

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF STOKES )  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
 STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
 DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
 MARCH 5, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a Special Called Meeting in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Tuesday, March 5, 2014 at 1:30 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 Morris  
 Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins  
 County Attorney Tyrone Browder

Chairman James Booth called the Special Called Meeting to order.

Chairman Booth delivered the invocation.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**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 pursuant to GS 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 GS 143-318.11(a)(3)

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 pursuant to GS 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 GS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the March 5<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting.

### **Home Health**

Vice Chairman Jones moved to accept the offer from Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes to purchase Stokes County Home Health on the following terms:

- \$50,000 to be deducted from the County's payment obligation under the current hospital lease (\$25,000 in 2015 and \$25,000 in 2016)
- Pioneer contracts and pays all legal expense for the transfer
- Subject to final contract approval compliance with all statutory requirements
- And the County also has the right of first refusal to reacquire Stokes County Home Health in the event Pioneer decides to sell, transfer, or terminate Home Health in the future with a 90-day option.

Commissioner Inman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker questioned if the motion should include the wording "in principle"?

Commissioner Walker questioned Commissioner Inman, since he deals with contracts in the real estate business, if he was comfortable with the motion without the wording "in principle"?

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Adding the wording "in principle" would address a concern I have in taking this a step at the time and having a contract to review before saying "yes" to accept the offer

Commissioner Inman responded: "he is comfortable with the wording since the motion includes "subject to final contract approval compliance with all statutory requirements, can't

proceed with a contract until a motion is made'.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

Commissioner Lankford moved to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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**James D. Booth**  
**Chairman**