory Board at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with approval at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Christmas Luncheon**

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the date of Friday, December 20, 2013 – 12:00 noon for the annual County Christmas Luncheon with a request for approval at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

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

Chairman Lankford introduced Representative Bryan Holloway, Senator Shirley Randleman and Dr. Marshall Stewart, NCSU who were added to the Information Agenda to speak regarding Camp Sertoma. Chairman Lankford expressed appreciation for their attendance at today's meeting.

Representative Bryan Holloway presented the following comments:

- Expressed appreciation to the Board for allowing them to speak regarding Camp Sertoma
- Camp Sertoma is something that Shirley and I along with the General Assembly greatly value in Stokes County and realize it is certainly a jewel to the community
- Would like to thank Dr. Stewart from NC State for coming to today's meeting to discuss a plan to possibly keep Camp Sertoma up and running
- Also want to thank the citizens for being here today
- As we heard from them, Camp Sertoma is used for many different things – 4-H, kids with special needs, etc.
- Shirley and I have been talking with different individuals from NC State
- Have not yet spoke individually with Dr. Stewart, but have spoken with a liaison from NC State

- Would like to have more time to look into this situation
- Feel the General Assembly is willing to do all they can
- General Assembly was caught off guard with this decision as well, but would like to cooperate with the county commissioners, citizens, NC State and take the time needed to try to figure out a way to keep this jewel in our community open
- Think a one-year moratorium has been given to the Penn House in Rockingham County
- Would only be fair to give that to Stokes County
- The desire to keep it open has been shown today with the number of citizens who came out to the meeting today
- Feel there is no question that we all can come up with a way to keep the camp up and running and keep this jewel open for our community
- Expressed appreciation to the Board for being allowed to speak today
- Extended his apologies for having to leave early, but must be in Raleigh by 5:00 pm for a meeting

Senator Shirley Randleman presented the following comments:

- Expressed appreciation to the Board for adding this item to today's agenda
- Have been working with Dr. Stewart for the past three (3) weeks
- Have also talked with Vice Chancellor Kevin Howell at NC State
- They understand the issues with Camp Sertoma and also understand the concerns of the citizens who live in Stokes County and the adjoining counties
- The Chancellor has been open to suggestions, ideas, etc.
- They have heard the citizens' voices
- The voices heard today are only a sampling of the emails that I have received from numerous citizens
- Appreciate all the emails
- The more emails, the better understanding we have
- Would like to clarify to the Board and to the citizens that this was a shock to Representative Holloway and myself because this was not a decision made by the Legislature
- This did not come out of the budget process and this was not a decision that the Legislature had any bearing on
- I have also spoken with Senator Berger's office
- They are looking to see if there are any options out there that we may be able to help with and approach from a legislative viewpoint, but have nothing to update you with at this time
- Will continue to work on that
- Have listened to all the comments made today
- Here to learn from Dr. Stewart's comments
- Want to work with the Board of Commissioners and the community in anything the Legislature can do

Dr. Marshall Stewart, NC State, presented the following comments

- Appreciate the time to speak today
- Want to make it clear that I have spent my life in youth development and working with young people
- This has probably been one of the most difficult challenges we have ever faced
- Been in 4-H youth development for 8.5 years, prior to that, spent my career in education with young people
- There is nothing that I have hated to do worse than be a part of this decision making process
- This decision involved the chain of command up to the Chancellor's office
- Would like to provide the Board and the citizens with a little background information:
  - There are six (6) camps in the NC State System
  - Have been looking at this for some time
  - If you look at camping numbers (4-H Residential Camps) now, those numbers have continued to decline, especially since 2008
  - Saw a deep economic turn in 2008, a lot of rural families could not send as many kids to camp; average cost is approximately \$425-\$450 a week
  - One of the challenges for us with Camp Sertoma is that so many other people use this camp which does make it a very difficult situation
  - Facts are that Camp Sertoma has approximately \$1.2 million worth of debt on it; that is something that must be addressed
  - The university has been phenomenal to help move the debt forward
  - Ran a \$96,000 deficit last year, which was one of the best years for this property
  - Projected to be in the "black" next year, but recall, it has been projected in other years to be in "black"
  - Have enormous repair and renovation needs at this property as we do at other properties; estimate approximately \$500,000 some of which are safety and code issues
  - The property is owned by the State of North Carolina, under North Carolina State University – NC State domains
- There are two tracts of land – Camp Sertoma and Moores Springs
- Currently trying to figure out if the two tracts of land can be divided
- Think it can be divided, understand it impacts the County's tourism
- Camp, itself, is what NC State is trying to focus on
- My email box is crammed full, have never seen anything like it
- We are trying to figure this out
- The bottom line is that we cannot continue to operate as we have in the past in 2014
- Can't let it go any further
- Even if it is in the "black" next year and one tree falls or one building goes bad, you have a problem
- At the point, we simply just can't go any further
- Asking for the county's help
- Open to ideas

- If there is a better idea, NC State is open for suggestions
- If another entity can assume the management of this property, open to suggestions
- Two partners that have not been mentioned today – Sertomas of North Carolina who has operated the deaf camp here for many years and NC Bankers' Association who has operated Camp Challenge for many years; both have been good partners with NC State and NC State is very concerned how these two programs get relocated in the future along with the others
- Will be glad to answer any questions, if possible

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Lankford commented:

- The Board of Commissioners and the community are asking for a one-year moratorium
- It appears from the information today that the camp is projected to be in the "black" next year
- Don't see any reason why the moratorium should not be looked at very carefully

Dr. Stewart responded:

- It is projected for next year, but there have been other years that the camp along with other camps in the system were projected to be in the "black", but were not
- We are afraid that one more year of red ink just isn't going to make it
- If the resolution is adopted, the resolution will have to be taken under advisement and NC State will have to make a decision
- Can tell you that we are seeking every alternative we can to try to figure out a way for some other group to take this on and manage it forward
- We just don't see that as part of our residential camping for 4-H which is our core business

Commissioner Walker commented:

- You made a request for the county's help, can you add more details as to the kind of help? When and how will a decision be made regarding a moratorium? What is the next phase?

Dr. Stewart responded:

- There are a few activities still on the books for calendar year 2013 (holiday activities)
- Cabins have been winterized
- Normally, there is not a lot of activity until late March or early April
- Have a few months for conversations
- Speaking on my behalf, nothing would please me more than to see a group of people/entity/nonprofit step forward with a sustainable business plan that shows clearly they can make this work
- This would allow the mission of Camp Sertoma to continue, with the 4-H no longer the leader

- As far as the moratorium, feel it will involve several people including the Chancellor
- Don't think it will be a lengthy discussion, to be honest, feel it will be a quick decision
- May be able to give you a few months, but not a year
- There is a lot of urgency around this decision, not only with Camp Sertoma, but with others
- Want to get across that we are not bad people, we want to work with everyone as best as we can
- This is something that we have been working on for a long time
- Funding was received a few years ago for renovations to the kitchen
- This decision has not come easy, have tried really hard, but have come to this point that something must be done

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Never thought in terms of anyone associated with NC State as being a bad person or any bad intent with what you are having to look at
- During the past few years, a lot of decisions are having to be made that are economy driven and times are changing
- Am encouraged with your spirit and willingness to take the team approach

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Appreciate Dr. Stewart being here today, appreciate the work being done by Senator Randleman and the passion from everyone who want to keep this jewel open in Stokes County
- Would like to have more information about the \$1.2 million debt, when did it start and how has it been accruing, etc.?

Dr. Stewart responded:

- Even when it was running in the "black" several, several years ago, there wasn't any repair and renovation going on
- Have tried very hard to make sure the property is safe, everyone doesn't know the need for renovations and repairs
- Very big concern, especially when you deal with 237,000 young people a day in 4-H in NC; child safety is number one
- If you look at the last decade, you see a pattern of running in the red that simply just keeps adding up; it has been a gradual pull
- To Director Keith Russell's credit, he has done a marvelous job trying to do everything in his power to get it in the "black", would not be in as good as shape as we are now, if not for Keith Russell
- Keith has worked well with the community, it has just been a gradual climb
- Camp Mitchell in the eastern part of the state was shut down about a decade ago, there some debt from Camp Mitchell that was attached to this property, but not like a million dollars, most likely tens of thousands of dollars
- That debt has been paid away since that time, but the debt has gone back up again

- Can provide the Board with a detailed statement of the debt, if desired
- Have just reached the point that we can't do it any longer

Commissioner Inman continued:

- Can understand the safety of the young people
- Do not think you are a bad person, but this is an unbelievable asset for Stokes County and can't just sit idly by and see it close
- Still must ask, if this was seen coming a long time, why wasn't a notice sent to the County to let the County know what the situation was?
- The County is now in a situation where people are booked for 2014 and they can't even count on whether they can keep the date
- Know that Senator Berger has looked at some type of enterprise where all the camps are grouped together as a whole, understand that scenario would be profitable
- Is that a consideration on the table?

Dr. Stewart responded:

- Everything is on the table
- About the warning, feel our desire to make this work, got in our way of good judgment
- NC State supports 4-H and they have tried to help us
- Must look at the numbers along with the shift in what young people are doing today, it becomes painful
- Just don't have the capacity to fill the rooms
- We must do whatever we can to make sure there is a strong 4-H Program in the future

Commissioner Inman continued:

- Feel the people in this room can come up with a sustainable plan

Commissioner Jones commented:

- My angle is a little more emotional, my son and myself have both worked at Camp Sertoma
- Heard bits and pieces of problems years ago
- And the ambivalence of saying maybe we can give you a one-year moratorium or maybe we can't give you but four months
- Yet you knew this was coming and the idea of getting a new partner now that we are in a crisis upsets me because there are weddings that will have to be canceled
- This has just about shot us in the foot to stay in the black for 2014 unless we are able to flip this around very quickly
- It really worries me
- As an environmental educator, have attended all your 4-H camps, love them and feel they are so necessary
- Believe the capacity is there to fill those rooms, has been all the long, maybe marketing has been the answer all along

- Understand 4-H's situation, was in 4-H myself, but things have changed, not the same world, but we could do some marketing, become more diverse, all the camps could do better
- The camps are great facilities for all kinds of things, not just for 4-H and the Sertomas
- Want everyone to move very quickly
- Not sure the moratorium will help us get to the "black"
- People do not like the not knowing and the ambivalence as to whether it will be open or not

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Understand a special appropriation was given by the Legislature for renovations
- Confirmed with Dr. Stewart that was a one-time appropriation and there is no funding appropriated directly for 4-H
- Questioned Dr. Stewart about the selling of timber from the property?
- Camp Sertoma is used for much more than just 4-H

Dr. Stewart commented:

- In 2007, \$7.5 million was given to NC State for 4-H camps; an additional \$4 million was given in 2008 with a total of \$11.5 million for capital improvements
- That was part of a \$38 million request, got a little less than a 1/3 of what was really needed
- That money was put in various camps across the state
- At Camp Sertoma, there was a lot of cabin renovations, sprinkler system, kitchen renovations, a little more than \$1 million
- Made a big difference in the camp
- The challenge with this is that you must continue repairs and renovations
- The university does get some renovation funding at times, but that money has gotten much tighter
- As far as the cutting of timber, that goes back about eight (8) years ago, there were some issues of forestry management with some of the camps
- There were some properties not being managed well
- There is almost 3,000 acres in all these properties
- There have been cuts made in three properties, including Camp Sertoma, with reseeded planned
- Those monies have been put back into operations, repairs, etc. at each particular property
- Have done several cuts at Camp Sertoma
- Reseeding will be done at Camp Sertoma
- Want to clear up one thing about the Betsy Penn House in Rockingham County, there was not a moratorium approved
- Have had residential camping there for many years
- Their total debt is not near the 1.2 million total at Camp Sertoma
- Betsy Penn sits adjacent to property owned by NC State University

- The decision was made for us to go back in and work with community leaders there; there is no one-year moratorium
- If they come back with a plan that is not business sustainable, pretty sure the university is going to say no go
- They are coming back to us in a matter of weeks; they have formed a task force with one individual from our staff assigned to work with the task force
- Their first meeting is next week

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Questioned Dr. Stewart if this group can come up with a plan similar to what you are talking about at Betsy Penn, will all the financials, P&Ls, etc. be available?
- Think we can come up with possibly a nonprofit to manage the operation
- Feel Camp Sertoma is just a well kept secret in Stokes County

Dr. Stewart responded:

- All records will be available
- We just don't see NC State managing this property any longer
- Tony McGee has indicated that he is working on a grant for the Moores Springs property from State Trails (Federal Highway Grant passing through State Trails)
- When the closure was announced, NC State was to be the recipient of the grant, so we are working on a separate arrangement for the Moores Springs property
- Natural Heritage Program has the Moores Springs property under control
- Believe there is a way to work through that piece (Moores Springs) and having another entity for Camp Sertoma
- Director Keith Russell along with Dave Herpey, NC State, will be available to work with a community group for Camp Sertoma

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Dr. Stewart that any entity that takes over operation of Camp Sertoma will have to assume the debt with payback being able to be spread over a period of years

Commissioner Jones commented:

- This has been coming on for some time and now we are looking for another partner, nonprofit, etc.
- What will be the role of 4-H?

Dr. Stewart responded:

- Will help in any way we can

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Who is the contact person from NC State?

Dr. Stewart responded:

- Director Keith Russell will be moving to another location, but will be here for a while and be able to assist any group

- Dave Herpey will also be available to assist

Chairman Lankford commented:

- Appreciate the information provided today
- Have answered several questions for the County and community

Dr. Stewart responded:

- Appreciate being allowed to speak at today's meeting
- Appreciate the cooperation from Senator Randleman, she has been great to work with
- Just say, keep the conversation going
- Can't promise a year, but can keep the conversation going and hope to make something happen

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

### **Social Services Monthly Report**

County Manager Rick Morris noted that Social Services Director Stacey Elmes had to leave today's meeting before her presentation due to a prior obligation.

County Manager Morris 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
  - Food and Nutrition Services
- Director's Report
  - 2012-2013 Annual Report
  - National Adoption Month

Manager Morris noted:

- Special emphasis for National Adoption Month, November
- DSS has been putting up signs regarding foster parents
- Helping to promote foster parenting is a very good cause

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion or comments.

Commissioner Inman questioned if clients were being impacted with the new NCFASST System?

County Manager Morris responded:

- Think the system is fairly up to date, but still have some issues

Vice Chairman Booth questioned if county funds would have to be used during the government shutdown?

County Manager Morris responded:

- Think we will come out with no county funds needed, but need to wait one more month to be sure
- Will have Director Elmes include an update regarding the funding with the December Report

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Very good material provided
- Very sad it takes an average of three (3) years for an adoption

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Commend DSS for the efforts being made to make people aware of the need for foster parents
- Believe they are going the extra mile to find homes for these children
- It is a challenge to find foster and adoptive parents

### **Tax Administration Report – October 2013**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the

October Report:

<b>Fiscal Year 2013-14</b>	<b>Budget Amt</b>	<b>Collected Amt</b>	<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>Under Budget</b>
<b>County Regular &amp; Motor Vehicles</b>	\$20,480,675.00	\$11,611,960.17		\$8,868,714.83
<b>New Schools F-Tech Fund</b>	\$1,365,378.00	\$775,124.52		\$590,253.48
<b>Prior Taxes 1998-2012 Tax Years</b>				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$750,000.00	\$393,324.98		\$356,675.02
<b>EMS Current Collections</b>				
<b>Total Collected</b>				
(10-01-13/10-31-13)		\$116,702.91		
Total Collected				
(07-01-13/06-30-14)		\$428,020.33		

**Delinquent EMS Collection Report**

**Total Collected**

(10-1-13/10-31-13)	\$14,011.02
(07-01-13/06-30-14)	\$55,685.23

**Business and Personal Property Discovery Report**

Audit Dates	# of Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
(10-1-13/10-31-13)	40	\$285,320.00	\$2,361.52
(07-01-13/06-30-14)	1258	\$8,133,760.00	\$67,354.96

Motor Vehicle Release Report Audit Dates	Accounts	Total Value
(10-1-13/10-31-13)	54	\$2,443.95

Motor Vehicle Refund Report Audit Dates	Accounts	Total Value
(10-1-13/10-31-13)	12	\$684.55
<b>Number billed for October 2013</b>	4741	

**Garnishment Totals**

Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amt	Collected Amt
(10-1-13/10-31-13)	161	\$58,844.71	\$25,526.86
<b>F/Year 2013-14</b>			
(07-1-13/6-30-14)	687	\$227,482.71	\$166,216.91

**Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report**

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

<u>County</u> Year	<u>Real/Personal</u> Beginning Balance	<u>Property</u> Releases	<u>October</u> Refunds	<u>2013</u> Debits/ Credits	<u>Writeoffs</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Ending</u> Balance
2012	\$ 420,605.21	\$(197.16)	\$163.20	\$962.23	\$(1.08)	\$(23,777.55)	\$ 397,754.85
2011	\$ 191,691.58	\$(196.11)	\$163.20	\$1,002.60	\$(3.09)	\$(9,718.86)	\$ 182,939.32
2010	\$ 100,497.83	\$(65.40)	\$65.40	\$26.66	\$(1.08)	\$(1,615.57)	\$ 98,907.84
2009	\$ 64,653.46				\$(1.91)	\$(4,454.51)	\$ 60,197.04
2008	\$ 36,889.54					\$(111.81)	\$ 36,777.73
2007	\$ 24,542.07					\$(96.13)	\$ 24,445.94
2006	\$ 16,386.11						\$ 16,386.11
2005	\$ 11,764.35						\$ 11,764.35

2004	\$ 11,906.11		\$ (543.83)	\$ 11,362.28
2003	\$ 9,096.42			\$ 9,096.42
2002	\$ 1,518.75			\$ 1,518.75
2001	\$ 102.54			\$ 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>October</u>	<u>2013</u>			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2012	\$116,553.46	\$(217.61)	\$86.99	\$7.63	\$(11.75)	\$(16,180.33)	\$ 100,238.39
2011	\$ 31,982.94			\$6.21	\$(4.85)	\$(1,897.37)	\$ 30,086.93
2010	\$ 29,115.40				\$(4.02)	\$(811.63)	\$ 28,299.75
2009	\$ 21,867.10				\$(3.15)	\$(409.52)	\$ 21,454.43
2008	\$ 21,116.36					\$(69.67)	\$ 21,046.69
2007	\$ 18,415.15					\$(44.18)	\$ 18,370.97
2006	\$ 12,894.07					\$(54.42)	\$ 12,839.65
2005	\$ 15,733.69					\$(24.72)	\$ 15,708.97
2004	\$ 14,076.89					\$(40.74)	\$ 14,036.15
2003	\$ 14,154.13					\$(104.35)	\$ 14,049.78
2002							
2001							
2000							
1999							
1998							

<u>New</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Forsyth</u>	<u>Tech</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>2013</u>	
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/Credits	Writeoffs	Payments	Ending Balance
2012	\$37,758.48	\$(27.98)	\$17.00	\$28.34	\$ (0.87)	\$ (2,648.59)	\$ 35,126.38
2011	\$13,654.09	\$(13.07)	\$10.88	\$66.84	\$ (0.37)	\$ (710.49)	\$ 13,007.88

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- Collection is very much on schedule , approximately 57% of the budget collected

<b>Interstate Collection Report</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Total Collected</b>
October 2013		
Cumulative Total Collected to Date	NC Debt Setoff	<b>\$151,562.35</b>
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	Motor Vehicles	\$100,638.07
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	Property Taxes	\$33,876.65
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	EMS	<u>\$161,796.43</u>
Collected (to date)	All Categories	<b>\$296,311.15</b>

**Collection of New and Old Motor Vehicle Bills**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following new report for the combination of County/State reporting of the collection of Motor Vehicles:

- Graph shows each month's collection per taxing codes:

<b>September-13</b>				
<b>Old Tax System</b>				
<b>Tax Code</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Cost to</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Billed</b>	<b>Collect</b>	<b>Collected</b>
City of King	\$0.422	\$ 15,462.00	\$ 134.00	\$ 13,400.00
King Car Fee	\$5.000	\$ 2,370.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,965.00
Walnut Cove Town	\$0.400	\$ 2,772.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,904.00
Danbury Town	\$0.027	\$ 242.00		\$ 37.00
School Tax	\$0.040	\$ 12,638.00		\$ 9,456.00
King Fire	\$0.065	\$ 3,265.00		\$ 2,360.00
Rural Hall Fire	\$0.065	\$ 625.00		\$ 531.00
Walnut Cove Fire	\$0.065	\$ 1,757.00		\$ 1,245.00
General County	\$0.600	\$167,715.00	\$2,132.00	\$141,243.00
Service Fire	\$0.065	\$ 11,404.00		\$ 8,317.00
<b>Total Collected</b>		<b>\$218,250.00</b>	<b>\$2,305.00</b>	<b>\$180,458.00</b>
<b>September-13</b>				
<b>New VTS State</b>				
<b>Tax Code</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Cost to</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Billed</b>	<b>Collect</b>	<b>Collected</b>
City of King	\$0.422	\$ 7,933.00		\$ 7,933.00
King Car Fee	\$5.000	\$ 1,370.00		\$ 1,370.00
Walnut Cove Town	\$0.400	\$ 1,414.00		\$ 1,414.00
Danbury Town	\$0.027	\$ 1,035.00		\$ 1,035.00
School Tax	\$0.040	\$ 5,781.00		\$ 5,781.00
King Fire	\$0.065	\$ 1,625.00		\$ 1,625.00
Rural Hall Fire	\$0.065	\$ 281.00		\$ 281.00
Walnut Cove Fire	\$0.065	\$ 829.00		\$ 829.00
General County	\$0.600	\$ 86,715.00		\$ 86,715.00
Service Fire	\$0.065	\$ 4,995.00		\$ 4,995.00
<b>Total Collected</b>		<b>\$111,978.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$111,978.000</b>

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**Old Tax System**

<b>Tax Code</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Cost to</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Billed</b>	<b>Collect</b>	<b>Collected</b>
City of King	\$0.422	\$ 18,904.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 14,357.00
King Car Fee	\$5.000	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 2,143.00
Walnut Cove Town	\$0.400	\$ 2,507.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 2,226.00
Danbury Town	\$0.027	\$ 206.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 214.00
School Tax	\$0.040	\$ 12,222.00		\$ 10,888.00
King Fire	\$0.065	\$ 3,144.00		\$ 2,883.00
Rural Hall Fire	\$0.065	\$ 661.00		\$ 506.00
Walnut Cove Fire	\$0.065	\$ 2,057.00		\$ 1,408.00
General County	\$0.600	\$ 183,334.00	\$2,190.00	\$ 162,436.00
Service Fire	\$0.065	\$ 10,641.00		\$ 9,809.00
<b>Total Collected</b>		<b>\$236,116.00</b>	<b>\$2,379.00</b>	<b>\$206,870.00</b>

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**New VTS State**

<b>Tax Code</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Cost to</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Billed</b>	<b>Collect</b>	<b>Collected</b>
City of King	\$0.422	\$ 12,579.00		\$ 12,621.00
King Car Fee	\$5.000	\$ 1,885.00		\$ 1,894.00
Walnut Cove Town	\$0.400	\$ 1,650.00		\$ 1,664.00
Danbury Town	\$0.027	\$ 1,770.00		\$ 1,772.00
School Tax	\$0.040	\$ 8,213.00		\$ 8,251.00
King Fire	\$0.065	\$ 2,128.00		\$ 2,137.00
Rural Hall Fire	\$0.065	\$ 383.00		\$ 386.00
Walnut Cove Fire	\$0.065	\$ 1,271.00		\$ 1,276.00
General County	\$0.600	\$ 123,194.00		\$ 123,758.00
Service Fire	\$0.065	\$ 7,183.00		\$ 7,217.00
<b>Total Collected</b>		<b>\$160,256.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$160,976.00</b>

- Cumulative collection of monies will increase over six (6) months due to early renewals, on time renewals, and late renewals
- This increase will be reflected in each month's reporting
- Cost in Old Tax System is in postage and 1% billing fees for municipalities by county, no cost is applied for staffing. No cost applied to the Fire Districts
- Cost in the new VTS System is calculated in all areas of billing (staffing, contracting, postage, software, etc) by the NC Department of Revenue and prorated on each taxing district per bill
- Collections in both taxing systems do not reflect delinquent taxes
- Total collected by both systems for the month of September 2013 = \$292,436.00

- Total collected by both systems for the month of October 2013 = \$367,756.00
- Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) System = \$272,954.00
- Total Cumulative Collected to date (Old Tax) System = \$387,238.00
- Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS, Old Tax) Systems = \$660,192.00

Tax Administrator Oakley noted that the Collection of New & Old Motor Vehicle Bills Report is a new report and would be happy to make any changes requested by the BOCC.

**Releases less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property**

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

<b>Releases less than \$100 - Real/Personal Property</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>October 2013 Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Patti &amp; Thomas Dalton</b>	13A156018868.07	\$42.40
<b>Ramon R Burgan Jr.</b>	13A155912268.04	\$91.38
<b>Jennifer Preston</b>	13A54742.01.1	\$1.94
<b>Ira Justice</b>	13A28481.04.1	\$3.24
<b>Steve Morton</b>	13A18867.03.1	\$41.46
	12A18867.03.1	\$39.90
	11A18867.03	<u>\$38.66</u>
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$258.98</b>

**Refund less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property**

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

<b>Refunds less than \$100 - Real/Personal Property</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>October 2013 Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Christine Schill Park</b>	13A34520.07	<u>\$46.86</u>
		<b>\$46.86</b>

**Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 –

Real and Personal Property (October 2013) for the Board's review and consideration at the

November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

<b>Property</b>	<b>October 2013</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Luther Smith Heirs	13A694204645853	\$293.99	Correction of Appraisal
Patton Brothers Inc	13A155894352.10.1	\$106.70	Sold Equip. & Moved
Fast Track Inc #104	13A18729.09.1	\$673.04	Business Sold in 2012
Christine Schill Park	13A695101053860	\$129.39	Elderly Exemption
Lisa & John Finney	13A691500579934	\$317.25	Elderly Exemption
Leon Marion Bryant	13VBJC5488	<u>\$427.75</u>	Vehicle Bill Correction
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$1,948.12</b>	

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the November 25<sup>th</sup> 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 (October 2013) for the Board's review and consideration at the

November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

<b>Property</b>	<b>October 2013</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jerry Freeman		
Sold Vehicle	9143223	\$102.94
Pendleton Leasing Co	13VLZ8300	<u>\$314.73</u>
Vehicle Totaled	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$417.67</b>

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the item on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Consent

Agenda.

**Late Applications for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2013**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Applications for Disabled

Veteran Exclusion for 2013 (October 2013) for the Board's review and consideration at the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**Danny L. Ulery**

- Parcel #5986-00-53-3580 (tract of Land and dwelling at 1050 Hunter Trail Road, Pinnacle, NC)
- Tax Value of \$112,200
- Review of his application and accompanying documents indicate that he qualifies for the exemption
- Tax Administration recommends the Board approve the late application

**Barry C Gearheart**

- Parcel #5982-03-22-6347 (tract of Land and dwelling at 1137 Rierson Road, Tobaccoville, NC)
- Tax Value of \$134,600
- Review of his application and accompanying documents indicate that he qualifies for the exemption
- Tax Administration recommends the Board approve the late application

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the items on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Consent

Agenda.

**Late Applications for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2013**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following late Applications for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2013 for the Board's review and consideration at the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- **Roy & Betty King**
  - Taxpayers own a tract of land and a dwelling located at 1033 Oak Manor Drive, Walnut Cove, NC
  - Assigned tax value of \$40,000
  - 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
- **Tina Louise Mitchell**
  - Taxpayer owns a tract of land and a dwelling located at 1109 Martin Luther King Road, Walnut Cove, NC
  - Assigned tax value of \$59,200
  - Review of her application and accompanying documents indicate that she qualifies 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 items on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Consent

Agenda.

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the October Tax Report.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following items on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00
- Late Applications for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2013
- Late Applications for Elderly and Disabled Exemption for 2013

**Request for Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Winston Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Winston Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization:

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A  
REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR THE  
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is an agreement between governmental entities to establish a comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Winston-Salem Urban Area; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Federal Certification Review in 2012, the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration directed the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO to add the local transit agency, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA), as a voting member of the MPO's policy making body, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2013, the Public Transportation Division of the North Carolina  
November 12, 2013

Department of Transportation (NCDOT) requested that the status of their representative on the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) be changed from a voting member to an advisory, non-voting member; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time language in the MOU needs to be revised and updated to reflect changes in federal or State legislation or policies or to reflect changes in organization, department or staff position names; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2013, the TAC approved amendments to the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO MOU to: add WSTA as voting member of the TAC; change the status of the representative of the NCDOT Public Transit Division from a voting member to an advisory, non-voting member of the TCC; modify language as directed NCDOT staff; and update names of various organization, department and staff positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the TAC also voted to require that each Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO unit of local government execute the revised MOU prior to the January 16, 2014 meeting of TAC or forfeit any and all voting rights until such time as the revised Memorandum of Understanding is executed.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the (Council/commissioners) of (\_\_\_\_\_) that we authorize the (Mayor/Chairman) and Clerk to sign the revised Memorandum of Understanding of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (attached).

The motion for the adoption of the resolution was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. The vote was \_\_\_\_\_.

Adopted on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor/Chairman)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk)

County Manager Morris noted the following regarding the changes in the MOU:

- The MOU for the Winston Salem Urban Area Metropolitan (MPO) is an agreement between governmental entities, including the State of North Carolina, to establish a comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Winston Salem Urban Area
- Only significant change is the addition of the Winston-Salem Transit Authority as a voting member of the TAC
- The following is additional information regarding the change in the voting status for the Winston Salem Transit Authority along with other revisions to the MOU of the Winston Salem Urban Area MPO which were approved by the TAC in September 2013:

**Adding WSTA as a Voting Member of the TAC:** As part of the Federal Certification Review in late 2012, the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration directed the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO to add the local transit agency, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA), as a voting member of the MPO's policy making body, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The Chairman of WSTA is currently an advisory, non-voting member of the TAC. In the spring of 2013, MPO staff met with WSTA Board. The revised MOU adopted by the TAC in September 2013 designates one member of the Board of Directors of WSTA as a voting member of the TAC. The amendments to the TAC by-laws approved by the TAC in September 2013 to be effective in January 2014 would allocate two (2) of Winston-Salem's apportioned votes to WSTA.

**Status of the Representative of the Public Transit Division:** In April 2013, the Public Transportation Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) requested that their representative on the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), the staff body that makes recommendations to the TAC, be changed from a voting member to an advisory, non-voting member. Such a change is reflected in the revised MOU and in the TCC by-law amendments approved by the TCC in September 2013 to be effective in January 2014

**Wording Changes:** The names of various organizations, departments and staff positions have changed since adoption of the MOU and by-laws in 2007-2008. In addition, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) staff reviewed the MOU and provided wording changes to reflect changes in legislation and regulations and for consistency with MOUs for other NC MPOs.

**Updated Apportioned Weighted Votes.** The MOU establishes that each voting member shall have one vote, except when the weighted voting system is invoked (see Section 1, old subsection 8, new subsection 10 of the MOU.) The MOU establishes that the weighted voting schedule be adopted as part of the TAC by-laws and apportioned based on population as of the most recent decennial census with a minimum of one (1) vote per voting member. No changes were made to this section of the MOU; however, the current weighted votes apportioned in the TAC by-laws are based on the 2000 Census. At their meeting in September 2013, the TAC amended their by-laws to update the apportionment schedule based on the 2010 Census and to allocate two (2) votes from Winston-Salem's apportioned votes allocated to WSTA. The by-law amendments are effective in January 2014. A spreadsheet with the existing and updated weighted vote apportionment is provided for your information.

County Manager Morris presented the revised MOU for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Board's review.

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Currently serve on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
- TAC unanimously approved the revised MOU in September 2013

Chairman Lankford questioned if there was any particular reason why the Winston-Salem Transit Authority wanted to be a TAC voting member?

Commissioner Inman responded:

- Lot of federal dollars flow through the Winston-Salem Transit Authority
- Very little discussion regarding this change by the TAC members
- There was no opposition to the request

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Commissioner Inman, TAC Member, that the changes were not detrimental to the County.

Commissioner Inman noted that there were only two voting members – one from the City of King and one from the County.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda:

**Animal Control – Proposed Lease for the Designated Property for the new Animal Adoption Facility**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed lease for the Designated Property for the new Animal Adoption Facility for the Board's review and discussion:

This lease is made and entered into effective January 1, 2014 by and between the County of Stokes, North Carolina, a body politic and political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called the "County") and The Stokes County Humane Society, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having its principal office in the Town of Walnut Cove, North Carolina (hereinafter called "Humane Society")

Whereas, County is the owner of a tract of real property, located adjacent to the County's Animal Shelter, Stokes County, North Carolina, hereinafter described, known as the Stokes County Animal Control, more fully described by the physical address of 1999 Sizemore Rd., Germanton, N.C. 27019.

Whereas, the parties have agreed to enter into this lease agreement for the above described property based on the terms and conditions set forth below.

Now therefore, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which the parties hereby acknowledge, the County hereby leases to the Humane Society the property described herein on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Leased Space:** Humane Society will lease the designated land for construction and operation of an animal adoption facility located at 1999 Sizemore Rd., Germanton, N.C. 27019.
2. **Term of Lease:** Five (5) years commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending midnight on December 31, 2018, unless sooner terminated by written mutual consent of both parties. The term of the lease shall be automatically extended for five (5) additional five year terms, unless sooner terminated by written mutual consent of both parties. At the conclusion of the extended 25 year term, the lease shall automatically renew annually, thereafter, without termination or modification to conditions, unless through written mutual consent by the County of Stokes and Humane Society.
3. **Lease Payments:** Humane Society shall pay the County annual rent of \$1.00 (One Dollar) for the right to occupy the Leased Premises. Lease payment shall be due and payable the first day of July each year of the Lease term.
4. **County Responsibilities:** The County will maintain the adjacent exterior grounds of the leased property, which responsibilities will include, maintenance and repair of the grounds and the septic system that will serve the new building and the current animal shelter building. All maintenance and repairs shall be performed in a workmanlike manner.
5. **Humane Society Responsibilities:** Except for the County's obligations to maintain the Leased property as set forth in paragraph 4, the Humane Society agrees to maintain the property in good condition, normal wear and tear excepted. The Humane Society will provide general day to day maintenance and custodial services in their building. Humane Society will properly secure the Leased property and will promptly notify the County of any damage or repairs needed on the adjacent grounds or sewer system. The Humane Society will be responsible for comprehensive liability and hazard insurance in such amounts and against such hazards as may be necessary or desirable and will insure the Leased Premises against fire and windstorm for the use and benefit of the Humane Society as they see fit. If the building shall be damaged by fire or other casualty, and such damages are minor in nature, the same shall be repaired by the Humane Society directly, or from the proceeds of insurance coverage, as quickly as is reasonable possible. If the property is damaged to such an extent as to render the same unfit for use or occupancy, this Lease shall terminate and the proceeds of insurance coverage shall be paid to the County for cleanup and restoration of the property, and the Humane Society shall be relieved from further liability under the Lease.

Humane Society shall be responsible for providing insurance against fire, theft, water or other damage for its personal property, including fixtures installed on the property. Humane Society shall also be responsible for providing insurance against fire, theft, water or other damage for the personal property of its employees, agents, invitees, and guests, including but not limited to all exhibits owned by third parties that the Humane Society may have located on the property.

The County of Stokes agrees to waive monthly water/sewer payments for the leased properties for the length of the lease term. The Humane Society shall be responsible for the payment of other utility bills for electrical, heating/air, and telephone.

County shall lease and Humane Society accepts the property in its "As Is" condition. County makes no warranties or representations regarding the property and no warranties are implied. Humane Society shall hold County harmless for any defects in the property created by Humane Society during its tenancy.

Humane Society shall not use or permit the use of the property in violation of any present or future applicable law of the United States or of the State of North Carolina, or in violation of any present or future applicable municipal ordinance or regulation. Humane Society, upon written consent of County, may, but at Humane Society's own cost and expense, and in a good workmanlike manner, make such alterations and improvements on the property as Humane Society may require for Humane Society's use and without, however, materially altering the basic character of the property. In addition, any approved improvements shall be done under consultation with a competent/qualified architect / contractor and according to a general plan of organized improvement.

Humane Society shall have the ability to sublet office space within the property to non-profit/service organizations, with sublet revenue retained by the Humane Society in support of operational costs of leased property.

Any uses of the building, other than the adoption of animals, must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Stokes County, Lessor

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Officer

Stokes County Humane Society, Inc., Lessee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Officer

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STOKES COUNTY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid,  
certify that \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me this  
day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Lease.

Witness my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

County Manager Morris commented:

- Animal Control Advisory Council is requesting the designated property for the new Animal Adoption Facility be leased to the Humane Society in order to obtain grant funding for construction of the facility
- This is similar to the request from the Arts Council which was approved by the BOCC
- The Arts Council lease has been tailored to fit the Animal Adoption Facility which is only a draft
- Have forwarded a copy to Dr. Debbie Cowan, Chairman of the Animal Control Advisory Council, for review and comments
- Have a meeting scheduled with Dr. Cowan before the next BOCC meeting to review the lease
- This new facility will be a benefit to our Animal Control activities in the County
- County Attorney Browder has reviewed the proposed lease and will review any changes requested by the Animal Control Advisory Council
- Will provide an update at the next meeting

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Question the following section of the lease (Term of Lease) (At the conclusion of the extended 25 years, the lease shall automatically renew annually, thereafter, without termination or modification to conditions, unless through written mutual consent by the County of Stokes and the Humane Society)?
- Questioned County Attorney Browder should that not be either party has the right to terminate the lease?

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Would recommend that the wording be changed to either party has the right to terminate the lease

County Manager Morris commented:

- This was placed in the Arts Council's lease to strengthen their ability to obtain grant funding
- Two different organizations with different needs

- That change could possibly work for the Humane Society

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Thirty (30) years is a very long time
- A lot can change in that length of time
- This would give either party the right to exercise their option to get out of the lease

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed this is a tailored version of the Arts Council lease
- This organization is also counting on grant funding to construct this facility

Commissioner Walker commented:

- It is certainly not my intention to make it more of a challenge in any way for the Humane Society
- Commend the organization for doing what they are trying to do
- Difference I see between the Arts Council and the Humane Society is the Humane Society is more of a separate entity from the county

County Manager Morris noted that he would research the issue further.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda:

**Proposed 2014 County Commissioners' Meeting Schedule**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed 2014 County

Commissioners' Meeting Schedule for the Board's review and consideration:

**2014 COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

**The Stokes County Board of Commissioners will meet each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Second) Monday at 1:30 pm and 4<sup>th</sup> (Fourth) Monday at 6:00pm**

**2nd MONDAY**

January 13, 2014  
 February 10, 2014  
 March 10, 2014  
 April 14, 2014  
 May 12, 2014  
 June 9, 2014  
 July 14, 2014  
 August 11, 2014  
 September 8, 2014  
 October 13, 2014

**4th MONDAY**

January 27, 2014  
 February 24, 2014  
 March 24, 2014  
 April 28, 2014  
 May 27, 2014\*  
 June 23, 2014  
 July 28, 2014  
 August 25, 2014  
 September 22, 2014  
 October 27, 2014

November 10, 2014  
December 8, 2014

November 24, 2014  
December 22, 2014

*\*May 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting changed to Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> (Due to Holiday)*

***The Board of Commissioners will conduct its regular meetings in the Commissioners' Chambers at the Administrative Building in Danbury.*** The Board will consider invitations to meet at different locations throughout the County at the invitation of community groups that wish to host a meeting.

Commissioners' Meeting (Planning)– First Tuesday of every other month 7:00 pm  
Planning meetings are held as needed- the meeting will be advertised prior to the dates listed below:  
Held in Commissioners' Chambers

February 4, 2014 (as needed)  
April 1, 2014 (as needed)  
June 3, 2014 (as needed)  
August 5, 2014 (as needed)  
October 7, 2014 (as needed)  
December 2, 2014 (as needed)

Stokes County League of Governments – 6:30 pm  
Meeting with Town of Danbury, Town of Walnut Cove, City of King and Stokes County  
January 23, 2014 – Town of Walnut Cove  
April 17, 2014 – Town of Danbury  
July 17, 2014 - City of King  
October 2, 2014 – Stokes County

Any other change in Date, Time, or Place will be advertised and placed on the County Web Page – [www.co.stokes.nc.us](http://www.co.stokes.nc.us)

Darlene Bullins  
Clerk to the Board

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the proposed calendar.

Chairman Lankford, with full consensus from the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

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

### **Community College – Lease of Property for the Proposed Facility**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following letter, as requested at the October 28<sup>th</sup>

Meeting, from Forsyth Tech requesting the Board approve only 4.5 acres for the new community college facility:

Dear Mr. Lankford,

Mr. Rick Morris called me on October 29, 2013 and informed me that the Board of County Commissioners had requested in writing the information that Dr. Green and I presented a week earlier to the Building Design Task Force, concerning the land lease requirement for the new community college building in Stokes County.

As you are aware, during the early stages of planning the project, the College estimated a need for eight acres for the building site. The eight acre estimate was based on earlier Forsyth Tech construction projects (specifically the Woodruff Center on Lansing Road, Winston-Salem, and the Swisher Center, Kernersville) and included the current Early College temporary buildings. The Early College education model is based on locating the high school program on a college campus. This was a preliminary estimate made prior to the development of a site plan for the new Forsyth Tech Stokes County facility on Dodgetown Road.

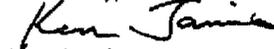
Since that time, the architectural firm has been selected and a detailed site plan now shows the exact location and acreage requirements for the new Stokes County facility. With the information provided by the detailed site plan, it became clear that the earlier estimate of eight acres was about twice as much land as minimally needed for the Forsyth Tech facility construction project (excluding the current temporary buildings). The minimal requirement for the planned facility is 4.5 acres.

The 4.5 acres will provide adequate space for the community college building and parking plus two future expansions, and will not encroach into the current Early College location. It will also ensure that the lease only covers Forsyth Tech facilities, and will provide Stokes County maximum flexibility on how the remainder of the land at the 40+ acre site is utilized.

On October 17, the Building Design Task Force met and reviewed the 4.5 acre site plan and an eight acre site plan that included the current Early College temporary buildings. Based on input from members of Task Force, including College and County Commission representatives, the 4.5 acre site plan was selected for the project. With the College facility and Early College facilities being located on contiguous property, a memorandum of agreement between College and School System should address any Early College issues that might arise from the state level.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning Forsyth Tech's revised request to lease only the 4.5 acres, the minimum acreage needed for the community college site.

Sincerely,



Ken Jarvis

Manager of Facilities

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County Manager Morris commented:

- Only designating 4.5 acres would leave some flexibility for other use of the land by the County
- For instance, under the County's current ordinance, cell tower people are currently reviewing county property for co-locations of cell towers
- Ordinance requires county co-locations and county property be considered before placing towers on private property (county revenue)
- Have had a couple of requests from cell towers interested in that particular area
- 4.5 acres meets the requirements requested by Forsyth Tech for the new facility

Commissioner Jones moved to rescind the motion leasing 8 acres to Forsyth Tech and moved to lease Forsyth Tech. 4.5 acres for 40 years for a community college site. Commissioner Inman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Still a little confused with first leasing 8 acres, then only needing 4.5 acres, leaving the motion at 8 acres, and now have a request for 4.5 acres
- Have no problem with the 8 acres
- My vision, which is shared by a lot of people in this county, is for there to be a Forsyth Tech campus on that property that can deal with horticultural and agricultural needs, some land intensive uses
- Concerns me and feel it will concern a lot of other folks to see county uses for that property that will impair or diminish Forsyth Tech's ability to use that property for community college purposes in the future
- Hope we are not headed in that direction
- Think it was very clear when that land was conveyed to the County that it was to be a community college campus
- Don't recall ever hearing any indication otherwise that part of it would be used for a community college and the rest used for whatever County wanted, never seen that in the plans for this property
- Hope, as we hear of other possibilities, we are not going to see something happen there that could impact the future plans that Forsyth Tech might have
- Would like to question Dr. Green what possible plans that Forsyth Tech might have for the future that would need some additional property

Chairman Lankford noted that would need to be discussed in another agenda item since there was a motion on the land for the 4.5 acres.

Chairman Lankford noted that the motion is to rescind the 8 acres and designate 4.5 acres for the community college site.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- No doubt that this county purchased the entire property for a community college facility; however, we have already placed an early college on the property
- We have kind of commingled some things already
- This just kind of makes it easier to not commingle Forsyth Tech and the Early College properties
- Letter clearly communicates that Forsyth Tech does not want 8 acres and desires to only have 4.5 acres designated for the community college
- Any time Forsyth Tech comes to this Board requesting additional land for horticultural, agricultural, etc., I will be the first to make the motion

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Feel when the property was purchased, it was purchased for the Stokes County taxpayers and paid for with tax dollars (not a Commissioner at that time)
- Feel like this property is just like all other county owned property which is overseen by the Board of Commissioners
- Don't recall seeing any statement in the minutes or on the deed that the entire property had to be used only for a community college
- The 4.5 acres will allow two expansions (10,000 ft) to the proposed facility

The motion carried unanimously.

### **In Process Review of Proposed Community College Facility**

County Manager Rick Morris noted that this was a continuation of the discussion regarding the design of the proposed community college.

Manager Morris commented:

- Presentation, which was presented to the Design Task Force, was presented at the October 28<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting
- Dr. Gary Green and Ken Jarvis, Forsyth Tech and Brian Kubecki, Walker Robbs Callahan & Piece Architects are present for today's further discussion
- Architects presented the goals and strategies and the process followed to design the building to the Task Force
- I then presented that information pretty much word for word at the October 28<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting
- Dr. Green, Mr. Jarvis, and Mr. Kubecki are here today to answer any questions the Board may have in order to get the process moving forward to get this facility constructed

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for questions or comments.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Would like for the architect to come forward and highlight the process
- Feel the Task Force has done a great job picking out a facility

- I like what I see
- In my mind, it is about roof at this point
- Am a thirty-three (33) year veteran of schools dealing with flat roofs and leaking roofs for all those years, but I understand this roof is different

Architect Brian Kubecki commented:

- Flat roofs are definitely outdated and that is why the design we proposed is not a flat roof; it is actually a low slope roof
- When flat roofs first came about approximately 40 years ago, they were indeed flat
- The thought at that time, the water will evaporate if it is left there long enough
- Because of experiences like Commissioner Inman's, the industry has evolved; they would not be around if they continued with leaking roofs
- Now they have a process that we have been using for decades, a low slope roof
- The roof has slope on it that ensures the water is directed away from the building, captured, and distributed away
- It does that through a membrane as opposed to a shingled system
- The low slope roofs that we use now are different than they were ten (10) years ago and they are light years ahead of where they were perhaps when Commissioner Inman was dealing with leaking roofs

Commissioner Inman continued:

- Shingles on an "A" roof normally have a life of 30+ years, how does this compare to the membrane roof?

Mr. Kubecki responded:

- You can get the same type warranty on a low slope roof as you can get on a shingled roof
- It is not so much the warranty, it is how you enforce it
- There is no less longevity that you will get with a low slope membrane roof as opposed to any other type of roof system

Commissioner Inman continued:

- Confirmed with Mr. Kubecki that the design in A2 and A3 (pictures provided to the BOCC) is the actual design with the two roofs being different

Mr. Kubecki responded:

- Was directed at the last Task Force to look at putting a different roof on the classroom section of the building
- The entry and the way the building was designed was essential to meeting the goals that were stated by the client
- Was directed to keep the front as it was and take a look at an alternate arrangement for the other half of the building (classroom section)

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Confirmed with Mr. Kubecki that the sloped roof has a channel going down the middle of the roof for water collection

- Questioned how easy the channel is to become clogged or backed up?

Mr. Kubecki responded:

- A lot of the success of any roof whether it is shingled, metal, or membrane has to do with the way you detail your edge conditions and your drainage points
- Certainly the most vulnerable areas will be the ones where water is going toward the edge or where water is collected
- What we do as architects, is to ensure that they detailed correctly and that they are installed correctly

Commissioner Jones continued:

- My concern is with the “changing of the guard”, the school administration, and the maintenance
- If maintenance is not done to the roof and by the time you figure out there is a problem, you will have mostly likely go back and put on a framed roof anyway
- If the channels become clogged and water continues to backup, you will most likely have the same leaking problems with a membrane roof as with other flat roofs

Mr. Kubecki responded:

- The channel is no different than the valley in a roof
- It is the same concept of having a valley when two roofs come together, it is the place where water gathers and runs off
- Understand the concerns, but do not feel there is any reason to have a higher level of concern with a membrane low slope roof over any other type of roof
- You will have scenarios in any roof type where there are maintenance issues
- In a “A” frame roof, you will have gutter and downspouts to deal with
- There are all sorts of scenarios that can come up with roof maintenance
- Would not say that one roof system is completely maintenance free

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Of the structures you are working with or familiar with that are similar to what we are considering here today, what percent of them are going with a low slope roof versus a traditional roof?

Mr. Kubecki responded:

- A lot of what we do are flat roofs, but we do traditional roofs as well
- Most of the design is driven by the client and the building type
- A lot of times, we will have a client that wants a very historic or traditional look and that may drive that roof type, but other clients have other goals that are stated and drive another type of roof
- The reason we went for what was recommended for this building for you guys was simply looking at the goals that you stated
- A lot of those goals reinforced concepts that we feel a low slope roof is the best way to achieve that
- Do believe wholeheartedly the low slope roof is going to satisfy the goals that you stated more so than any other roof option

Commissioner Walker continued:

- When I first saw the low slope roof, my first impression was that it had a modern, futuristic type appearance; I am more “old school”
- I like traditional, the traditional would be my favor
- I think it fits the culture of our county better
- I am also interested in what reasons could you offer that might tip things more in favor of the low slope roof because right now I am comfortable with the traditional style

Mr. Kubecki responded:

- Understand where you are coming from
- The reason we felt and still feel the low slope roof is the best option comes from going through the goals you have stated
- To me that is the core reason why the low slope roof is the best option
- Would like to quickly walk through the goals/strategies:
  - Capture the view to the Sauratown Mountains
    - Part of the aesthetics of the low slope is that you are looking at that large open point right to the mountains
  - No wasted space
    - An “A” frame roof has a large cavity that is not used for anything
    - A low slope saves space, plain and simple
  - Avoid costly materials, yet create a sense of permanence
    - Asked to look at the cost
    - You must consider the type of roof, trusts, and sprinkler system
    - An “A” frame metal roof comes in \$2 to \$3 more than a membrane roof – on a 10,000 sq ft facility – that would be \$20,000 to \$30,000 more in cost.
    - A metal trust is \$2 to \$3 per sq ft more than a wood trust
    - A wood trust can be used on an “A” frame roof, but can’t be used on a low slope roof
    - If you use a wood trust, it must be sprinkled which cost \$2 to \$3 more
    - The money saved using a wood trust is lost due to having to sprinkle the roof
    - When you look at using a metal trust for low slope and “A” frame to avoid sprinklers, you are back to looking at simply the type of roof
    - The membrane is lower in cost than the metal roof, the metal roof is about \$2 to \$3 higher per sq ft
    - All that translates to a difference of \$10,000 to \$40,000 more for a metal sloped roof as opposed to a low slope membrane roof
    - That is one reason why we went for a low slope roof, it would be more economical
  - Create a tangible landmark and attract business development and partnerships
    - Derived this data from the planning package that was provided to us

- One of our strategies was to create something that is different from the modular classrooms, something that stands out and has a visual interest
- This was one of my favor parts in designing the facility and to see how the mountains leveled off and then there is a point where this peak just burst up
- Had a lot of inspiration by just looking at the amazing landscape
- A low slope roof reinforces that because you have this nice horizontal that continues and the entry is pushed up and announced
- Thought this was a great connection
- Something that was unique to Stokes County
- Incorporate agricultural heritage and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Green Technology
  - To me that says it all, you want to recognize your heritage, but you also want to point towards the future
  - You are training the next generation
  - One of the wonderful things you can do with the low slope roof is you can highlight the way we capture and manage the rain water
  - What we are saying is, “Look what are we doing with our rainwater?”
  - It is not like your home, we are doing something different, doing something new, we are planning seeds for our next students to reinvent the future
  - We believe the low slope roof is one way to enforce that
- Enable community engagement
  - One spot on the side away from the entry is a covered area that could potentially be another gathering space that points out to more open space
  - If you have a hip roof, you will have to deal with gutters and downspouts in that area
- All this adds up to us that the low slope roof option is the best in this case
- Do we do it for every case?
- Absolutely not, but for your case, looking at the six (6) goals we collected from what we heard from you guys in the data provided, the low slope roof was definitely the way to go

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Appreciate all the information
- When I look at what our citizens expect to see, I am still with the hip roof
- I think it fits the Stokes County culture and what would be expected
- Another thing, if we did go with an innovated style roof – the low slope roof, and if there were problems, we would be remembered for it
- Would be asked why we went with that kind of roof instead of a traditional roof that has served for decades and decades
- I guess everything being equal, to me, the traditional roof would fit our county better

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Visited other Forsyth Tech community colleges in Winston Salem and saw the “A” frame roof
- I am looking at the “A” frame
- I can look at the mountain and see the peak and then I can see an oval which would be like an “A” roof
- This roof selection really concerned me so I have been out asking the citizens of Stokes County about it
- It is 90% for the “A” roof and 10% for the low slope roof
- Talked to approximately 225 people since I got the pictures
- Looking at the pictures is very different from looking at sketches
- Wanted to look at two different designs so that you can compare

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to select the hip roof and the inside design for the community College. Commissioner Inman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Feel consensus is going to be the hip roof and I am okay with that because the hip roof does look like a mountain, but I envision a metal roof which has a sense of permanency
- Would like to see some type of embellishment of stones in the front pillars
- To me, it is not quite aesthetically pleasing to the eye
- Love the streamline, it keeps the horizon
- Appreciate using the guidelines for the LEED Certification
- If you do the hip roof, hope the rise will be as minimal as possible

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Would want 40 year shingles

County Manager Morris confirmed with Mr. Kubecki that by using the hip roof, the water collection system would only be 25% (three pieces of the roof would be gutter and downspouts).

The Board discussed metal versus shingle roof.

Commissioner Jones stated that she would like to go with metal roof instead of shingles.

Chairman Lankford noted that using shingles and the metal trusts would probably be comparable to the cost of the low slope roof.

Mr. Kubecki commented:

- None of the information/data presented in the hip roof included shingles, metal was estimated

Vice Chairman Booth amended his motion to include shingles and metal trusts.

Commissioner Inman amended his second to include shingles and metal trusts.

The Board unanimously agreed to amend the motion.

The motion to select the hip roof with shingles and metal trusts and the inside design for the community college carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walker questioned Dr. Green what the future use of the property, as far as, Forsyth Tech's needs or possibilities that can be envisioned such as horticultural or agricultural?

Dr. Green responded:

- The letter provided, at your request, really looks at the minimal space needed for the facility being built now and allows space for expansion
- We don't have in the current facility shop space for technical education
- It was covered with the Task Force that there is not adequate space within the 20,000 sq ft
- There are some real needs that need to be covered in this initial building
- Do not have planned at this time for horticulture, agriculture, or landscaping – land intensive programs
- There are other opportunities for that and the need for that did surface in some of the assessment that was done
- Would like to think there is enough land to support those types of programs in the future
- That can be done through future requests from the college through the lease or perhaps if it is just used for a growing space - a memorandum of agreement
- In that connection, the one request that I might make of the commission is you consider that before you appropriate the land that is contiguous to the 4.5 acres for other uses
- It is the county's property, will not tell you how to use it, but would request you consider that before you make any decisions on the use of the contiguous land to the 4.5 acres

Commissioner Walker continued:

- One point of interest in the county ongoing is trades in some of the technical areas of education
- It is pretty clear that there is not room in the current plans for that type of instruction
- What could be added for the technical trades such as courses that citizens have expressed on an ongoing basis that they are interested in?

Dr. Green responded:

- There is some area that is technical education such as nursing and information technology
- There is not skilled trades education
- There is an opportunity to expand the building sometime in the future, an additional 10,000 sq ft
- Infrastructure such as electrical, HVAC, etc. will be built into the building to support the additional 10,000 sq ft space
- Cost at the front end is minimal
- Has been very successful at other off campus sites to plan for future growth
- Technical trade could be contained within that additional 10,000 sq ft that could be added in the future which would be a commission decision
- We have planned this project around the scale, scope and the budget that has been set, but certainly understand that there are other educational needs in Stokes County
- We are ready to support that at whatever time it is deemed appropriate

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Dr. Green that the 10,000 sq ft would be an extension to the proposed building and not an additional building; any other additions would have to be separate buildings as the infrastructure being planned would not be adequate

Chairman Lankford commented:

- With the layout of the property, a second 10,000 sq ft addition would have to be a separate building

Chairman Lankford expressed appreciation to Dr. Green and staff and Mr. Kubecki for their attendance at tonight's meeting.

### **Tax Administration – Acquisition of New Software**

Tax Administration Jake Oakley presented the following additional information regarding the acquisition of new tax software:

- Have spoken with Mr. Jeff McDonald concerning the issue of the required bandwidth (ability to effectively process web based data flow) and the required computer operating system on local personal computers to effectively handle the NCPTS tax software package
- Mr. McDonald provided the following information:
  - Required bandwidth – 10 megabytes (probably never use this much)
  - PC Operating System – windows 2007 or newer with Microsoft Office 2010
  - PC Memory – 2 gigabytes of RAM
- Our current computers and the regular schedule that we are maintaining to upgrade our computers will be sufficient with the proposed NCPTS software package

- County is currently increasing the bandwidth from 10 mbps to 30 mbps to handle the increase of web based programs for Health and DSS
- Tax Office would need at least 10 mbps of bandwidth to make sure everything runs properly; would probably never use that much
- Would need to request that the bandwidth be increased by more 10 mbps in the fall of 2014 that could be used by all employees (this would be a benefit for all employees)
- Bandwidth would be prorated among the computer user on the county system which would be approximately \$2.00 per computer per month
- Will be able to move employees around to do other needed jobs
- Will be able to take advantage of millions of dollars worth of programs developed for other counties
- Feel there is an uncertainty as to whether our current software vendor will be around since there are only two counties in NC using the Keystone System
- Tax Office remains fully convinced that implementation of the new web based NCPTS tax software package is the correct move for the County and continue to seek approval from the Board to proceed with contract negotiations with a projected migration date to be January 1, 2015

Chairman Lankford confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that the new system would save the County approximately \$320,000 plus about one half percent increase in the collection rate with no further purchases for servers.

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that there would be a \$90,000 savings in this year's budget that could be appropriated for the purchase of the new software with an increase in next year's budget of \$40,000 over this year's budget.

Commissioner Inman moved to allow the County Manager, County Attorney, and the Tax Administrator to enter into contract negotiations with Farragut Software Company for the new NCPTS state run software system licensed through NCACC with implementation date beginning January 1, 2015. Vice Chairman Booth seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Tax Administrator Jake Oakley that going with the NCPTS Software System is his preference and recommendation and the best route for Stokes County to take.

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- Fourteen (14) counties have already switched to the NCPTS System with Stokes County being number fifteen (15) and others to follow
- The more counties that join, the cheaper it gets

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointments – Stokes County Fire Commission**

Chairman Lankford noted the following were nominated at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Civilian Appointments
  - Steve Fagg – full two year term
  - Willard Nelson – term expires in October 2014
- Fire Services Appointments
  - Clifford Hall
  - Donnie Mabe

Chairman Lankford opened the floor for other nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Lankford polled the Board for the Fire Service appointments:

Commissioner Jones: Clifford Hall and Donnie Mabe  
Commissioner Inman: Clifford Hall and Donnie Mabe  
Chairman Lankford: Clifford Hall and Donnie Mabe  
Vice Chairman Booth: Clifford Hall and Donnie Mabe  
Commissioner Walker: Clifford Hall and Donnie Mabe

Chairman Lankford noted that Clifford Hall and Donnie Mabe were unanimously appointed to serve as fire service members for the Stokes County Fire Commission.

Chairman Lankford polled the Board for the Civilian appointments:

Commissioner Jones: Steve Fagg and Willard Nelson  
Commissioner Inman: Steve Fagg and Willard Nelson  
Chairman Lankford: Steve Fagg and Willard Nelson  
Vice Chairman Booth: Steve Fagg and Willard Nelson

Commissioner Walker: Steve Fagg and Willard Nelson

Chairman Lankford noted that Steve Fagg and Willard Nelson were unanimously appointed to serve as civilian members for the Stokes County Fire Commission.

### **Social Services – External Postings**

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion regarding the request from DSS to external post a vacant Accounting Tech. I position which was presented at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the motion to externally post a vacant Accounting Tech I position. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Proposed Resolution – Camp Sertoma – One Year Moratorium**

Chairman Lankford presented the following proposed resolution for a one-year moratorium for Camp Sertoma for the Board's review and consideration:

#### **In support of 4-H Camp Sertoma at Vade Mecum Springs, Stokes County, NC**

**Whereas:** The property at Vade Mecum Springs in Stokes County was left in trust by Cicero Tise upon his death in 1917 so that it would continue to serve as a point of vacation, rest, relaxation, renewal, education and as a place to enjoy the natural beauty of Stokes County and its Sauratown Mountains;

**Whereas:** Through the operations of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, the Sertoma Clubs of Winston-Salem and Yadkinville, the NC Bankers' Association, and most recently, the State of North Carolina, through NC State University and 4-H Clubs of North Carolina, this site has served just such a purpose for over eighty years;

**Whereas:** The State of North Carolina has within the past several years invested well over one million dollars in improvements and upgrades to the property and facilities on the Vade Mecum property in order that the site could continue to operate as a location for 4-H camps;

**Whereas:** The property at Vade Mecum including the operation of Camp Sertoma has been managed in such a manner as to be fully booked for 2014 and projected to be self supporting in its annual operations;

**Whereas:** Vade Mecum serves as a site for events other than Camp Sertoma, both local and regional, and provides one of the few if not the only large scale facility in Stokes County for gatherings, meetings, conferences that includes overnight facilities;

**Whereas:** Stokes County values and appreciates the opportunities afforded children through the State 4-H program, and the NC Bankers' Association Camp Challenge, specifically the experiences children receive while attending Camp Sertoma;

**Whereas:** The continued operation of Camp Sertoma, ensures that the property will be maintained and kept open year-round as a fully operational camp, conference and tourism draw for Stokes County;

**Whereas:** Camp Sertoma is used by Forsyth Tech as a satellite sight for continuing education, having served around 400 students since 2009 in such classes as welding, H-VAC 1 & 2, and electrical and plumber's helper;

**Whereas:** Vade Mecum is seen not only as a valuable, but as a prominent if not pivotal force in Stokes County's development of its economy, being featured prominently in tourism and economic promotional materials;

**Be it Hereby Resolved:** The Stokes County Commissioners express their gratitude to Cicero Tise for the donation of his property at Vade Mecum Springs in order that it could become a permanent place of vacation, education, and outdoor renewal for not only the citizens of Stokes County, but for all those who would visit here as well;

**Be it Further Resolved:** The Stokes County Commissioners express their gratitude to all those who through the years have seen the importance of and appreciation for Mr. Tise's bequest, and have worked to maintain the spirit of the wishes expressed in his will, and who have proved to be essential in the continued operation of camps, conferences and events at Vade Mecum Springs: The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, The Sertoma Clubs of Winston-Salem and Yadkinville, The North Carolina Bankers' Association, and most recently, NC State University, the State of North Carolina and 4-H Clubs of North Carolina;

**Be it Further Resolved:** the Stokes County Commissioners express special gratitude to 4-H Clubs of North Carolina for seeing the value of a camping experience at Vade Mecum Springs, and using it as a camp and conference grounds through their continued operation of Camp Sertoma;

**Be it Further Resolved:** The Stokes County Commissioners, realizing the value of the experiences offered campers, the value of the services offered to our community, and the value of Vade Mecum Springs as a driver of economic development in Stokes County, express their support for the continued operation of 4-H Camp Sertoma at Vade Mecum Springs in Stokes County.

**Be it Further Resolved:** The Stokes County Commissioners petition 4-H Clubs of North Carolina, NC State University and the State of North Carolina do everything possible to continue the operation of Camp Sertoma at Vade Mecum Springs;

**Be it Further Resolved:** The Stokes County Commissioners pledge their support by continuing to feature Vade Mecum Springs, Camp Sertoma and its associated activities and opportunities, in the promotional and advertising materials for Stokes County, and to work with 4-H and State officials to keep the facilities at Vade Mecum Springs available and open to the public.

**Therefore, Be it Further Resolved:**

1. That the Stokes County Commissioners ask for a one-year moratorium on the closure of Camp Sertoma; and
2. That a steering group of state and local officials be established to develop a plan for keeping Camp Sertoma open to the public; and
3. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Governor, House and Senate Leadership, as well as our local Legislative delegation.

Adopted this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013

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**Ernest Lankford - Chairman**

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**James D. Booth - Vice Chairman**

November 12, 2013



- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which is privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Health Department**

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the Health Director's request for Ms. Fulcher's starting salary at Grade 70 Step 14B. 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.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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**Ernest Lankford**  
Chairman