

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 23, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, December 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene M. Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Health Director Scott Lenhart
County Attorney Tyrone Browder
Jail Captain Eric Cone

Chairman James Booth called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Inman delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Booth opened the meeting by inviting the citizens in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to approve or amend the December 23, 2013 Agenda.

Vice Chairman Jones moved to approve the December 23rd Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS

Manager/Commissioners

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Would like to take a few moments to update the citizens regarding Camp Sertoma/Moores Springs Properties
- This Board has received public comments during recent commissioners' meetings regarding the status of Camp Sertoma/Moores Springs Properties
- Most of the ideas that the County has been working on were taken from ideas presented by citizens of the County who have been at our commissioners' meetings
- Citizens of the County have spoke out about keeping Camp Sertoma and Moores Springs open
- The Board has talked to several people in Raleigh and presented the County's view why this facility should stay open because it is a landmark for the people of Stokes County and surrounding areas
- The first action taken by the Board of Commissioners was the adoption of a Resolution asking NCState University for a one-year moratorium
- The next step was research done to find out who actually owns the properties
- NC State does not own the properties, all the property is owned by the State of North Carolina
- State of North Carolina was allowing the School of Science at NCState to manage the properties for 4H and recreation
- County has requested assistance from Senator Shirley Randleman and Representative Bryan Holloway to help resolve the issue
- Both have been very helpful
- Senator Randleman scheduled a meeting with staff at NCState on December 17th
- Commissioner Inman, County Manager Rick Morris and myself attended the meeting to discuss all possibilities
- The County was requested by NCState to submit a recommendation for consideration which will be the County's next move
- Information was obtained from this meeting that the Moores Springs Property is in a Nature Preserve (Article 9A-Chapter 113A of the North Carolina General Statutes)
- Wanted to let the people who are concerned about these properties know what has taken place
- The Board of Commissioners is very concerned about this issue
- The Commissioners have been very busy regarding this issue and will continue to work on the issue until there is a resolution

- Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Appreciate Commissioner Lankford updating the citizens regarding Camp Sertoma/Moores Springs Properties
- Know that the legislative liaison is working extremely hard on this issue
- Wish everyone a very Merry Christmas
- Want to let everyone who is here for the Bioremediation Land Farming that currently there has been no formal application submitted to the County
- Encourage everyone to get all the information possible
- Would simply say that the landowner has a right to apply for rezoning and all neighbors and adjoining landowners have the right to object to that

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Most everything I had to say has already been said
- Will reiterate that the Board does want to save Camp Sertoma
- County is doing what they can, but not actually sure how this can be done
- Want everyone to keep the faith
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with good health for the future

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Would like to welcome everyone here tonight
- Good to see people at our meetings
- Seems there are not a lot of people at our meetings unless there is a “hot topic”
- Appreciate those attending tonight for whatever reason, glad to have you at tonight’s meeting
- Hope everyone feels welcome
- Hope everyone feels that by being here, you are involved in your local government
- Need more people involved, not less
- Closing of Camp Sertoma is something that I did not see coming, never thought the County would have to be dealing with this particular issue
- To the best of my understanding, the door will be locked on December 31, 2013
- This really bothers me
- Can do all kinds of things to try to change the issue, such as meetings with NC State, meetings with legislators, etc.
- One question I have asked myself is “what is it going to take to keep Camp Sertoma open?”
- How much grassroots action is it going to take?
- How many phone calls will have to be made?
- How many meetings will it take to make something happen?
- Have heard the camp in Rockingham County is going to stay open, this really concerns me; it doesn’t seem like a level playing field
- Feel the citizens of Stokes County are entitled to what another camp can offer in another area

- One other question is “How can I as a sitting Stokes County Commissioner most help to get some positive outcome for this situation?”
- Continue to look to see what I can do as a commissioner to help the situation
- Don’t want to see Stokes County go backwards, losing an asset like Camp Sertoma would be a loss to Stokes County and would be going in the wrong direction
- If anyone can suggest something that I can do as a commissioner to help move this in the deferred direction, please let me know
- Hopefully, there is an answer to this situation
- Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Chairman Booth commented:

- Just want to let everyone know that Commissioners Lankford and Inman have been working on the Camp Sertoma issue and as the new Chair requested Commissioners Lankford and Inman along with County Manager Morris to continue working on the issue
- Also want to ensure the citizens that the entire Board of Commissioners is working on the issue
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Booth opened the floor for Public Comments.

Chairman Booth reminded those in attendance that the Board does not reply to Public Comments.

Chairman Booth also reminded those speaking that there was a three (3) minute time limit.

The following spoke during the Public Comments:

Ms. Debbie Vaden

3359 Moores Springs Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Re: Camp Sertoma/Moores Springs

Ms. Vaden presented the following comments:

- My speech has changed since Commissioner Lankford updated the citizens regarding the Camp Sertoma issue
- I originally came to address the lack of communication regarding Camp Sertoma
- Hope the Board is doing something behind the scenes
- When the citizens see nothing and hear nothing, it is very concerning especially since the deadline is December 31, 2013
- Hope the entire Board is in favor of this project

- It needs everyone's vote to make it happen
- Camp Sertoma is a historical landmark that needs to be saved
- County has an opportunity to help save this landmark
- Would like to respond to Commissioner Walker's question regarding what he can do
- Two executives with expertise, who were willing to help, were presented to the Board of Commissioners a few weeks ago
- These two executives have not been contacted by the County
- Highly recommend the County contact these two executives
- County doesn't have to use their plan, but recommend the County use their input
- They are offering their services for free
- To turn this caliber of expertise down would be a big mistake
- Not sure if this can be done, but would like to hear from each commissioner their position on whether they are for the County taking over Camp Sertoma/Moores Springs
- Needs everyone's support to make it happen
- Sound like everyone is on board
- This is important to the people of Stokes County
- I think you have heard that from the people who have been attending the meetings
- One other point that I would like to speak about is communication
- As elected officials, it is your duty to hear and respond to concerns of the citizens
- The thing I find every ironic with this Board is that one of the commissioners does not have an email address, another commissioner's inbox is full and has been full for a long time and emails are rejected, and another commissioner has a non working email address
- Three of the five commissioners do not have access to the citizens' concerns
- You can't represent the county if you are not accessible
- In this day and age, you can't effectively function in the business world without an email address

Ms. Johannah Stern

1215 Single Tree Road

Westfield, NC 27053

Re: Vaden Mecum/Moores Springs

Ms. Stern presented the following comments:

- Two weeks ago, I spoke to this Board about the several hundred thousand dollars of donation money pledged to this County in the form of a business plan for the Vade Mecum/Moores Springs Properties
- I requested someone from this Board to contact John Mims who is one of the only Certified Public Relations Consultant in the world and Larry Hill who is a Vice President in Marketing for Nike
- They have offered to donate a plan to make Vade Mecum/Moores Springs Properties profitable
- They have done this before
- It is hundreds of thousands of dollars of free help
- I request once again for someone from this Board contact these gentlemen
- Do not understand why the Board has not contacted these gentlemen yet

- Hear Commissioner Lankford and Chairman Booth speak about the need for jobs in Stokes County
- We do need jobs in Stokes County
- Here is our chance to do something about it
- As we all know, we don't have tobacco, we don't have textiles, we don't have furniture manufacturing, it is all gone and it is not coming back
- Apple Computer and Google are not going to relocate to Stokes County, it is just not going to happen; we don't have the infrastructure
- What Stokes County does have and we have in spades is land
- Not just rural land, beautiful land with views and springs
- Land with its own mountain range and as a bonus, land with this gorgeous river running through it
- This land is our Fortune Five Hundred Company
- This mountain range is our Apple Computer Plant
- This river is our Google
- That is it, it is already here
- People are coming here to hike and bike, camp and canoe, fish and kayak, tube and climb, hunt and zipline on these mountains and in that river
- Now we have this amazing opportunity that has fallen right into our laps
- We have all this unique land and this already built hotel
- A beautiful hotel, 15 cabins, an established campground, a swimming pool, a gym, bike trails, river access on 900 acres adjacent to the number #1 state park, right here, right now
- This is where our jobs are created
- These jobs and this industry can be created without changing a thing
- We don't have to mess up anything in anyway the bounty that God has bestowed on this County
- Commissioners, here is our opportunity to create jobs
- We can make Stokes County a leader in the tourism industry
- We can do
- They say "If you build it, they will come"
- It is already built and they are already coming
- It is up to us to capitalize on what is already here
- Commissioners, we have a big dream
- We have a clear vision
- This is the stuff of legacy
- Now is the time to act
- Please call John Mims and Larry Hill
- Get their plan on paper and get it to NC State and the State
- Get the people of Stokes County, this magnificent park

Ms. Janis Henderson-Hunsucker

PO Box 396

Danbury, NC 27016

Re: **Save Camp Sertoma/Vade Mecum**

Ms. Henderson presented the following comments:

- Wanted to thank the Board of Commissioners for supporting Vade Mecum/Moores Springs Properties
- This really means a lot to me
- Would like to thank the Board for the adoption of the Resolution requesting a one-year moratorium and submitting it to Raleigh
- I know that taking risks is not comfortable
- I feel the Board is doing what is right
- Would like to thank the Board for doing what is right that may not be comfortable

Mr. Henry Fansler

919 Williams Road

Lewisville, NC 27027

Re: **Camp Sertoma**

Mr. Fansler presented the following comments:

- I am the outings Chairman of the Foothills Group of the Sierra Club which Stokes County is included
- Hope to provide more reasons to preserve the Vade Mecum/Moores Springs area
- Also a volunteer in the Visitor's Center at Hanging Rock State Park
- Have mentioned before, several times have had to turn people away from the Park due to no vacant campsites or cabins
- Would be great to have facilities available such as the hotel, cabins, campground, etc. to send people who are turned away from the park
- This would be tourism dollars for the County if the County takes over the operation of the facilities
- Am also a volunteer on the trails crew of the Sauratown Mountains Trail
- Can't imagine that there are not volunteers out there who would be willing to help out
- Have heard during Public Comments, there are people ready and willing to volunteer to help
- One last note, the Mountain to Sea Trail is already coming through this area
- Appalachian Trail goes through Damascus, VA which has a festival each year
- Danbury could be the Damascus for the Mountain to Sea Trail
- Thank you

Mr. Jesse H. Moore

1473 Ellis Lawson Road

Danbury, NC 27016

Re: **Camp Sertoma**

Mr. Moore presented the following comments:

- Expressed appreciation to Commissioner Lankford for his wisdom in realizing that the commission needed to say something
- There has been at least six (6) news cycles gone by with nothing being said
- This building, which was named by Ronald Reagan, who was known as the "Great Communicator"

- One of the things that Ronald Reagan believed in was that you not only listen to people's concerns, but you address their concerns
- Happen to be in harmony with Debbie who said, maybe there are times when you have this rule that the commission doesn't respond to Public Comments, not sure that rule works all that well at times, particularly with something as monumental significant as what we are talking about right now
- Would like to see the commission consider saying a few things back to people who address the commission particularly when it is this important
- Feel there has been a lot of concern and in some cases, anger, out there
- You can read about it on social media on the computer
- There are people who have been extremely upset with the commission because they don't know if the commission is actually doing anything about the issue
- Receive numerous emails daily questioning what the commission is doing
- My only answer is "I don't know"
- Feel it was a good move to say something, but would encourage the commission to remember the name of this building and maybe communicate with the people more
- Commissioner Walker mentioned what could he do as a commissioner to help this along, I would like to ask along with others, I am sure they would also like to know, what we can do to help this process along?
- There are a lot of people who would like to help
- There are almost 800 members on the "Save Sertoma" Facebook
- Scores of those people have committed to spend so many hours a year, so many hours a week, so many hours a month, etc. and would commit money if a foundation were established
- The help is here and we would like to see you call for some of it
- Feel that help would be delivered and the commission would be happy with the results
- Thank you

Mr. David Jones

3742 Volunteer Road

Pinnacle, NC 27043

Re: **Land Treatment Facility**

Mr. Jones presented the following comments:

- Would like to make a brief statement concerning the proposed rezoning request for the Dedicated Soil Treatment Facility on Grassy Knob Road
- This proposed site joins our family farm which has been in our family for 100 years
- This could be devastating for our farm because of the perception of the public who may not wish to buy products raised on our farm
- My family has worked very hard to try to market the products raised on our family farm and we want to continue to expand
- I don't believe this type of facility needs to be in any place in Stokes County
- I would like for the Board to vote "no" if an application is filed and also consider removing the text amendment from the Stokes County Planning Zoning Ordinance so that people in Stokes County will never have to worry about this again

Mr. Mike Jones

3662 Volunteer Road

Pinnacle, NC 27043

Re: **Land Treatment Facility**

Mr. Jones presented the following comments:

- Here tonight to express my concerns about the proposed Land Treatment Facility that is up for rezoning on Grassy Knob Road
- I am afraid this could jeopardize our dream to continue our family farm for future generations
- Right now, I am a fourth generation farmer
- I have two (2) sons that I hope take over the farm someday
- My family has worked hard over the years to make improvements to the farm and conserve the farmland
- Continue to explore new ways to make a living on the farm
- Getting more difficult everyday to make a good income from the farmland
- Continue to look at different avenues to try to increase income from the farm
- Things that we have explored for the future are possibly building rental cabins, having equestrian horse trails, etc.
- Love to farm the land
- Agritourism, today in North Carolina, is something that is trying to be promoted
- Stokes County has beautiful farmland, beautiful scenery (our farm is located between two State Parks) and the great natural resources found in Stokes County
- Concerned that this proposed land treatment facility, just the perception alone, is going to scare people away
- There are also environmental concerns
- Would love to be able to offer rental cabins, horseback riding, etc. to allow others to enjoy the land that my family and I have enjoyed over the years
- Would like to request the Board of Commissioners remove the land treatment facility text amendment from the County Planning Ordinance to help preserve the beautiful farmland we have for the future
- Really don't see what benefit the land treatment facility would be for our county's residents as a whole
- Appreciate the Board's time

Mr. David Dalton

1220 Wells Creek Road

Madison, NC 27025

Re: **Vade Mecum**

Mr. Dalton presented the following comments:

- Would like to speak tonight regarding Vade Mecum
- Just paid my taxes last week and would like to commend this Board for their frugal use of the taxpayers' money
- Frugality is a virtue especially in hard times like these, but there are also times when we need to consider other virtues; stewardship for example

- Business people know that to make money, you have to spend money, investment in other words
- When the day comes when times get better in this County, I think that all of us think that tourism will be a big part of our increasing prosperity, that is where many of the jobs and much income and tax revenue is going to be
- We also all know how important historic sites are in creating places that people want to visit
- This County has a rare and maybe a once in a lifetime chance to make Vade Mecum a part of this County's future prosperity
- Encourage this Board to seize the opportunity, invest in Vade Mecum and in doing so will invest in the future and prosperity of Stokes County

Mr. Linda Sheets

1454 Charlie Hartgrove Road
King, NC 27021
Re: **Vade Mecum**

Ms. Sheets presented the following comments:

- Appreciate the opportunity to speak tonight
- Would like to thank the Board for the response given to the public regarding Vade Mecum
- Was very disappointed not hearing anything from the Board
- This would be an insult to you as County Commissioners and to you as a County Manager to let this fall through
- Thank you for the communication and hope we can continue to go forward

Mr. Dudley Hammon

522 Paigebrook Drive
Winston Salem, NC 27106
Re: **Camp Sertoma/Nature Preserve**

Mr. Hammon presented the following comments:

- Currently, a longtime volunteer at the bike trails and the campground
- Speaking for the volunteer effort, we want to thank the Board for their attention to the planning process regarding the future of Camp Sertoma/Nature Preserve
- Here to reiterate our message from the last meeting that we were present for – we have work to do
- We have six (6) more miles of trails to build through the RTP Grant that was awarded
- Beyond building the trails, we host bike races
- The kickoff event, "The Double Shot" is held each March that hosts several hundred riders
- Beyond March, there are races each month until November
- The feedback from these races have been glowing and look forward to more bike participants this coming year
- As far as the campground, we look forward moving forward with our plans to build a bathhouse and eventually renovate the Moores Springs House
- Want to remind everyone in the room that our volunteer efforts are not limited just to the Nature Preserve, but also to the main campus as well – Camp Sertoma
- We are eager to be finished with the planning process

- We urge and encourage you all to work towards an end
- Can't imagine the difficult job that is in front of the Board
- We thank you for your attention in this process

Mr. Tony McGee
 1225 Styers Street
 Germanton, NC 27019
Re: Moores Spring

Mr. McGee presented the following comments:

- Wanted to provide the Board with two (2) documents that were passed on to me that include the Natural Heritage Program regarding the specifics of Moores Springs Nature Preserve
- One document is the dedication of the property in 2000 and the other is the Application dated September 21, 1992
- Between the two documents, it sets up both the history and the intent of the State along with many names of folks that have been involved in programs in Stokes County
- It shows the dedication and hard work that went into turning this property into a Nature Preserve
- It lists the rules and policies that must be followed regarding the property
- Have been working under these rules and policies under Camp Sertoma Director Keith Russell
- We have created a management plan, all the trails that have been created have been in contexts of this Nature Preserve document and look forward to continuing on
- My latest direct context with folks from the Natural Heritage Program was in regards to the RTP Grant, although, mountain bike trails are not specified in the program
- Support has been given to our bike trails under the RTP Grant and going ahead with the grant under my direction
- My training as an landscape architect was noted to strengthen my ability to follow the guidelines of the RTP Grant
- Education and outreach are very important parts of the documents provided to the Board for review
- Camp Sertoma was never really able to take these things (education and outreach) up (feel Director Russell would agree to this statement)
- Part of the work that I have done with NCState since the notification has been with the College of Design
- Their Landscape Architectural Program is willing to become the Administrator for the RTP Grant
- Feel this will open up a significant opportunity to bring interpretive access and educational programs to Moores Springs Property
- Have reviewed the documents in detail, both are lengthy
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me

Mr. Kyle Berrier
2119 Carroll Road
Germanton, NC 27019
Re: **Vade Mecum**

Mr. Berrier presented the following comments:

- Would like to thank the Commissioners and volunteers for their efforts to save Sertoma
- Here tonight on behalf of my past great grandparents, Claxton and Ruby Lewis who served as caretakers for Camp Vade Mecum from 1937 to 1953
- Although I did not have the privilege of knowing my great grandfather, his stories live on through photographs, my great grandmother and grandmother
- Many of these stories refer to the days spent at Vade Mecum
- My wish as a Stokes County citizen and historian is that this property be open to the public so that all citizens may enjoy and make memories of their own for years to come

Ms. Bonnie Young
3608 Volunteer Road
Pinnacle, NC 27043
Re: **Bioremediation Rezoning**

Ms. Young presented the following comments:

- I am living next door to my birth place
- I have never lived anywhere else except for Stokes County other than the time I was in college
- I love Stokes County - the beauty, the tranquility
- We are the second largest landowner bordering this proposed dumpsite
- This land has been in our family for approximately 100 years
- Our great grandfather originally owned the land and gave it to my grandmother, Laura Lawson Gordon upon his death
- My brother, Larry Cole, and I are the present owners
- My great granddaughters make the seventh generation to live on the land
- Each generation has tilled the soil and tried to be good stewards of the land
- I can't tell you how sad it makes me feel to be so threatened by air and water pollution
- Our footprints on this earth are so brief
- It is hard to measure how deep and how far reaching this contamination can be for Stokes County and the surrounding citizens in the future
- I have the faith, that you our elected representatives, know that this proposal is not in our county's best interest
- I don't feel that you will want to be remembered as the group who allowed such a beautiful place to be destroyed
- Thank you very much

Mr. Myron Moore
1106 Pine Forest Drive
Pinnacle, NC 27043
Re: Bioremediation Rezoning

Mr. Moore presented the following comments:

- Thank you for allowing me to speak in opposition to the rezoning request related to the proposed contamination site
- Have also been asked to speak on behalf of Bonnie Young and the Cole Heirs who own a large tract of land adjoining the proposed site
- As we understand it, all the proposed landowners, oppose the petition for rezoning
- We are convinced that some portion of all the adjoining land will be devalued
- No one will want to buy it and probably no one will want to buy livestock and crops raised on the property
- A portion of the adjoining land will be rendered eventually useless and worthless probably forever
- The adjoining landowners' drinking water comes from wells and springs, livestock drinks from creeks that run through the property
- How will the runoff impact our drinking water, crops, and our livestock?
- We are concerned about the increase of traffic in the area by heavy trucks and trailers delivering the contaminated materials and the noise produced
- We are troubled by the prospect of wind borne pollutants in the air, the dust caused by delivery and tilling the soil
- The petitioners have hired experts who say there is no risk to anyone from the operation of this site
- We can hire experts who will say that the risks are real, substantial, and present
- We can involve environmental groups and the pressures that they can bring to bear
- We can engage the environmental lawyers that we have talked to about this matter
- But we hope that all those actions would be a complete waste of time and money for everyone
- The fact that all the adjoining landowners oppose the petition should be enough to deny it
- The truth is that no one really knows what the long term effects of a site like this is going to be
- But the petitioner thinks that we should assume any health and devaluation risks so that they can make some money
- We are just trying to preserve and protect the most important thing we have which is the land
- In some cases, which you have heard tonight, there are citizens that have owned and farmed their property for many generations
- In conclusion, we would like the Board to consider a couple of things:
 - Is this the type of business that Stokes County wants to attract?
 - Will this use of the property produce good, well paying jobs that the County desperately needs or might it dissuade other people from living or doing business in Stokes County?
 - Is this the best use of the beautiful rolling hills, farmland, and pastures of Stokes County?

- If this site is allowed, on what basis would you allow others who also want to bring contaminated materials into Stokes County?
- Does this Board want to be known for opening up Stokes County to contaminated materials?
- Appreciate the opportunity to speak

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of December 3, 2013 - Planning Meeting
- Minutes of December 9, 2013 – Regular Meeting

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #41

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #41.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.260	Departmental Supplies	<u>\$35,445.00</u>	<u>\$1,424.00</u>	<u>\$36,869.00</u>
	Totals	\$35,445.00	\$1,424.00	\$36,869.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To purchase investigative software to be used by the Sheriff's Office.

This will result in a net increase of **\$1,424.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.411	Federal Fines & Forfeitures	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$1,424.00</u>	<u>\$1,424.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$1,424.00	\$1,424.00

Tax Administration Report – November 2013

Real and Personal Releases more than \$100

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Releases more than \$100 (November 2013) at the December 9th meeting with a request for approval at the December 23rd meeting:

Releases more than \$100 - Real/Personal

Property	November 2013		
Name	Bill Number	Amount	
Sprint Nextel Corp/	13A155928317.07	\$122.97	Release Per DOR Appeal
Nextel South Corp	13A155928317.07.1	\$124.07	Release Per DOR Appeal
Barry & Donna Gearheart	13A598203226347	<u>\$317.25</u>	Approved application for VE
	Total Amount	\$564.29	

Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100 (November 2013) at the December 9th meeting with a request for approval at the December 23rd meeting:

Refunds more than \$100 - Real/Personal

Property	November 2013	
Name	Bill Number	Amount
Philip E Smith Jr	13VETSMART	\$113.87
Vehicle Sold		
Roy & Betty King	13A696220808696	\$176.25
Appl. Elderly Approved		
Tina L Mitchell	13A696215645802	\$208.68
Appl. Elderly Approved		
Danny L Ulery	13A598600533580	\$317.25
Appl. VA Approved		
Luther Smith Heirs	12A694204645853	\$135.16
Acreage Correction	11A694204645853	\$135.16
	10A694204645853	\$127.32
	09A694204645853	<u>\$127.32</u>
	Total Amount	\$1,341.01

Amendment to the Audit Contract – Martin Starnes & Associates, CAPs, PA

Finance Director Julia Edwards presented the following amendment to the Contract to Audit Accounts of Stokes County with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA at the December 23rd meeting with a request for consideration and approval:

- Change the Contract Date to January 31, 2014 for submission to the Local Government Commission as required
- The amount of the contract does not change, only the date

Application for ADM and Lottery Funds for 2013-14 Capital Outlay and Debt Services

Finance Director Julia Edwards presented the following applications submitted by the Stokes County Board of Education for ADM and Lottery Funds for consideration and approval:

State Public School Building Capital Fund

- South Stokes High School
 - Mold Removal
 - \$5,798.00 with a local match of \$1,933.00

Lottery Fund

- **Debt Services Payment**
 - Nancy Reynolds Elementary School Construction - \$514,265.00
 - Land for Poplar Springs Elementary School - \$116,785.00
 - QSCB portion of Poplar Springs Elementary School Construction - \$452,010.00
 - QZAB portion of Southeastern Middle School Construction - \$174,754.00
 - QSCB portion of Southeastern Middle School Construction - \$242,186.00

Ms. Edwards noted:

- Both funding amounts were approved in the 2013-14 County Budget
- Applications have been approved by the Board of Education and will be submitted to the State

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Jail Captain Eric Cone presented the following December 2013 Jail Inspection Report:

- On December 4, 2013, Garrick Starck, Jail Inspector, from the Construction Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation inspected the Stokes County Jail

- Very pleased with the report
- Received a “clean bill of health” except for a few maintenance issues which were immediately reported to Public Works
- They were all taken care of within a few days

The Board commended Captain Cone and his staff for their hard work.

2013 State of the County Health Report

Health Director Scott Lenhart presented the following 2013 State of the County Health

Report: (Board members were provided a copy of the SOTCH Report)

- During the years between Community Health Assessment (CHA), County Health Directors conduct and provide an abbreviated State of the County Health Report (SOTCH Report).
- SOTCH Report is intended as a quick overview of community health data rather than a comprehensive review of the priority issues identified during the CHA, information pertaining to each of these health priorities may be found in the document
- The priority areas identified in this report are guided by findings from the 2012 CHA, SOTCH Reports, community surveys, and state/local data
- The SOTCH Report provides an annual review of the health of the community, tracks progress regarding health priorities and compares statistics
- The SOTCH Report also identifies new programs and partnerships in the community, as well as, emerging issues that impact the health status of county residents
- The next Community Health Assessment will be done in 2016
- We are in the first year of the SOTCH Report which usually does not have a lot of changes
- The SOTCH Report includes the following:
 - Demographics
 - Predominately Rural County
 - Land area: 452 square miles
 - Water area: 4.0 square miles
 - 2012 Population Estimate: 46,783 (US Census Bureau)
 - Employment – as of July 2013, Stokes County has 7.9% of people unemployed (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - Poverty: 14.3% persons living below poverty level in Stokes County versus 16.1% in North Carolina from 2007-2011 (US Census Bureau)
 - Access to Health Care
 - 2011 Health Professionals per 10,000 population
 - Physicians = 4.4
 - Primary Care Physicians = 2.3
 - Dentists = 1.3
 - Pharmacists = 3.8
 - Registered Nurses = 30.9
 - Nurse Practitioners = 2.5

- Certified Nurse Midwives = 0
 - Physician Assistants = .8
- Leading Causes of Death
 - #1 Cancer – All sites
 - #2 Diseases of the Heart
 - #3 Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases
 - #4 Cerebrovascular Disease
 - #5 Other unintentional Injuries
 - #6 and #7 Atherosclerosis and Pneumonia/Influenza
 - #8 Diabetes Mellitus
 - #9 Suicide
 - #10 Septicemia and Motor Vehicle Injuries
- Top 5 Health Concerns Identified by Community
 - Cancer
 - Diabetes
 - Heart Disease
 - School Violence
 - Obesity/Overweight
- Community Identified Unhealthy Behaviors
 - Drug Abuse
 - Alcohol Abuse
 - Lack of exercise
 - Smoking/tobacco use
 - Poor eating habits
- Top 5 Community Issues Identified by Community
 - Unemployment
 - Low income/poverty
 - Availability of health services
 - Lack of/inadequate health insurance
 - Positive activities for teens
- Community Action Plans for Mental Health
 - Established active Suicide Prevention Task Force of Stokes County – September 2013
 - Established Crisis Intervention Team Members in Stokes County – November 2013
 - Have a partnership with CenterPoint Human Services
 - CenterPoint staff are at the Health Department every Monday seeing and referring patients
 - Age-adjusted Suicide Deaths per 100,000 population for 2007-11
 - Stokes County = 18.5
 - Suicide Rates per Townships (2008-2012)
 - King = 8
 - Danbury = 5
 - Sandy Ridge = 1
 - Westfield = 3
 - Madison = 2

- Pinnacle = 3
 - Pine Hall = 1
 - Mount Airy = 1
 - Walnut Cove = 12
 - Germanton = 2
- A new suicide support group will be starting in January 2014
- Will be training members from the School System, Sheriff's Department, and key personnel who have contact with those who may need help – training will help employees who try to diffuse the situation
- Stokes County's Suicide Rate is higher than the State
 - 2007-2011 Stokes County was 18.5 per 100,000 population with the State being 12.1 per 100,000 population
- Community Action Plans for Oral Health
 - Stokes County has partnered with Smile Program that provides limited dental services to children – no cost to the County
 - Smile Program is a team of local dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistances who are devoted to the importance of outreach dentistry and serving our most vulnerable children in need of dental care
 - Healthy Carolinians provides funding (up to \$400 per child) for emergency services
 - Every member of the dental team is locally licensed clinician
 - Research funding available to assist crisis dental care for the uninsured or underinsured
 - County has 1 dentist per 10,000 Stokes County residents compared to the State's 4 dentists per 10,000 population
- New Issues
 - Prenatal Clinic started at Stokes County Health Department/Family Health Center on July 9, 2013
 - Wake Forest Baptist Health doctors are the providers for the clinic
 - Prenatal clinic is held on Tuesdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each week
 - Number of patients is growing rapidly
 - By offering prenatal, there is an increase of services offered at Stokes County Health Department/Family Health Center
 - First baby is due on Christmas Day
 - Wake Forest Baptist Health is considering expanding services next year with possibly Women's Health and Rural Health Programs
- Emerging Issues
 - Affordable Care Act
 - Estimated 6,000 Stokes County citizens will not qualify for any type of insurance under the Affordable Care Act
 - Stokes County Health Department/Family Health Center will see an increase in patients

- HealthNet Grant
 - HealthNet Grant supports communities' efforts to work collectively to share resources in finding "medical homes" for the uninsured population
 - Through HealthNet Grant, a low-income or uninsured person has simple access to available health care services in his or her area
 - Reduction of funds from HealthNet Grant has been reduced to \$75,000 from previously \$250,000 per year for the entire state
 - Stokes County's share will only be \$48,900
 - Reduction takes a huge loss on the primary care clinic at Stokes County Health Department/Family Health Center
 - County has been receiving this HealthNet Grant for seven (7) years
- Community Transformation Grant
 - Through the Community Transformation Grant Project (CTGP), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the North Carolina Division of Public Health was awarded \$7.4 million over five (5) years to help communities make the healthy choice the easy choice in NC
 - Funding was awarded to the NCALDH regions to be utilized to support public health efforts, reduce chronic disease, promote healthier lifestyles, reduce health disparities, and control health care spending
 - Funding in Stokes County has been used to start the Farmers Market
 - Stokes Future Farmers Market opened May 3, 2013 at Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes every Friday from 2-6 pm
 - Funding will be used for a Comprehensive Land Use Plan that will examine planning needs for the next twenty (20) years related to land development, transportation, recreation, economic development, tourism, and infrastructure
 - All planning requests that surround the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will have health focus intent
 - Community Land Use Plan Committee meets the last Thursday every month during the development of the plan
- Smoke Free Multi-unit Housing Properties
 - Three multi-unit housing properties signed an agreement to be smoke free in Stokes County beginning January 2014
 - Stokesburg Meadows Apartments – Walnut Cove
 - Kingswood Apartments – Charleston Court, King
 - Kinsway Apartments – Ohara Circle, King
- This is the Health of Stokes County

The Board expressed appreciation to Health Director Lenhart for the presentation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

2014 NCACC Federal Legislative Agenda

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the 2014

NCACC Federal Legislative Agenda:

- NCACC is requesting county input and proposals concerning the most important issues of a statewide nature that impact counties at the federal level
- Suggestions are collected, reviewed, and approved by the NCACC Board of Directors to be used as the 2014 Federal Legislative Agenda
- The list of top federal priorities will be presented to the North Carolina Congressional delegation in Washington DC at the March 2014 NACO Legislative Conference
- 2013 NCACC Federal Issues:
 - Ensure that Budget Reforms and Sequestration Do Not Result in Unfunded Mandates to Counties
 - Protect TANF and Social Services Block Grants
 - Support Remote Sales Tax Collection
 - Maintain Funding for Education and Workforce Development
 - Protect Counties during Implementation of the Affordable HealthCare Act
 - Support Efforts to Maintain Funding for Beach Renourishment
- Submissions of federal legislative issues are due to NCACC by Friday, January 10, 2014
- Would request direction from the Board today in order to meet the January 10th deadline

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Booth commented:

- Spoke with DSS Director Elmes to see if there were any specific issues regarding DSS that needed attention; at the time, Director Elmes did not have any specific issues

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Feel that the 2013 NCACC Federal Issues should be carried over to 2014

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Inman

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Inman

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the Board add “tax exempt status on debt” which is still in crisis.

Finance Director Julia Edwards commented:

- Actually getting more than last year, but still being cut 7.2% this year
- This is still in jeopardy
- Do not know what might happen next year

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to add the “tax exempt status on debt” to the list.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Agencies such as YVEDDI are being looked at for cuts
- YVEDDI provides a lot of necessary services with transportation being the main one, also help individuals get employment
- Would like to see some type of broad statement regarding potential cuts that could harm people who don't really need to have services cut
- Hope careful consideration is given to grants that provide services to folks with various needs if the Board is interested

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Really don't think you will have to worry about grants because President is all for that type of thing

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Will leave it up to the Board regarding a statement concerning grants

Chairman Booth suggested adding language regarding cuts to grants that provide services to folks with various needs.

The Board unanimously agreed to carry over the 2013 NCACC Federal Issues along with the items mentioned by Finance Director Edwards (tax exempt status) and Commissioner Walker (cuts to grants).

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to forward the Federal Issues agreed by the Board to the NCACC.

Seven Island Bridge – Further Discussion of Ownership

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding ownership of the Seven Island Bridge:

- The Town of Danbury (met with Danbury Town Manager) has requested a formal answer in writing from the Board of Commissioners concerning Stokes County taking ownership of the Seven Island Bridge
- Since the BOCC's last discussion of this topic, the County met with officials from the Mountain to Sea Trail Association to ask if they would consider taking ownership of the bridge
- That meeting was several months ago and the County has not received any answer to the request nor has the Mountain to Sea Trail Association taken any steps to assume ownership of the bridge
- My earlier recommendation was for Stokes County not to take ownership of the bridge based on recommendations from the County Attorney and the County's insurance carrier
- Bridge contains lead paint and would present liability issues if ownership was transferred to the County
- Current recommendation is that the BOCC authorize the manager to send a letter to the Town of Danbury informing them that Stokes County will not take ownership of the Seven Island Bridge
- This will allow the Town of Danbury to evaluate their course of action and make a decision on what they would like to do with the bridge

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Have offered to many organizations to come up with a plan to take it on as a project
- To my knowledge, have not had anyone to step forward
- Feel the Board is aware of the issues of taking the bridge
- Feel the recommendation from Manager Morris is good

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Questioned what was the actual consensus of the Board regarding the ownership?

Clerk Bullins provided the Board with the documentation from the minutes of

April 22, 2013 which stated:

- Chairman Lankford, with full consensus of the Board, stated that the committee has a two (2) year commitment from the County for ownership only of the Seven Island Bridge sitting where it is currently located with all the other details to be worked out.

County Manager Morris commented:

- Reiterated that he had met with officials from the Mountain to Sea Trail regarding taking ownership and had received no indication that they have any interest in taking ownership of the bridge

Commissioner Inman continued:

- It is a great historical bridge, there is no doubt about that, but it is loaded with lead based paint

- Can visualize it across the Dan River and can also visualize the cost associated with that
- Have mixed feelings on the issue
- Would have loved to see it happen
- Don't see the County taking on a project to put the bridge over the Dan River
- Not sure what the best avenue is right now

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Feel it is obvious that the County can't take the ownership
- Feel like Commissioner Inman that it would be a great project
- Do need a footpath across the river
- Given the world we are in today with all the regulations, EPA, environmental, liability, etc., common sense is just going to have to render that the County can't put itself at risk for that – putting the taxpayers' money at risk
- Would like to see NCDOT do some type of walkway beside the existing bridge
- Agree it would be foolish to not go with the advice of the county attorney

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Read the following statement from the minutes of April 22, 2013:
 - Commissioner Walker stated that he was willing to go the two (2) years with the details to be worked out later and if there is something compelling that causes the Board to have to reconsider, which would be no fault of the Board such as insurance, that would be considered if necessary.
- Have been on board from the beginning to give these people a chance to make it work
- Right now, it looks like the bridge may be headed to the scrap pile; it may be the next step for the bridge
- It would have been better probably if the County had never been involved, given the outcome we are looking at today
- Could have saved them some time and saved us some trouble by saying “no” up front and getting it over with instead of all this and then writing a letter several months later saying we can't help you
- As far as insurance companies and attorneys, their job is to find reasons not to do something, what do you expect?
- That is what they are in business for, why would our insurance company want us to do it – little more liability for them
- Very little liability considering the size of the County and the total scope of our budget
- Believe in trying to help people
- If someone brings me an idea, if it is Camp Sertoma or the Seven Island Bridge, and asks for a chance, I am willing to take a little risk to make that happen
- This time, next time, and beyond
- Not on board in writing a letter
- Sorry that things have gotten where they are
- Wished we had saved ourselves and the bridge folks some time and trouble and said, “sorry, we don't want to help you” to start with

- As far as the Mountain to Sea Trail Group, I think the way the County has fumbled around on this, they have probably said the County is not interested and why should we try to work with them
- We have shown them no indication that the County is interested in working with them at any point
- I received a call or two from them
- I feel everything has gotten off track and sorry to see it happen this way

County Manager Morris reiterated that he met with officials from the Mountain to Sea Trail and asked them to consider taking ownership.

Commissioner Inman questioned Manager Morris what was their response?

County Manager Morris responded:

- Their only response was that they would like to, but not really sure they could do it
- Feel they would have been back in touch if they could have taken ownership
- Town of Danbury is also worried about the liability

Chairman Booth commented:

- The minutes reflected that the issue was open in case there were issues such as insurance, legal, etc.
- The Town of Danbury is requesting an answer

Vice Chairman Jones responded:

- Unfortunately, that is the world that we are in now
- Everyone is scared to move, fear of liability
- It is wrong, but it is what it is

Commissioner Walker responded:

- Feel that is why the folks chose the County to try work with initially because we are big enough and strong enough, have insurance in place
- Would our insurance company cover the liability? Absolutely
- Would our insurance company say they did not want us to take the bridge? Absolutely
- If it came down to it, our insurance would have covered it, anything that happened with it
- County already has attractive hazards, this would have just been one more piece to the puzzle

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the January 13th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Animal Control–Proposed Lease for the Designated Property for the New Proposed Facility –

County Manager Rick Morris presented the Board with the following revised, proposed Lease Agreement for the New Proposed Facility for Adoptions:

NORTH CAROLINA

STOKES COUNTY LEASE AGREEMENT

This Lease Agreement is made and entered into effective December 1, 2013 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 Friends of Stokes Shelter (FOSS), 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 The FOSS, Inc.)

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; and as more particularly described on the attached Exhibit A.

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 FOSS, Inc. the property described herein (see attachment) on the following terms and conditions:

1. Use of Premises: The FOSS, Inc. will use the leased premises solely for construction and operation of an animal adoption facility located at 1999 Sizemore Rd., Germanton, N.C. 27019. The FOSS, Inc. will be solely responsible for construction of all improvements, and shall keep the land and improvements free of liens and encumbrances.
2. (Term of Lease: This lease shall be effective on the date it is signed by both parties, and unless terminated as provided in this agreement, shall continue for a period of ten (10) years (the initial lease term).)
 - a. (Renewal – Provided Lessee is in compliance with all terms of this lease, Lessee shall have the option of renewing their lease for three successive terms of five (5) years each commencing at the end of the initial term. The option to renew shall be exercised by Lessee giving written notice to the Lessor at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the existing term.)

3. Early (Termination): The (Lessor may terminate this lease) prior to the end of the term for any of the following reasons:

a. Failure of Lessee to comply with any of Lessee's obligations under this lease for a period of 30 days after receiving written notice of such failure.

b. Failure of Lessee to maintain non-profit status.

c. Failure of Lessee to use the premises solely for the operation of an animal adoption facility.

d. The Lease is declared unenforceable or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction.

e. Abandonment of the premises by the Lessee.

The Lessee may terminate this lease prior to the end of the term for any of the following reasons:

a. (The Lessor fails in any material respect to fulfill or perform any duty, obligation or responsibility under this agreement and if such failure continues for a period of ninety days after written notice of such failure.)

b. (This agreement is declared unenforceable or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction.)

4. **Lease Payments:** The FOSS, Inc. 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.
5. **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.
6. **FOSS, Inc. Responsibilities:** Except for the County's obligations set forth in paragraph 5, the FOSS, Inc. agrees to maintain the property in good condition, normal wear and tear excepted. The FOSS, Inc. 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 FOSS, Inc. will also provide general day to day maintenance and custodial services in the building. The FOSS, Inc. will also have the following additional responsibilities:
- a. The FOSS, Inc. 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 FOSS, Inc. 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 FOSS, Inc. 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 FOSS Inc. shall be relieved from further liability under the Lease.

b. FOSS, Inc. shall be responsible for providing insurance against fire, theft, water or other damage for its personal property, including fixtures installed on the property. The FOSS, Inc. 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 FOSS, Inc. may have located on the property.

c. The FOSS, Inc. shall be responsible for the payment of utility bills for electrical, heating/air, and telephone.

7. FOSS, Inc. accepts the property as vacant land in its "As Is" condition. County makes no warranties or representations regarding the property and no warranties are implied. The FOSS, Inc. shall hold County harmless for any defects in the property created by The FOSS, Inc. during its tenancy. At the termination of this lease, all improvements on the leased premises shall remain, and be the property of the Lessor. Lessee shall not be entitled to any compensation or reimbursement for the cost or value of said improvements.
8. The FOSS, Inc. 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.
9. The FOSS, Inc. shall have the ability to sublet office space within the property to non-profit/service organizations, with sublet revenue retained by the FOSS, Inc. in support of operational costs of leased property.
10. All revenue generated through the use of leased property, including but not limited to retail sales, admission charged programs, sublet of space, class instruction, and The FOSS Inc. organized programs, and shall be retained by the FOSS, Inc. in support of operational costs of leased property.
11. (Indemnity: the Lessee agrees to indemnify the Lessor against any and all claims and losses arising out of the Lessees') construction of improvements and (use of the property during the lease term.)
12. This lease may not be assigned without the prior written permission of the Lessor.

Stokes County, Lessor

By: _____

Title of Officer

December 23, 2013

(The Friends of Stokes Shelter, 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 noted:

- Lease will be between Stokes County and Friends of Stokes Shelter (FOSS)
- County Attorney Browder and I have added additional changes to the original lease submitted at an earlier meeting
 - Items in blue and underlined are changes from Attorney Browder
 - Items in red and in () are changes from the County Manager
- Presented the revised lease to the Friends of Stokes Shelter for review and comments; have not heard any issues
- The Sheriff and I recently met with the group

Chairman Booth entertained a motion.

Commissioner Inman moved to approved the proposed Lease Agreement with the Friends of Stokes Shelter (FOSS) for an animal adoption facility. Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker requested County Attorney Browder to expand on the Early Termination - Lessor may terminate this lease prior to the end of the term for any of the following reasons (several reasons listed).

County Attorney Browder responded:

- It does not mean that the County would automatically terminate the lease, it means the County “may” terminate

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – Economic Development Commission

Chairman Booth noted the following were nominated at the December 9th meeting for re-appointment to the Economic Development Commission (EDC):

- Worth Hampton
- Sam Hill
- Phil Lawson
- Jason Pendleton

Chairman Booth opened the floor for any further nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Booth polled the Board:

- Commissioner Lankford: Hampton, Hill, Lawson, Pendleton
- Commissioner Inman: Hampton, Hill, Lawson, Pendleton
- Chairman Booth: Hampton, Hill, Lawson, Pendleton
- Vice Chairman Jones: Hampton, Hill, Lawson, Pendleton
- Commissioner Walker: Hampton, Hill, Lawson, Pendleton

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-311.11(a)(3)

- To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)

Commissioner Lankford moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-311.11(a)(3)
- To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)

Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the December 23rd meeting.

Planning Department – Text Amendment

Chairman Booth entertained a motion.

Commissioner Inman moved to amend the Stokes County Zoning Ordinance to delete Section 92.2 Conditional Zoning-Dedicated Soil Treatment Facility - Land Farming/Bioremediation and Conditions and to instruct the Planning Director to place the item on the January Planning Board Agenda. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Camp Sertoma/Moores Springs

Chairman Booth entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Jones move to instruct the County Manager to prepare a letter proposal to North Carolina State regarding the leasing of Camp Sertoma/Moores Springs Properties and to issue a Request for Information (RFI) regarding the subleasing of these Properties. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

James D. Booth
Chairman