

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, September 8, 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 D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
DSS Director Stacey Elmes
Health Director Scott Lenhart
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

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

Vice Chairman Jones 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 September 8, 2014 Agenda.

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted that the June 16, 2014 – Budget Work Session
September 8, 2014

Minutes were not listed on the Agenda front sheet, but were included in the Agenda. Clerk Bullins requested the wording “Minutes of June 16, 2014 – Budget Work Session” be included on the Agenda front sheet (under Consent Agenda) for approval.

Vice Chairman Jones moved to approve the September 8th Agenda as amended.

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

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

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following comments:

- Germanton Park Breakfast
 - Germanton Park will be holding its annual fundraiser “Park Breakfast” on Saturday, September 13th
 - Everyone is invited
- Viper Radios Upgrade
 - Viper radios are now being installed into the Fire Departments
 - Process should be completed within the next 30 days
- Blood Drive
 - County recently sponsored a mobile blood drive which yielded 37 units – exceeded goal by 7 units
- Stokes Stomp
 - The 40th Stokes Stomp will be Saturday, September 13th and Sunday, September 14th
 - Expected to be the largest crowd ever
 - There is some big name entertainment lined up
- Standard and Poor’s Rating
 - County recently received their annual credit rating from Standard & Poor’s
 - County received the same rating as last year which was AA-
- Traffic Court
 - There will be a big traffic court Friday, September 12th
 - Expecting approximately 300 vehicles at the Government Center Complex for this court date
 - Administrative Court runs from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon
 - Will be trying to move county vehicles out of the parking lot to free up some parking spaces
 - Clerk of Court Jason Tuttle noted that there has been action taken to prevent this from happening in the future
- Sewer Project
 - Sewer Project to the proposed community college site is underway
 - The crews will be picking up the pace with more activity starting very soon

- There will be some lane closures along with possible road closures during the year-long construction
- It is impossible to predict when these will occur
- Electronic signs have been put in place to help notify motorists of the construction area
- Encourage motorists to be alert and cautious

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Stokes Fair starts in King tonight
- Stokes Stomp
 - Very encouraged with the information regarding the Stokes Stomp
 - This is a very classy event
 - Very good positive thing for the county
 - Have a lot of outside visitors, as well as, local folks attending the Stomp each year
 - Very enjoyable event

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Will be at the fair this week
- Will be participating in the Stokes Stomp Parade again this year
 - Stokes Future will have a booth at the Stomp
- Would like to recognize the new sidewalk project in Walnut Cove, very nice addition for the town

Commissioner Inman commented:

- CenterPoint Human Services Board of Directors was referred to as being a dysfunctional board by Richard Craven in the Winston Salem Journal
 - Very much disagree with that statement
 - We have considerable diversity on that Board now
 - Lot of different opinions as how to proceed to provide the best service to the citizens in our catchment area
 - We are not a dysfunctional board
 - NCACC President Ronnie Beale has asked me to chair a statewide Task Force on Mental Health
 - The State is looking at consolidating the current nine (9) MCO/LMEs to four (4) regionals
 - If that happens, CenterPoint's current catchment area which includes Stokes, Forsyth, Rockingham, and Davie Counties will become part of 38 counties in the Smoky Mountain Mental Health
 - Will be talking more about this later
 - Bigger is not always better
- Congratulations to the Stokes Stomp – 40 years – a great run

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Would like to request Commissioner Inman to lobby hard against the consolidation with 38 counties

- Would make it very hard for citizens in Stokes County to receive the necessary mental health services

Commissioner Inman responded:

- Think the new general statutes would only have one commissioner from the 38 counties

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Ethics for Life – “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Romans)
- Will be participating in the Stokes Stomp Parade this weekend
- Invite everyone to stop by the Lawsonville Rurtian Club’s concession booth
- Attended two meetings this past week – Piedmont Triad Regional Council and YVEDDI – two great meetings; getting a lot accomplished in both organizations

Chairman Booth commented:

- Ditto to most of what my fellow commissioners stated about the 40th Stokes Stomp
- Stomp has had a great 40 year run
- Will be participating in the Stokes Stomp Parade

County Manager Rick Morris noted that Germanton Park President Mark Rutledge was in attendance for today’s meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Booth opened the floor for Public Comments.

There was no one signed up to speak during the Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of June 16, 2014 – Budget Work Session
- Minutes of August 25, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Sheriff’s Department - Budget Amendment #8

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #8.

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				
100.4310.351	Maintenance & Repairs-Auto	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,276.00</u>	<u>\$7,276.00</u>
	Totals	\$3,000.00	\$4,276.00	\$7,276.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
To appropriate funds from insurance claim due to an accident.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$4,276.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3839.850	Insurance Claim	<u>\$8,933.00</u>	<u>\$4,276.00</u>	<u>\$13,209.00</u>
	Totals	\$8,933.00	\$4,276.00	\$13,209.00

Sheriff's Department- Budget Amendment #9

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #9.

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				
100.4310.440	Misc Contractual Services	<u>\$2,848.00</u>	<u>\$6,985.00</u>	<u>\$9,833.00</u>
	Totals	\$2,848.00	\$6,985.00	\$9,833.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
To allocate funding for the setup and purchase of a software application along with a one-year subscription.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$6,985.00** 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>\$6,985.00</u>	<u>\$6,985.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$6,985.00	\$6,985.00

Proposed Resolution – Big Sweep – October 2014

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Resolution declaring October 2014 as “Big Sweep Month” for the Board’s consideration and approval at today’s meeting:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING OCTOBER 2014
AS STOKES COUNTY BIG SWEEP 2014 MONTH**

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, does hereby declare **OCTOBER 2014** as **STOKES COUNTY BIG SWEEP 2014 MONTH**, and does further hereby urge every citizen to do his or her part to restore the beauty and function of our streams by volunteering to participate in the **N.C. BIG SWEEP** event.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2014.

James D. Booth – Chairman

Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman

J. Leon Inman – Commissioner

Jimmy Walker – Commissioner

Ernest Lankford – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk of the Board

September 8, 2014

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Economic Development Commission (EDC) - Update

EDC Chairman Jane Priddy-Charleville presented the following Economic Development Commission Update:

- Pleasure to be here today
- Lot of great things going on in Stokes County
- A great time to be a part of Stokes County
- Appreciate the support of the County Commissioners
- Feel the Economic Development Commission is a good asset for Stokes County

The EDC adopted to continue with the following 2014-15 Strategic Priorities:

2014-15 Priorities Established – Continuing our focus on:

- Tourism
- Business Retention/Expansion
- Business /Industry Recruitment
- Entrepreneurial Activities

EDC Chairman Priddy-Charleville discussed the following EDC Strategic Priorities:

- Remember coming before the Board of Commissioners about 17 years ago to request a visitor's guide
- Have come a long way in 17 years and still have a long way to go

Tourism

- Accounted for \$22 million in revenue in 2013 – state figures from NC Dept. of Commerce
- More than 130 jobs are directly related to tourism – those 130 jobs are in Stokes County
- Generated \$2.75 million in payroll in Stokes County
- 2013 was the 4th consecutive year in which tourism spending increased in the County (numbers provided by NC Department of Commerce)
 - Showing an increase each year, but can do a lot better
- Tourism 2014-15
 - Will continue to focus on areas of growth that are supportive of the outdoor activities for which the county is known: hiking, camping, fishing, rock climbing, music and more
 - Stokes County is the great outdoors
 - People come to visit Stokes County for the great outdoors
 - A great place to live, to work, and to play

- Areas of Focus:
 - Support of New Art Market
 - A huge economic driver for Stokes County
 - Things will start to happen once the Art Market is open
 - Music will be in Danbury on Friday and Saturday nights
 - Will double as a true visitor's center
 - Will be able to buy Stokes County arts and crafts at the Art Market
 - Need for increased Lodging
 - EDC is working on a cabin project to provide lodging in Stokes County
 - Have been working on a cabin project with NC State School of Design
 - Had a great time working with the students who came to Stokes County and designed several cabin models for the EDC to choose from
 - Approved a design at the August EDC Meeting
 - Will be working to build a model here in Stokes County with hopes that other landowners will follow
 - Cabins will be approximately 500 sq ft
 - Will provide income for Stokes County residents and provide lodging for visitors
 - Continued development of marketing materials, printed and on-line, and support of allies
 - Continuously working on the EDC website to keep it updated
 - About time for an updated Visitor's Guide
 - Visitor's Guide is a wonderful marketing tool to provide to visitors
- Hanging Rock State Park was ranked the number #1 park in North Carolina last year
- "US Today" ranked Hanging Rock State Park in the top twenty parks across the US
- Articles in "Our State" bring visitors to Stokes County
- Need to work on the Mountain to Sea Trail which is a very marketable tool for Stokes County
- So many wonderful things are just about to happen
- Town of Danbury has just put up new banners that tell the story of tourism in Stokes County

Business Retention/Expansion

- Assisting businesses that are already in Stokes County is the most cost effective and efficient way to create employment opportunities in the county
- Business Retention Expansion 2014-15
 - Business Extravaganza VI: Putting on the Ritz: January 15, 2015 at Camp Hanes
 - Learn something new every time the event is held
 - Very positive event for the County and our businesses
 - Continue to work with existing partners to provide a trained workforce, now and for the future
 - Continue to work with Forsyth Tech and Stokes County Schools to counsel students on career opportunities that exist in the county
 - Everyone is at the table to make things happen
 - Another huge asset will be the community college

Business/Industry Recruitment

- 2014/15 has the potential to be the best year for industry growth since the beginning of the “Great Recession”
- Stokes County has an opportunity to participate in this growth by taking advantage of targeted opportunities
- Business/industry Recruitment 2014-15
 - Continue development work on 70-acre industrial site now under county control
 - Work with Triad Counties to market the region
 - Look for targeted opportunities that focus on area retail and industrial growth to increase opportunities

Entrepreneurial Growth

- Homegrown businesses are the basis for long-term growth and prosperity in our community
- We have significant room to grow: our tourism base, including Agri-tourism and other supporting businesses
- We need to foster a feeling of sense of inclusiveness and welcoming atmosphere to those who are looking to start and grow a business in Stokes County
- Moore’s Spring Manor is a great example of entrepreneurial growth – weddings, Arts Council events, etc.
 - This reminds me of how Stokes County used to be in late 1800s and early 1900s
 - Have said for many years, that our future is in our past – the day of resorts in our County
 - Stokes County is the closest mountain range to a huge populous of people in the Triangle area and the Charlotte area
- Vade Mecum properties is just another opportunity for Stokes County
 - Appreciate the Board’s support in getting Vade Mecum under the Park System
- Talk to visitors every week who come to Stokes County to enjoy the great outdoors

Entrepreneurship 2014-15

- Continue to search for opportunities to expand broadband in un-served and underserved areas
- Support local food initiatives and look for ways to enhance local markets for small farmers
- Work with Forsyth Tech and Stokes County Schools to develop entrepreneurial based education opportunities

Other comments:

- Stokes County is on the right track
- You can see the dirt moving across from the Government Center
- Economy looks bright for Stokes County
- Must continue to keep investing in our economy

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Have served on the EDC for 12 years
- Must give the Board of Commissioners some credit for establishing the EDC which is an advisory board

- Not being critical, but before this EDC, Stokes County never had a strategic plan for economic development
- EDC has a 4 prong strategic plan for economic growth
- Sustainable growth of any kind does not happen overnight
- Anything that is sustainable, you build upon it
- A lot of great building blocks have been put in place in the 4 areas of the strategic plan
- Great strides are being made everyday
- We know this county needs jobs
- This Board, being united in building a community college, will help to provide a well-trained workforce
- The proposed Art Market is going to make things happen in Stokes County
- Art Market is going to be the “gateway to tourism” in Stokes County
- One thing not mentioned was the County Forum that was held with the Institute for Emerging Issues
 - All the necessary stakeholders in the County were brought together
 - School System has really ramped it up in getting internships and mentors in place
 - High school and middle school students are seeing opportunities in manufacturing
 - County has funded the dollars to get a ‘site ready’ location; ready for a potential business/industry to come to Stokes County
- Cabin project is huge
 - It is going to provide lodging for all those visitors who have been making a day trip to Stokes County
 - Visitors can come and see what all Stokes County has to offer
- Can’t leave Camp Sertoma/Vade Mecum out of the mix
 - That is a huge win for Stokes County
 - It will add so much to the tourism in Stokes County

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- On board with what is happening with economic development
- Comprehensive Land Use Plan is going to give the County direction and confidence to move forward
- The County has come a long way
- Just sent out an email the other day about getting more river accesses when a new bridge is put in
- Appreciate what the EDC is doing

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Appreciate all the work done by the EDC
- Appreciate Director Wood who is a very instrumental part of the process; continue to see results from his efforts
- Do have a lot going on in Stokes County
- The key remains how well we can work together to make these things happen
- Working as a team and the EDC being focused make things happen
- Committed to things like the community college, improvement to our schools which helps in so many ways
- Working together, we can accomplish a lot

- Have heard me say this before and will probably hear me say it again; one reminder of how important economic development is:
 - For every \$1.00 that comes in from residential, the county spends \$1.14
 - For every \$1.00 that comes in from agricultural, the county spends \$.58
 - For every \$1.00 that comes in from business/industry/tourism, the county spends \$.33
- We have to have commercial development to make things work
- Currently operating at a deficit, spending more than we are taking in, covering it by using our Fund Balance
- We can only do that for so long, we have to find ways to bring jobs to Stokes County
- We have all been to other counties to work, as quoted by Commissioner Inman in an economic development report, Stokes County is ranked number one regarding the number of people who leave the county to work
- It is critical to finding answers to more economic development in the County

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Business is critical to make things work for our people and the services provided by the County
- It has to be a business mix
- The more businesses we keep and the more new businesses we bring to Stokes County, the better off the County will be able to continue to provide services
- Feel this Board is very business oriented and continues to support economic development
- We know that the process has to include businesses and entrepreneurship throughout the County
- Appreciate what the EDC is doing

Chairman Booth commented:

- Feel teamwork is the key to making things happen
- Very proud of what this Board has done in the past four years
- EDC being created, improvement to schools, continuing to provide services, etc.
- Stokes County is moving forward
- Feel this Board is united in moving Stokes County forward
- Appreciate the work done by the EDC and Director Wood
- That 70-acre site is a valuable asset for Stokes County

Chairman Booth expressed the Board's appreciation for the EDC Update.

Stokes County Health Department/Family Health Center -- Annual Report

Health Director Scott Lenhart presented the following Health Director's message to the Board of Commissioners:

Message from the Stokes County Health Director

Stokes County Health Department/Family Health Center had many great accomplishments this year along with many challenges. One of the biggest accomplishments was being named the most improved health department in North Carolina for FY 2013/2014 by North Carolina Department of Public Health. In addition the completion of the new administration building that added 3,700 square feet to the health department. This project was approved in the FY 2012/2013 budget year and was completed May 2014. The additional spaces consist of six offices, community/conference room and a break room, plus a new waiting room that tripled in size along with a new redesign of our WIC Department and new floor throughout the old health department.

Our prenatal program is going very well with the collaboration with Baptist Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program. We delivered our first baby in January 2014. Stokes County Health Department continues to work on their next accreditation inspection, which should take place in May 2016. Accreditation is very important as it lets the public know we are meeting the standards recommended by the state and that we are also graded on the same criteria as larger health departments within North Carolina.

As we move into the 2014/2015 fiscal year, Stokes County Health Department faces many challenges as it did in the 2013/2014 fiscal year. We need to ask ourselves what actually is public health and what is it we do.

Public Health is "the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private, communities and individuals." The focus of public health intervention is to improve health and quality of life through the prevention and treatment of diseases and other physical and mental health conditions, through surveillance of cases and health indicators, and through the promotion of healthy behaviors.

When you look at the Ten Essential Public Health Services you can see just by the work Stokes County Health Department does meet all these services. The 10 Essential Public Health Services describe the public health activities that all communities should undertake and serve as the framework for the Public Health Departments. Local public health systems should:

1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

With decrease in staff, reimbursement rates, cuts in revenue from grants and at the state level, Stokes County Health Department must learn to work harder and leaner with fewer staff, while still providing quality services. As we did last year, Stokes County Health Department will continue to focus on growing our services and presence in the community by offering more public and educational programs relating to healthy lifestyles and choices. In addition, the Stokes County Health Department will continue to focus on the Ten Essential Public Health core competencies; to ensure all of our citizens public health needs are met. With partnerships with the Community Transformation Project, Economic Development of Stokes County, Health by Design, Stokes County Schools and Stokes County NC Cooperative Extension Office; shows we have the commitment to expand our reach into the community through honest, open collaboration. I would also like to thank the staff of the Stokes County Health Department and all our partners for their support and commitment to making Stokes County a healthier place to live.

Scott D. Lenhart, Health Director

**Stokes County Health Department/Family Health Center Annual Report for
Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Executive Summary**

Health Director Scott Lenhart presented and discussed the following Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2013-14 which is a requirement for accreditation and to inform the Board of Commissioners of the Health Department's activities for Fiscal Year 2013-14:
(Director Lenhart provided Board members with a complete copy of the Annual Report)

Public Health Clinic

- Number of patients seen 1645. This is a 21% increase from FY 12/13. Of the 21% increase prenatal made up 4% of the patients seen. (see page 14 of the Annual Report for full details of the patient breakdown)
- Number of new patients enrolled 398
- Breast Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) clients seen and assisted 209. This is an increase of 32%.
 - Grant was received for this program
- Only month that there was a decrease was in May; expect that was due to the clinics were closed a couple of weeks to finish the construction project

Communicable Diseases

(Complete breakdown is listed on pages 23 and 24 of the Annual Report)

- Number of immunizations given 1890 to 1458 patients
 - Currently above the state average in immunizations (Stokes = 87%; State = 82%)
 - Detailed immunization statics provided to the Board of Commissioners
 - Lot of the local medical providers refer patients to the Health Department for immunizations due to cost
- One Communicable Diseases investigation for the Cryptosporidiosis outbreak in NC
 - See details on page 25 of the Annual Report

- Presented this data at the State Conference
- Chlamydia cases 109. Decreased by 10% from FY 2012/2013, which had 121 cases
- Gonorrhea cases 13. For FY 2012/2013, there were 12 cases
- Hepatitis and Pertussis one case for each
- Syphilis investigations 2
- HIV investigations 1
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever 14, compared to 5 for FY 2012/2013
 - This increase is very alarming
 - Very dangerous condition
- One influenza related death
- 56 animal bite investigations
- Sick Cow investigation

Prenatal Program

- Number of patients enrolled July 2013 – June 2014 62
 - Number of deliveries 24
 - Currently in program 24
 - Patients transferred 7
 - Patients miscarried 7
- Will be evaluating the program with Baptist to see where we go from now

WIC (Woman, Infant, Child)

- WIC clients seen 9,800.
- This is a decrease of 150 clients or 13.3% drop
- During this fiscal year WIC had many challenges
- Several months WIC was only operating with one Nutritionist and had to fill the void with contract staff
- In addition, early in the fiscal year, WIC was closed because of the shutdown of several federal programs and services were curtailed because of the renovation of the WIC offices and waiting room
- Trying to fill the vacant Nutritionist II position
- At last report, are well above our average
- Served 104% of our population last month
- Decreasing the 13% every month
- WIC Services are available two days a week in King
- Doing a lot of marketing and advertising
- Seeing the new babies from the Prenatal Program

Environmental Health

- New well permits issued 66 for this fiscal year
 - Increase for Fiscal Year 2013-14
 - Feel this is due to fracking
- FY 12/13 environmental health issued 64 new permits
- Number of water samples taken not related to new wells = 274
- Repair permits for septic systems = 101

- Permits issued on existing septic systems = 50
- Food establishment inspections = 203
- Six (6) Meth Houses inspections
 - Increased this fiscal year
 - Very time consuming process
 - On the average, it takes three (3) visits to clear a house
 - Takes 2-4 staff member
 - Larger the dwelling, the more time it takes
 - Currently only have one case open

Health Education/Promotions

- 8 local health fairs
- 4 diabetic education classes
- 4 smoking cessation classes
- *2 Baby Steps program (Parenting)
- 24+ programs offered for Stokes County Schools
- *Started the Stokes County Suicide Prevention Task Force
- Received funding from the Susan G. Komen for Breast cancer screenings
- *Received funding from the Communities Transformation Grant for the development of the Stokes County Land Use Plan, Stokes Futures Market, Healthy Eating food options program, Watch for Me Program and Active Routes to School program.
- *Started the Stokes Diaper Bank helping over 194 individuals totaling over 5,800 diapers
- Three public meetings on educating the general public on the Affordable Care Act
- Eight articles submitted to the Stokes News
- Health Education Program has improved tremendously this past year, unfortunately, our Health Educator resigned today

* New programs that started this fiscal year.

Dental

- Dental Program is up and down; competes with the school system's dental program
- 23 patients scheduled, 16 seen
- 16 cleaning
- 10 sealants
- 40 X-rays

Emergency Preparedness

Monthly Activities

- GETS (Government Emergency Telecommunication Service) testing
- Radio testing
- Generator testing
- Building OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) safety inspections
- Regional Emergency Preparedness Coordinator meetings

- Review and update plans as necessary, develop and implement activities to complete gaps in Capability Assessment.

Quarterly Activities

- LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting attendance Surrounding County Committee
- Call downs with Corrective Action Plans
- Quarterly Narrative Reports (Progress Check data entry)
- Update employee ICS and emergency contact information
- Annual SNS (Strategic National Stockpile Plan)
- Review Fire/tornado drills
- State Emergency Preparedness Conference 2 Exercises with After Action Report/Corrective Action Plans
- Respiratory Protection Plan Fit Testing
- Review all plans/policies and make necessary changes Annual Work Plan and Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan SNS Plan
- Update Isolation and Quarantine Plan
- Update OSHA Safety Manual Sections
- Update PH Sections of County Emergency Health Department Emergency Operations Plan/COOP Pandemic Influenza Plan Sheltering And Mass Care Update PH OSHA Safety Manual Sections
- PanFlu COOP Smallpox and Mass Vaccination Plan Crisis Communications Plan
- Required current plans
 - SNS Plan
 - Isolation and Quarantine Plan
 - OSHA Safety Manual
 - PH Sections of County Emergency Health Department Emergency Operations plan/COOP
 - Pandemic Influenza Plan Sheltering and Mass Care
 - Smallpox and Mass Vaccination Plan
 - Crisis Communications Plan

Other Items

- Have had a very busy year
- New addition is complete, new conference room is being used by several programs
- Priorities for Fiscal Year 2014-15 remain the same as last year

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Good report
- Very encouraging numbers being presented
- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that this is the second year of accreditation and that the Health Department (according to the State) is right where it needs to be

- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that the Health Department is currently trying to recruit some key positions (Nutritionist II, PHN-Child Health Coordinator, Health Educator, along with the FNP/PA)

Director Lenhart responded:

- Will be advertising for the vacant positions
- Will have staff temporarily covering the vacant positions
- Health Department was named the “Most Improved Health Department” last year
- Very proud of the Health Department staff
- Working to try to fill the FNP/PA position as soon as possible – that position means revenue

Commissioner Walker questioned Health Director Lenhart “how do you see things in the County from the Health Director’s perspective, have you seen us get to where we need to be and where do you see our greatest challenges as of September 2014?”

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- As Health Director, I know there are things we could do better on, but you must look at the contributing factors:
 - Access to care – very big issue
 - Even though I saw a 21% increase in patients, I still have a 30% to 40% no show rate
 - If it were not for my walk-ins, we would be in trouble
 - Depend on those time slots being filled
 - Today, a lot of people have to decide on whether to spend their money on gas, food, medicine, or health care
 - Dental Care
 - There is a lack of dental care in the county for adults without means
 - There are citizens who have dental care, but can’t afford to go because most dental insurances do not pay for everything, has dollar limits, and citizens do not have the extra money
 - In November, Forsyth County is holding a three-day dental clinic that Stokes County residents can go to
 - Mental Health
 - Mental Health has been a big issue since I took over as Health Director
 - Mental Health is constantly changing – regionalization
 - Affordable Care Act
 - Patients can go anywhere thus decreasing our patient numbers
 - When you look at the bottom dollar, most of the Health Department’s patients are Medicaid and self-pay (80%)
 - Very hard for a private business to survive on those reimbursement rates

- Possibly looking at another 32% decrease in reimbursement rates for primary care patients in January 2015
 - There are 6,000 to 7,000 citizens in Stokes County without insurance
- See Public Health possibly going to regionalization; feel regionalization will dilute some of the services for smaller counties
 - This will be a very serious issue
 - Some citizens can't afford to come to the Health Department, how can they get to another Health Department in another county?
 - They will not go
 - They will just not get the needed services
- Would like to take services to the people – King area, Sandy Ridge/Lawsonville area
- Feel we could make an impact in those areas
- Could possibly be joining with Baptist in the future to provide health services to the outlying areas in the County
- Would like to take the mobile unit out to the people; takes a lot of staff and dollars to take the unit to different areas of the county
- Trying to the best to meet the county's needs
- Looking at Practice Management as directed by the State to decrease staff – combining job duties
- Currently operating with 10 less staff members than when I came
- Have a lot of good partnerships providing a lot of good programs
- Health Department wants to serve all those in need of services
- It is small steps, big gains

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Have watched several health directors come and go even before I became a commissioner
- Just have to say, you have been a good fit for Stokes County
- You always think outside the box
- Appreciate all your efforts and hard work

Chairman Booth dittoed Vice Chairman Jones' comments.

Commissioner Inman dittoed Vice Chairman Jones' comments.

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- Our staff is our assets
- Must acknowledge that those who come for services, need those services
- I truly appreciate the Board of Commissioners' continued support

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Questioned Director Lenhart for more information regarding "the median value of owner-occupied housing units from 2008-2013 which is \$121,000 for Stokes County" – page 8 of the Annual Report

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- Think it relates to the number of houses in the county, low income housing, etc.
- Would have to look at the icon on the computer report listed beside the data for more information
- Will be glad to do

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- This what we have been discussing – median cost at \$121,000 a house just don't pay all the bills

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- Also note the census listed on page 8- population dropped 2% from 2010
- Shows what the Board has been discussing – the need for economic development – more businesses

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Lot of good statistical information
- Keep up the good work

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Must look at home ownership between 2008-2012 which was 78%
- Without home ownership, there would be no need for services
- Do not dwell on this thing that we are not making money off of residential housing; people must have a place to live and send their kids to school
- Know we need business and industry; don't devalue home ownership

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- Just trying to find out more information about the statistical data regarding homeownership
- Agree there needs to be a mix between residential and business

Chairman Booth expressed the Board's appreciation to Health Director Lenhart for the Annual Report Update.

Big Sweep – 2014 Update

Chairman Booth noted that Sara Jo Durham was unable to be at today's meeting due to an emergency situation.

Chairman Booth noted that Pam Maynard would be speaking today regarding the Big Sweep.

Ms. Maynard presented the following information regarding the Big Sweep:

- Appreciate the opportunity to be at the meeting today
- Appreciate the Board adopting the Big Sweep Resolution earlier today
- Don't live in Stokes County, actually live in Greensboro
- I am actually one of your biggest tourists
- Have been associated with a paddle club since 2000 that participates in a lot of paddling activities on the Dan River in Stokes County
- Love the Dan River
- As a member of a paddling club, have been involved in several river clean ups
- Have been asked recently to become a coordinator for the Big Sweep in Stokes County
- Just want to give you a little information about Big Sweep
 - Formed in 1987 as a beach cleanup called Beach Sweep
 - 1,000 volunteers showed up and collected 14 tons of trash and litter
 - Two years later changed the name to Big Sweep
 - All 100 counties are involved in the Big Sweep along with 91 countries and 55 US Territories
 - Very large organization
- Every year, wildlife mistakes litter and trash for food or gets entangled within the trash
- Very big problem for wildlife and humans
- Very concerned about the water
- Even when trash is throw out on the highway, it can make its way to the streams and river
- 80% of the debris is food related items – fast food wrappers, beverage bottles, alcohol bottles/cans
- Smoking related trash has been up 34% in recent years
- Have another problem with medical and personal hygiene items being dumped into the river
- Prescriptions can contaminate our waters; understand there is a very good program in the county to dispose of unused prescription drugs
- Big Sweep's underlying goal is to educate the public and make them aware of problems caused by littering
- My paddling club, Tar Heel Paddling Association, normally cleans up a section of the river in the spring and fall
- This year, Tar Heel Paddling, will be cleaning up two sections of the river
- Just cleaned up this past Saturday, the section from the Hanging Rock State Park access to Moratock Park; wanted to clean up this section because of the amount of tubers that are using that part of the Dan River
- A lot of visitors who tube, enjoy a beer on the river
- It is not against the law to drink a beer on the river, but it is against the law to litter
- It is very hard to enforce the littering
- Talked to several tubers about littering during our recent cleanup

- Have talked about doing a contest involving the tubing companies in the county to possibly give a monetary prize to the person who brings in the most trash/cans from the river
- Want to get the tubing companies involved, possibly having them try to educate their tubers about littering on the river; I know that some are already trying to do that
- During our cleanup, we noticed a lot of debris along the banks at the park that we were unable to pick up due to our canoes already being full
- May try to do that section after the Stokes Stomp
- Would like to do more educational programs regarding littering on the river
- There has been a lot of progress on the Green River in Polk County who had a lot of tubers consuming alcohol on the river
 - In 2008, alcohol on the Green River in Polk County was banned
 - Understand if they see you with alcohol on the river, they will fine you when you get off and if you don't have the empty can, they will fine you double for littering
 - Good program
 - Tubing industry doesn't seem to have been impacted
- Don't know if banning alcohol on the river would be the solution for Stokes County
- Would like to see what the results would be from education without going to those drastic measures
- Would like to see everyone enjoy the river
- Another target area is fisherman who leave their bait cans and fishing line as trash; would also like to educate the fisherman
- Tar Heel Paddling Club will give kids a kayak ride for a nominal fee to cover liability insurance at the Stokes Stomp
- Appreciate being allowed to speak today
- Appreciate the County picking up the trash on Saturday after the cleanup of the river

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Appreciate Dale Swanson being in attendance for the meeting today
- Appreciate the information, very good report
- Gives the Board ideas to think about
- Confirmed with Ms. Maynard the best place for trash receptacles on the river is at the put ins and the take outs
- Confirmed with Ms. Maynard that there would be a problem with picking up the trash if they were put along the river
- Recently spoke to a local tubing company in the county who noted that on a good week, they would put 700 to 900 tubes on the river; that is only one company
- Traveling outside of the county, meet people who have tubed the Dan River
- Could the Sheriff help with this littering problem?

Ms. Maynard responded:

- Ticketing someone could be very difficult
- Seemed to be a lot of cans being thrown in the river

- Unless there is a law banning alcohol on the river, seems the problem will continue
- My approach would be to possibly talk to the tubing companies
- The river is a very good family outing – very economical
- Would be glad to talk to anyone about the littering
- Would be glad to hear any suggestions
- Need to get everyone involved
- Dan River Company is very supportive to the Tar Heel Paddlers in providing a free shuttle to his private access every year so we can do the cleanup
- Stokes County is a wonderful county for the great outdoors

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Support the education part of the Big Sweep
- Suggest graphic displays regarding the Big Sweep to show people what has been collected and the tonnage
- Need to put this information at the tubing companies, general stores, accesses, etc. in the county
- Need to educate those using the river that everyone needs to be involved in keeping the river clean
- Think the contest idea would be a great way to start
- Want people to come to Stokes County to enjoy the river, but want to keep the river clean

Chairman Booth noted the many, many years that Sara Jo Durham has coordinated this Big Sweep.

Chairman Booth expressed the Board's appreciation to Ms. Maynard for the Big Sweep information.

NCACC Video

County Manager Rick Morris presented a short video requested by the NCACC for review by the Board at their first regular board meeting in September.

The video pointed out the following information:

- Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale was sworn in as the NCACC's 98th President in August at the NCACC Conference
- During his inaugural address, Beale unveiled his initiative to focus on the county role in mental health services
- Beale is creating a statewide special task force to study the impact on counties regarding the current system for mental health
- Durham County Commissioner Brenda Howerton was elected second vice president
- Pitt County Commissioner Glen Webb was elected president elect
- Davidson County Commissioner Fred McClure was elected first vice president

- During the conference, the Economic Development Task Force unveiled its final report and recommendations
- NCACC Legislative Goals deadline is September 19th
- NCACC Legislative Goals will be decided in January 2015
- NCACC has achieved many goals adopted by our membership and have stopped several potentially costly unfunded mandates
- NCACC has filed amicus or friend of the court briefs in two cases that will impact counties statewide
- In Union County, a decision of the trial court awarded over \$90 million additional funding to the school board
 - At the direction of the Board of Directors, NCACC filed an amicus brief with the court to explain the implications of such a decision
- NCACC filed an amicus brief in a Davidson County case involving the evaluation of property belonging to Parkdale Mills
 - This case could impact how property evaluations are done statewide
- Appreciate the county commissioners attending the NCACC 2014 Annual Conference

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Germanton Park – Proposed Cell Tower Location

County Manager Rick Morris requested the Germanton Park – Proposed Cell Tower Location be moved to the first item on the Discussion Agenda since President Mark Rutledge had been waiting patiently and may have to leave.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion regarding Manager Morris' request to move the item.

It was the consensus of the Board to move the item.

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Germanton Park – Proposed Cell Tower Location:

- Request from a Verizon consultant for a cell tower location in the Germanton area was brought to the Board at the August 25th meeting
- The consultant was following the County's ordinance to look at government property before private property
- The consultant had already discussed with the school system, the possibility of a cell tower on the school bus garage property: the school system was not interested
- At the direction of the Board, met with the Germanton Park Committee last week to get the committee's input regarding a possible location on the park property

- Germanton Park Committee is in charge of all the activities of the park
- Discussed the possible location with the committee and if the committee desired to have a cell tower located on the property
- The Committee stated that they would be interested if the committee could share in a portion of the revenue to help maintain the park
- The location the Committee liked is at the very northwest part of the particle
- The Committee would have to relocate the walking path
- The issue for that particular location is that it is near the floodplain and also has required setbacks
- Setbacks requires the tower be placed so that if it falls, it will not hit anything
- The location the Committee agreed upon, would not meet the setback requirements; there would have to be a variance approved by the Board of Adjustments which would probably not be approved
- Have a couple of technical issues – floodplain and setbacks
- Do not feel it is a good location for the placement of a cell tower
- Gave the Verizon consultant some feedback that this might not be a good location due to the technical issues
- Received an email from the Verizon consultant before the meeting, he stated that he is already looking at three alternate locations
- Do not feel the Committee would want to locate a cell tower in any other place in the park
- Confirmed with President Rutledge that his presentation of information was basically was the committee agreed upon

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Seems it is a moot point, seems it has solved itself

Vice Chairman Jones agreed with Commissioner Inman.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that this particular location had hit a dead end
- Questioned Manager Morris when the other locations might come up?
- Strongly support more towers across the county

County Manager Morris responded:

- Feel the Verizon representative is on a tight schedule
- Feel they will probably contact the Planning Department fairly quick
- Will follow up with the representative

It was the consensus of the Board to not proceed with the location of a cell tower on the Germanton Park property.

Commissioner Lankford questioned President Rutledge if he felt the committee would

understand why the Board agreed to not proceed with the location of a cell tower on the park property?

President Rutledge responded to Commissioner Lankford:

- Absolutely
- The main reason I am here today is to express the Committee's appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for sending Manager Morris to ask us our opinion about the location of a cell tower on park property
- We have not been asked in Germanton recently about things that we did not want to happen such as the moving of the Episcopal Church
- Relay a very strong thank you from the committee and community for asking us our opinion

Manager Morris noted that the Committee is interested in the new grant program for county owned parks.

Tax Administration Report – August 2014

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the August Report:

Fiscal Year 2014-15	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
Current 2014 Taxes	\$19,080,388.00	\$9,884,850.48		\$9,195,537.52
New Schools F-Tech Fund (Includes Prior 98-2013 Taxes)	\$1,272,026.00	\$672,420.10		\$599,605.90
Prior Taxes 1998-2013 Tax Years County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$675,000.00	\$194,245.91		\$480,754.09
Collection Percentage As of August 31, 2014 Current 2014 Tax = 0.5181%				
New School F-Tech Fund = 0.5286%				
Prior 1998-2013 Tax Years (Reg and MV) = 0.2878%				
EMS Current Collections Total Collected (08-01-14/08-31-14) \$108,088.56				

Total Collected
(07-01-14/06-30-15)
\$234,011.99
Percentage of Collection =
15.60%
Balance to collect
=\$1,295,988.01

Delinquent EMS Collection
Report - Total Collected
(08-01-14/08-31-14)
\$15,953.66
(07-01-14/06-30-15)
\$30,817.55
Percentage of Collection = 19.26%
Balance to collect = \$129,182.45

Business and Personal Property Discovery Report

Audit Dates	Accts	Total Value	Taxes Due
(08-01-14/08-31-14)	42	\$499,994.00	\$4,108.25
(07-01-14/06-30-15)	76	\$1,925,144.00	\$19,675.72

Motor Vehicle Release Report	Accounts	Total Value
Audit Dates		
(08-01-14/08-31-14)	7	\$326.43

Motor Vehicle Refund Report	Accounts	Total Value
Audit Dates		
(08-01-14/07-31-14)	0	\$00.00

Garnishment Totals

Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amount	Collected Amount
(08-01-14/8-31-14)	179	\$50,635.36	\$44,024.23
F/Year 2014-15			
(07-1-14/6-30-15)	383	\$137,125.32	\$103,788.51

Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report for August 2014

County	Real/Personal	Property	August	2014			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Write-offs	Payments	Ending Balance
2013	\$ 527,002.99	\$ (74.43)	\$74.43		\$(2.59)	\$(40,524.11)	\$ 486,476.29
2012	\$ 248,618.04	\$ (80.18)	\$80.18		\$(0.06)	\$(9,212.50)	\$ 239,405.48
2011	\$ 123,943.00	\$ (78.84)	\$78.84			\$(4,929.32)	\$ 119,013.68

2010	\$	75,587.47	\$ (84.43)	\$84.43		\$(2,395.16)	\$	73,192.31
2009	\$	47,359.32	\$ (63.34)	\$63.34		\$(2,066.32)	\$	45,293.00
2008	\$	33,034.19				\$(846.50)	\$	32,187.69
2007	\$	21,174.03				\$(224.93)	\$	20,949.10
2006	\$	14,896.80				\$(403.36)	\$	14,493.44
2005	\$	11,288.33				\$(439.07)	\$	10,849.26
2004	\$	11,019.47				\$(93.00)	\$	10,926.47
2003	\$	8,859.97					\$	8,859.97
2002	\$	1,364.06				\$(41.57)	\$	1,322.29
2001	\$	16.98					\$	16.98
2000	\$	290.82					\$	290.82
1999	\$	319.98					\$	319.98

<u>County</u>	<u>Motor</u>		<u>August</u>	<u>2014</u>				
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Write-offs	Payments		Ending Balance
2013	\$ 68,130.36	\$(255.60)			\$(1.83)	\$(15,223.84)	\$	52,649.09
2012	\$ 11,845.88				\$(0.80)	\$(1,344.51)	\$	10,500.55
2011	\$ 21,534.22					\$(486.66)	\$	21,047.56
2010	\$ 23,130.78				\$(0.21)	\$(310.77)	\$	22,819.80
2009	\$ 18,681.95					\$(322.85)	\$	18,358.74
2008	\$ 19,291.67					\$(314.80)	\$	18,976.87
2007	\$ 16,804.70					\$(176.92)	\$	16,627.78
2006	\$ 12,108.28					\$(8.40)	\$	12,099.88
2005	\$ 15,036.58					\$(11.58)	\$	15,025.00
2004	\$ 13,559.92					\$(52.82)	\$	13,507.10
2003	\$ 13,485.72				\$(0.83)	\$(66.62)	\$	13,418.27
2002								
2001								
2000								
1999								

<u>New</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Forsyth</u>	<u>Tech</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>2014</u>		
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Write-offs	Payments		Ending Balance
2013	\$ 39,563.68	\$(22.00)	\$4.96		\$(0.32)	\$(3,710.21)	\$	35,836.11
2012	\$ 19,466.96	\$(5.35)	\$5.35		\$(0.05)	\$(703.74)	\$	18,763.17
2011	\$ 8,815.25	\$(5.25)	\$5.25			\$(334.96)	\$	8,480.29

Interstate Collection Report

August 2014

Cumulative Total Collected to Date

Collection

NC Debt Setoff

Total Collected

\$211,215.79

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Motor Vehicles

\$123,520.33

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Property Taxes

\$43,840.84

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	EMS	<u>\$230,901.10</u>
Collected (to date)	All Categories	<u>\$398,262.27</u>

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:

Jul-14

New VTS System

Tax Code	Levy	Interest	Adjustment	Billing	Net
Jurisdiction	Billed	Paid	Made	Cost	Collected
City of King	\$18,341	\$168	-\$188	-\$818	\$17,503
King Car Fee	\$2,525	\$24	-\$10	none	\$2,539
Walnut Cove Town	\$2,931	\$28	none	-\$112	\$2,847
Danbury Town	\$149	\$4	-\$9	-\$5	\$139
School Tax	\$12,908	\$105	-\$44	-\$495	\$12,474
King Fire	\$3,814	\$31	none	-\$149	\$3,696
Rural Hall Fire	\$917	\$7	none	-\$34	\$890
Walnut Cove Fire	\$2,026	\$15	-\$14	-\$76	\$1,951
General County	\$193,616	\$1,577	-\$667	-\$7,429	\$187,097
Service Fire	\$10,919	\$87	-\$30	-\$418	\$10,558
Total Collected	\$248,146	\$2,046	(\$962)	(\$9,536)	\$239,694

- Cost in the New VTS System is calculated in all areas of billing (staffing, contracting, postage, DMV, software, etc.) by the NC Department of Revenue and prorated on each taxing district per bill
- Cost in car fees for the City of King is calculated in the City of King Bills

CUMULATIVE COLLECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

NC Vehicle Tax System Summary per Tax District)

Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	City of King/Car fee	\$20,860.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 551	Total Expenses	<u>\$ (818.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$1.48	Total Net Collected	\$20,042.00
Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	Town of Walnut Cove	\$ 2,959.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 125	Total Expenses	<u>\$(112.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.90	Total Net Collected	\$ 2,847.00
Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	Town of Danbury	\$ 144.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 7	Total Expenses	<u>\$ (5.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.71	Total Net Collected	\$ 139.00

Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	F Tech/School Fund	\$12,969.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 4,783	Total Expenses	<u>\$(495.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.10	Total Net Collected	\$12,474.00

Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	King Fire District	\$3,845.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 759	Total Expenses	<u>\$(149.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.20	Total Net Collected	\$3,696.00

Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	Rural Hall Fire District	\$924.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 138	Total Expenses	<u>\$(34.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.25	Total Net Collected	\$890.00

Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	Walnut Cove Fire Dist.	\$2,027.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 487	Total Expenses	<u>\$(76.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.16	Total Net Collected	\$1,951.00

Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	General County	\$194,526.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 4,783	Total Expenses	<u>\$(7,429.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$1.55	Total Net Collected	\$187,097.00

Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system	Service Fire District	\$ 10,976.00
Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 2,723	Total Expenses	<u>\$(418.00)</u>
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.18	Total Net Collected	\$ 10,558.00

Total Cumulative Collected NCVTS through July (all tax districts)	\$249,230.00
Total Expenses for NCVTS through July (all tax districts)	\$ 9,536.00
Total net collected for NCVTS through July(all tax districts)	\$239,694.00
Average cost per total billings through July	\$1.99 per bill

Lowest cost billed = \$1.80 (County, School Fund, Service Fire based on 4,783 cars)
Highest cost billed = \$3.13 (County, School Fund, King City based on 551cars)

Releases less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2014) for the Board's review:

Refunds less than \$100 - Real/Personal

Name	Bill Number	Amount
Wallace Wayne Alley	14A695201378299	\$ 11.28
Don McDaniel	14A155893628.09	\$ 16.06

Billy Carter	14A1555921510.02	\$ 37.42
Tonya Hornaday	14A155924526.09	\$ 91.36
Bobby Vaughn	14A156044808.02	\$ 20.74
C/O Ellen Lopez		
Nora Gwyn	14A155907756.09	\$ 51.30
Wayne Wall	14A64546.09	\$ 1.99
Kenneth E Boles	14A845.03	\$ 19.39
Matthew A Rollins	14A156034826.02	\$ 6.00
Bruce A Petersen	14A155922891.04	\$ 11.06
Clifford Ray Carter	14A71944.09	\$ 3.88
Stanley J. Cantrell, Jr	14A1311.09	\$ 6.00
Total		\$276.48

Refunds less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2014) for the Board's review:

Refunds less than \$100 - Real/Personal Property

Name	Bill Number	Amount
Billy Carter*	13A155921510.02	\$35.91
	12A155921510.02	\$34.58
	11A155921510.02	\$33.51
	10A155921510.02	<u>\$31.61</u>
	Total	\$135.61

*Apply Refund amount to
Account 155921510

Nora Gwyn **	13A155907756.09	\$51.54
	12A155907756.09	\$59.64
	11A155907756.09	\$60.74
	10A155907756.09	\$63.68
	09A155907756.09	<u>\$70.20</u>
	Total Amount	\$305.80

**Apply refund amount to
Account 155907756

Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2014) for the Board's review and consideration at the September 8, 2014

September 22nd meeting:

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

Name	Bill No	Amount	Reason
Rex Grier Bowen	14A597301389436	\$2,230.62	correction of defer. calculation
Judith Forlines	14A692900203881	\$ 301.04	correction of house appraisal
Stephen Jack Fowler	14A694401067192	\$ 162.15	correction of house appraisal
Kathy Watts Fowler			
Harvey M Lemons	14A698700055570	\$ 201.63	correction of building appraisal
Sandra Shelton	14A600000951551	\$ 394.80	late elderly-approved by BOCC
Mary Frances Jackson	14A598703340282	\$ 297.86	late elderly-approved by BOCC
Alton & Elsie Roberts	14A690213036656	\$ 296.30	late elderly-approved by BOCC
Daniel McCray McHone	14A156045654.02	\$ 506.73	late elderly-approved by BOCC
Town/Country	14A24219.09	\$7,595.36	taxpayer listing error
Restaurant	14A24219.09.1	\$8,336.34	taxpayer listing error
Randall M Embry	14A59755.03	\$ 356.73	listed in two counties
J Dean & Annette Slate	14A691304930520	<u>\$1,555.94</u>	deferment removed in error
Total		\$22,235.50	

Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2014) for the Board’s review and consideration at the September 22nd meeting:

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

Name	Bill No	Amount	Reason
Jeanette Taylor	14A599317109106	\$ 331.00	late elderly -approved by BOCC
Flora Marsh			
Raymond Hurst	21292477	\$ 312.17	sold vehicle
Tonya Hornaday	13A155924526.09.1	\$ 167.05	SWMH repossessed on 02-12-10
	12A155924526.09.1	\$ 174.60	
	11A155924526.09	<u>\$ 181.52</u>	
Total		\$1,166.34	

Discount for Early Payment of Annual Bills

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following total discounts taken on the 2014

Stokes County Annual Bills:

General County	G01	\$200,731.18
School Fund	E01	\$ 13,380.31
Service Fire	S01	\$ 11,245.05
King Fire	F01	\$ 3,202.32
Rural Hall Fire	F02	\$ 614.23
Walnut Cove Fire	F03	\$ 2,227.23
Dogs	D01	\$ 319.13
City of King	C01	\$ 24,592.85
Town of Walnut Cove	C03	\$ 4,137.09
Town of Danbury	C04	\$ 273.54
Total		\$260,722.93

Late Applications for Elderly Exemption for 2014

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Applications for Elderly

Exemption for 2014 with a request for the board's consideration and approval at the September 22nd meeting:

Taxpayer: Timothy Lankford

- Parcel Number: 6903-04-54-5264
- One acre of land and a dwelling located at 217 Redwood Bend Road, King, NC
- Assigned Tax Value of \$68,900
- Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that he qualifies for the exemption

Taxpayers: John Wayne Fulks

- Parcel Number: 6973-01-49-0574
- One acre of land and a dwelling located at 1203 Tuttle Road, Walnut Cove, NC
- Assigned Tax Value of 55,500
- Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that he qualifies for the exemption

Taxpayer: Faye R. Porter

- Parcel Number: 6933-02-65-4178
- One acre of land and a dwelling located at 1135 Franklin Road, Germanton, NC
- Assigned Tax Value of \$93,800
- Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that she qualifies for the exemption

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- Collection is up approximately \$1.1 million from last year
- Report for the collection of new State Motor Vehicle Billings is about two months behind

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Booth questioned Tax Administrator Oakley his opinion as to whether the County is better off with the State collecting the motor vehicle taxes?

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- County is getting the money now instead of collecting it over a year or two
- Will be an increase in collection
- State is collecting 99% to 100% where the County was only collecting approximately 85%
- Must consider that prior taxes, delinquents, interest, etc. will start decreasing, not showing much of a decrease now, but it will happen
- Feel it will need to run a year or two to see the actual numbers

County Manager Rick Morris responded:

- Had Finance Director Edwards pull some figures together
- The County has collected \$92,103.82 more comparing a twelve-month period

Tax Administrator Oakley suggested the Board consider trying to get the fees reduced, looking at July, the fee was approximately on average \$2.00 per bill with Stokes County paying about \$1.55.

Chairman Booth noted that there were costs associated with the County collecting the motor vehicles such as lockbox, mailings, postage, paper, etc.

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the following be placed on the September 22nd

Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100
- Late Applications for Elderly Exemptions

Vice Chairman Jones suggested possibly adding the reduction of fees for the collection of motor vehicles to the Legislative Goals.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the September 22nd Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100
- Late Applications for Elderly Exemptions

Tax Administrator Oakley spoke to the Board regarding an invitation to see a demo and presentation on a new Tax/GIS Website.

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- Have been looking at different vendors for some time
- Have narrowed it down to one company that is highly recommended – ROC Technologies
- Several other counties use this vendor
- Would like for the Board to see what they have to offer and how we can serve the tax paying citizens of Stokes County better
- Current website has issues and not liked by most people who frequently use it
- Currently, there is no cost for the website
- It runs on our current tax software
- Want to start with the GIS part first
- Once the conversion is done in the Farragut System, attach the tax data to the new website
- Would like for the entire Board to see the presentation, but do understand that would constitute a meeting; if desired by the Board, two members could attend
- Similar to the old website done by Anderson Associates
- Will be inviting surveyors, realtors, appraisers, department heads, etc.

Chairman Booth questioned the desire of the Board to have an advertised meeting with all Board members or have two members attend from the Board?

Each Board member expressed interest in attending the presentation.

Commissioner Lankford suggested possibly scheduling a meeting before the regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014, possibly at 11:30 pm.

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting for the presentation on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 11:30 pm (third floor conference room).

Tax Administrator Oakley stated that he would confirm the date with ROC Technologies.

Chairman Booth directed the Clerk to advertise the special meeting for November 10, 2014

at 11:30 pm once Tax Administrator Oakley confirms the date and time.

Social Services Monthly Report

DSS Director Stacey Elmes presented the following Social Services Monthly Report:

- Fourth Quarter and Annual County Oversight Review
 - Quarterly monitoring was conducted at all facilities in Stokes County
 - Stokes County was commended for their efforts to ensure regulatory functions are conducted timely and per policy and procedure
- NC FAST Updates:
 - Statewide Medicaid Untimely Application Processing Status
 - As of August 20th = 26,390 untimely Medicaid Applications
 - State is under target
 - Stokes County Medicaid Untimely Application Processing Status
 - As of August 20th = 12 untimely Medicaid Applications
 - County is over target
 - Applications in EIS/NC as of August 2014
 - % in EIS = 49%
 - % in NC FAST = 51%
 - Total applications = 324
 - Applications/Re-certifications in all Income Maintenance Programs as of 08-30-2014
 - Food and Nutrition Services -
 - Applications:
 - Late = 1
 - Total Pending in NC FAST = 79
 - Recertification
 - Late = 1
 - Total Pending in NC FAST = 419
 - Family and Children's Medicaid
 - Applications:
 - Late = 0
 - Total Pending in NC FAST = 69
 - Recertification
 - Late = 0
 - Total Pending in NC FAST = 335
 - Adult Medicaid
 - Applications:
 - Late = 0
 - Total Pending in NC FAST = 119
 - Recertification
 - Late = 1
 - Total Pending for October = 125

Metrics

- As of August 12, 2014
 - Income Maintenance
 - NC FAST – In compliance
 - WorkFirst – In compliance
 - FNS – In compliance
 - Family and Children's Medicaid – In compliance
 - Child Support
 - Program Integrity – In compliance
 - Appeal Hearings and Fraud Hearings – In compliance
 - Day Care – In compliance
 - Foster Care
 - Foster Care Services – Needs improvements
 - Unit is fully staffed and working on improvements
 - Foster Care Home Licensing – In compliance
 - Adoptions – In compliance
 - Child Protective Services
 - Investigations – Needs improvements
 - Worker has been out on medical leave causing disruption
 - Should be back mid-September
 - Case Management – Needs improvements
 - Case managers are having to help out with investigations due to vacant position and medical leave
 - Adult Services
 - Adult Protective Services– In compliance
 - Guardianship– In compliance
 - SSBG/HCCBG/Payee/Adult Day– In compliance
 - Family/Monitoring– In compliance
 - SA IH/MAC– In compliance
 - CAP DA/CAP C– In compliance
 - Intake– In compliance
 - Caseloads– In compliance
 - Supervision (Staff/Supervisor Ratio)- Needs improvement
 - Two supervisors currently supervise more than the state recommends
 - Staffing (Years of Service) – In compliance
 - 35 staff members with more than 5 years of experience; 9 staff members with 2-5 years of experience; 14 staff members with 0-2 years of experience
 - Medicaid Transportation – In compliance
 - Clerical – In compliance

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with Director Elmes' monthly report.

Chairman Booth, on behalf of the Board, extended the Board's appreciation for the monthly report.

Autumn Square Facility – Request for Rent Reduction

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following regarding the Autumn Square Facility Request for Rent Reduction:

- Presented the rent reduction request from Ronnie Venable briefly at the August 25th meeting and was directed by the Board to place the item on the September 8th Discussion Agenda
- Mr. Venable has requested the rent for the storage units be decreased from \$400 to \$200 per month
- Mr. Venable rents the storage units for his ministry and is having a hard time with raising funds for the ministry
- Mr. Venable also rents another office for his business beside the county garage; County receives \$1,100 per month for that unit
- Mr. Venable's total rent would be \$1,300 per month if the reduction is approved
- Revenue from the renting of offices at the Autumn Square Facility is \$800 more each month than what the debt is each month for the building
- If Mr. Venable pulls out of both rentals, the County would have a slight deficit even if the one vacant office is rented (Mr. Venable has made no comments about leaving)
- Might be hard to rent the space beside the garage, if Mr. Venable left
- Would recommend decreasing the rent to \$200 per month
- Would request the approval be retroactive to September 1, 2014
- Would request the item be moved to Action Agenda today since Mr. Venable made his request to the County about three (3) weeks ago

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Mr. Venable has been great to work with
- Very seldom do you get an opportunity to buy a piece of commercial property with seller financing
- That doesn't usually happen in the real world
- That gave Stokes County a wonderful opportunity to get a garage that has been desperately needed for a long time
- The County is currently paying for the entire property from the lease of the other office spaces
- Very small concession to make on the part of the County
- On Board with the request

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Inman's comments

Chairman Booth commented:

- Agree with Manager Morris, it would probably be hard to get another tenant beside of a county garage paying \$1,100 per month
- Could have the potential of losing the \$1,100 which would put the County in the "red" paying for the facility

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Agree with Manager Morris' recommendation

The Board unanimously agreed to move the item to today's Action Agenda.

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

Proposed F/Y 2014-15 NC Department of Agriculture/Consumer Services Agreement-Forestry

County Manager Rick Morris presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 NC Department of Agriculture/Consumer Services Agreement for Forestry Services for the Board's review and consideration at the September 22nd meeting.

County Manager Morris commented:

- Annual agreement for forestry services
- Proposed agreement reflects the allocation approved by the Board in the F/Y 14-15 County Budget
- County Attorney Ty Browder has approved the proposed agreement

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the proposed agreement.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the proposed agreement on the September 22nd Consent Agenda.

NCDOT – Request to Abandon SR#1916 – Coon Joyce Road from the Secondary Road System

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Request to Abandon SR#1946 – Coon Joyce Road from the Secondary Road System:

- As directed by the Board at the August 25th meeting, staff contacted Mr. Jim Garich, VP Operations Director for Mr. David Couch's LLCs
- Staff confirmed that Mr. Couch and Mr. Garich both were aware that if the road went to a private road, this would eliminate school buses from traveling on the road
- Mr. Garich stated that no one lives on the road and Mr. Couch has no need now or in the future for school buses to travel the road
- Mr. Garich noted that there is a vacant old house on the road that is being leased to a hunting club
- Mr. Garich expressed his appreciation, on behalf of Mr. Couch, for the Board's consideration in abandoning this road
- Mr. Garich is handling the road abandonment for Mr. Couch
- Staff actually traveled the road and verified no one lived the road
- Request direction as to whether to proceed with the abandonment

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with proceeding with the abandonment process.

Commissioner Walker suggested placing the item on the Action Agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 22nd Action Agenda.

Proposed Ordinance/Resolution – Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Ordinance/Resolution Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for the Board's review and consideration at the September 22nd meeting:

North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF STOKES

AUTHORIZING THE STOKES COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE TO SEEK STATE ACCESS TO SBI/DCI CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION FOR USE IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF A PERSON OR OF A LOCATION FOR AN ABC PERMIT

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 18B-904(f) provides that the governing body of a county may designate an official of the county, by name or position, to make recommendations to the State ABC Commission on behalf of the county concerning the suitability of a person or of a location for an ABC permit when proposed location is within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff or Chief Deputy of the Stokes County Sheriff's Office is designated as the officials authorized to make recommendations on behalf of the governing body, concerning the suitability of a person or of a location for an ABC permit within the jurisdiction of Stokes County pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 18B-904(f); and

WHEREAS, in order to make said recommendations, the Stokes County Sheriff's Office desires State access to the SBI/DCI Criminal History Record Information to obtain criminal history information on all persons applying for ABC permits for proposed locations within the county of Stokes; and

WHEREAS, the Stokes County Sheriff's Office will obtain said criminal history on each applicant based on identification information regarding the applicant contained in the notice of permit application received from the State ABC Commission; and

WHEREAS, if the said criminal history information reveals that an applicant has been convicted of any felony, a misdemeanor involving drugs or alcohol, or any offense in violation of Article 26 of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Stokes County Sheriff's Office will file a written objection to the issuance of the permit; and

WHEREAS, the State ABC Commission is the government agency responsible for the issuance of all ABC permits.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY that the Sheriff or Chief Deputy of the Stokes County Sheriff's Office is designated as the officials authorized to make recommendations on behalf of the governing body of the County of Stokes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY that the Stokes County Sheriff's Office shall be authorized to seek state access to SBI/DCI Criminal History Record Information to obtain criminal history information on all persons applying for ABC permits for proposed locations within the county of Stokes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY that **ALL ORDINANCES** in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY that should any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of any competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY that this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted the ____ day of 2014.

James D. Booth - Chairman

Ronda Jones - Vice Chairman

J. Leon Inman - Commissioner

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Ernest Lankford - Commissioner

Attest _____
Darlene Bullins-Clerk to the Board

County Manager Morris commented:

- The State has notified the Sheriff's Office that the State is now requiring an Ordinance/Resolution Authorizing the Sheriff's Office to seek State Access to SBI/DCI Criminal Record Information for Use in Making Recommendations on the Suitability of a Person or a Location for an ABC Permit
- County Attorney Ty Browder has approved the proposed Ordinance/Resolution, only adding one word "WHEREAS, if the said criminal history..."

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that the Ordinance/Resolution wording was provided by the State.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 22nd Consent Agenda.

Potential Unspent Funding – Lawsonville Elementary School Renovation Project

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding Potential Unspent Funding – Lawsonville Elementary School Renovation Project:

- As I recall, this was started when the Board was discussing capital needs in a joint meeting with the Board of Education last year
- After the joint meeting, the Board directed the manager to send a letter to the Board of Education indicating that the County would consider any left over funding from the Lawsonville Elementary Project to be used for additional capital needs at Lawsonville or for other urgent capital needs at other schools within the system
- Leftover construction and contingencies = \$19,436
- Leftover financing = \$44,093

- Total of \$63,529 which can be used for projects at Lawsonville without additional Local Government Commission (LGC) approval
- If used at any other school, approval would have to be obtained from LGC and the financing institute (should be no problem)
- In addition to the \$63,529, there is \$27,461.49 sales tax refund from the construction of the project that can be used at Lawsonville or any other school project with any approval from LGC or the financing institute
- In total, there is \$90,990.49 available from the Lawsonville Project that can be used
- The Board of Education has requested to spend some of the remaining funds as follows:
 - Upgrade existing Security System = \$1,795.00
 - Covered walkways for bus and car riders = \$11,400.00
 - Storage building for custodial supplies = \$6,542.00
 - Sound proof the music room = \$3,500.00
 - Commercial wet/dry vacuum = \$675.00
 - Replace cracked concrete entrance walkway = \$6,155.00
 - Rework existing landscaping at front entrance = \$5,000.00
 - Electronic School Sign = \$22,298.00
 - New picnic shelter = \$25,000.00
 - Total = \$82,365.00
- Could pay debt with the remaining funds

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Remember offering the leftover funding for capital needs
- Little surprised, all the overage is being considered for Lawsonville and how these priorities stack up against other needs in other schools
- Didn't realize an electronic sign and a new picnic shelter would be on the list, when there may be more serious needs in other schools
- Not aware of the exact needs at Lawsonville or at the other schools, but considering some of the things we have heard and seen, not sure how all these priorities align
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the offer was for the school system's high priority capital funding needs
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that no specific school was mentioned in the offer letter
- Not the response I was expecting
- Understand there was an electronic sign denied at another school

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Electronic signs have been placed at Poplar Springs Elementary School and Southeastern Middle School

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Leaves a bunch of schools without electronic signs
- These could be legitimate needs, they very well could be

- My questions is, given the overall scope of things, how do these priorities align themselves with other needs at possibly other schools

County Manager Morris responded:

- Your offer left it open to go to other schools or Lawsonville
- Not sure of the process the Board of Education took to determine the needs

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Share some of Commissioner Walker's concerns
- Made a call to Superintendent Mendenhall today to find out how the Board of Education came up the priorities
- His answer was:
 - At each of the school projects that have been done, the precedent had been that any contingent funds stayed with the school
- Would like to know if that happened at Mount Olive, Nancy Reynolds, Poplar Springs, and Southeastern Middle?

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Commissioner Lankford is my go to person for the schools
- He has a rich history serving on the Board of Education
- Questioned Commissioner Lankford if he remembered this being done?

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- Recall capital funding is for capital needs and priorities are priorities
- Even though they are asking, doesn't mean the Board has to appropriate the funding
- Looking at the list, there are items I could support, but would like to get the information requested by Commissioner Inman before the Board takes any action
- Suggested putting the item back on the Discussion Agenda for the next meeting
- Suggest the County Manager request answers to Commissioner Inman's question

Chairman Booth commented:

- Have some concerns with the electronic sign and picnic shelter as mentioned by Commissioner Walker
- Questioned the cost of a picnic shelter being \$25,000?

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- There was a picnic shelter on the Lawsonville property that was built by the Ruritan Club
- It had to be taken down for the renovation project
- That picnic shelter is for the general public and the school
- Lot of teachers would take their students and have picnics at the shelter
- It was used for many purposes
- Not sure about the cost

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- When I first saw the list, I thought this was their money that was allocated for the Lawsonville project

- During budget sessions, heard all requests for high priority needs
- Have some concerns about the electronic sign and picnic shelter
- Understand the need for a shelter, not sure I understand the price
- The newer schools did get an electronic sign, wonder if it was included in the project and funded with leftover funding?

Chairman Booth commented:

- Feel it was built into the project cost
- Need more answers

Commissioner Walker questioned if someone from the school system could be at the next meeting to answer questions?

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Feel the manager could get the answers needed
- Don't feel we need anyone from the school system at the next meeting

Commissioner Walker commented:

- The advantage to having someone here is for other questions that might come up

Finance Director Edwards commented:

- It is my understanding, the principal is given an opportunity to submit a list of needs if there is any leftover funding

Chairman Booth commented:

- Those requests did not come to this Board for approval

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Noted the letter was approved by the Board of Education
- Do not want to trample on the school boards' turf
- Where it gets sticky, is when they come back for urgent items and this Board has approved a list with a \$25,000 picnic shelter
- My question would be "why funding was not used from leftover monies to address critical projects?"

County Manager Morris confirmed with the Board the following questions to be sent to the Board of Education:

- Is this a precedent or not?
- Given the list provided by the Board of Education, has the Board of Education considered all other facilities to ensure there are no critical, urgent or safety type items that should be higher priority items?

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Would like to know how the other contingent monies left from the other projects were spent?
- Would like it broken down, spent at that particular school or for something else?

County Manager confirmed the following three questions would be sent to the Board of Education:

- Is this a precedent or not?
- Provide a detailed list of how other contingent monies left from other school projects were spent
- Has the Board of Education considered all other facilities to ensure that there are no critical, urgent, or safety type items that should be higher priority items?

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 22nd Discussion Agenda.

NC Cooperative Extension – Bonus Leave Award

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following request from NC Cooperative

Extension:

- The State of North Carolina awarded a “bonus leave” provision to employees as a part of the 2014 State Budget
- Forty (40) hours of leave is to be allocated for full-time, leave-earning employees (prorated for less than full time)
- It will be awarded to only those leave-earning employees employed on September 1, 2014
- It is paid out to employees who separate or retire
- The minutes of September 9, 2013 reflect that the Board of Commissioners did not award the “special leave” last year
- Cooperative Extension employees are treated the same when it comes to employees receiving a COLA
- County does not have anything to do with determining leave accruals for Cooperative Extension employees
- Recommend denying the bonus leave as county employees are not receiving any bonus leave
- Request the item be moved to today’s Action Agenda due to the September 11th deadline

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

It was consensus of the Board to take Manager Morris' recommendation to deny the request for bonus leave.

It was consensus of the Board to move the item to today's Action Agenda.

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

Appointments – Economic Development Commission

County Manager Rick Morris noted that the County had received a resignation letter from Bruce Younts which was noted at the August 25th meeting.

Manager Morris noted that the vacancy had been advertised and placed on the County's website.

Clerk Bullins noted that the appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Younts.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Durwood Dunlap.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Mr. Dunlap is a long-time business operator from the Walnut Cove area
- Feel he will be a perfect fit for the EDC

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 22nd Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

NCDOT – Request for Addition – Oxford Lane In Dalton West Subdivision

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the NCDOT Request for the Addition of Oxford Lane in the Dalton West Subdivision to the NC Secondary Road System which was September 8, 2014

submitted at the August 25th meeting.

Commissioner moved to approve the Resolution to add Oxford Lane in the Dalton West Subdivision to the NC Secondary Road System. Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

NCACC – Legislative Goal – Development Process

Chairman Booth noted the Clerk had comprised the following information from the August 25th meeting for the Board's consideration:

Current Legislative Goals

- Elimination of state and federal unfunded mandates
- Change the calculation of sales tax revenue back to per capita/point of delivery
- Create jobs thru less regulations
- Reinstate lottery funding for construction of schools, per General Statute 18C-164(c)(2), to be 40% of the 50% education share of the lottery revenue
- Reinstate Hold Harmless revenue to counties who were receiving Hold Harmless for five additional years to compensate for funding shortfalls (inventory tax, senior citizen exemption and intangible tax)
- Continue to oppose the shift of state transportation responsibilities to the counties
- Lobby against specific legislation that weakens local government control and centralizes government on the state level
- Keep DHHS funding at the current level for mental health

Goals to be added:

- Possibly add a goal "Changing back the collection of motor vehicles taxes to the counties"
- Possibly add a goal "Oppose shifting Medicaid back to the counties"
- Possibly add a goal "Bring internet service to the un-served and underserved areas in rural counties by looking at regionalization"
- Possibly add a goal "Focus on providing funding to the rural counties who need it the most for economic development"

Suggestions to existing goals:

- Change First Goal to "Oppose shifting of state and federal unfunded mandates to the counties"

Request from Northwester Regional Library to add the following goal:

- Restore funding to State Aid to the Public Libraries Fund to the pre-2011 level of \$15.7 million and eliminate special provisions that distribute State Aid outside of the equitable formula developed by the State Library Commission

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion regarding the submission of the Legislative Goals.

Commissioner Inman noted there was no need to prioritize the goals as they would be prioritized during the Legislative Goals Conference in January 2015.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Feel the first goal should be reworded to “Oppose shifting of state and federal unfunded mandates to the counties”

It was the consensus of the Board to reword the first goal as suggested by Commissioner Inman.

Vice Chairman Jones recommended the following change to the proposed goal regarding the collection of motor vehicle taxes:

- Reduce the fees for collection of motor vehicles taxes charged to counties

It was the consensus of the Board to add Vice Chairman Jones’ recommendation regarding the reduction of fees for collection of motor vehicles taxes charged to counties.

It was the consensus of the Board to just add the new goals to the existing goals.

Commissioner Inman noted to definitely add the “Oppose shifting of Medicaid back to the Counties.”

It was the consensus of the Board to add Commissioner Inman’s suggestion “Oppose shifting of Medicaid back to the Counties” to the existing goals.

Commissioner Inman recommended adding the following to the existing goals:

- Bring internet service to the un-served and underserved areas in rural counties by looking at regionalization
- Focus on providing funding to the rural counties who need it the most for economic development

Chairman Booth recommended adding the following to the existing goals:

- Restore funding to State Aid to the Public Libraries Fund to the pre-2011 level of \$15.7 million and eliminate special provisions that distribute State Aid outside of the equitable formula developed by the State Library Commission

It was the consensus of the Board to add the following recommendations from

Commissioner Inman and Chairman Booth to the existing goals:

- Bring internet service to the un-served and underserved areas in rural counties by looking at regionalization
- Focus on providing funding to the rural counties who need it the most for economic development
- Restore funding to State Aid to the Public Libraries Fund to the pre-2011 level of \$15.7 million and eliminate special provisions that distribute State Aid outside of the equitable formula developed by the State Library Commission

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to approve the submission of the following

Legislative Goals as agreed upon by the Board of Commissioners:

- Oppose shifting of state and federal unfunded mandates to the counties
- Change the calculation of sales tax revenue back to per capita/point of delivery
- Create jobs thru less regulations
- Reinstate lottery funding for construction of schools, per General Statute 18C-164(c)(2), to be 40% of the 50% education share of the lottery revenue
- Reinstate Hold Harmless revenue to counties who were receiving Hold Harmless for five additional years to compensate for funding shortfalls (inventory tax, senior citizen exemption and intangible tax)
- Continue to oppose the shift of state transportation responsibilities to the counties
- Lobby against specific legislation that weakens local government control and centralizes government on the state level
- Keep DHHS funding at the current level for mental health
- Reduce the fees for collection of motor vehicles taxes charged to counties
- Oppose shifting of Medicaid back to the counties
- Bring internet service to the un-served and underserved areas in rural counties by looking at regionalization
- Focus on providing funding to the rural counties who need it the most for economic development
- Restore funding to State Aid to the Public Libraries Fund to the pre-2011 level of \$15.7 million and eliminate special provisions that distribute State Aid outside of the equitable formula developed by the State Library Commission

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the following Legislative Goals as agreed by the

Board of Commissioners to the NCACC:

- Oppose shifting of state and federal unfunded mandates to the counties
- Change the calculation of sales tax revenue back to per capita/point of delivery
- Create jobs thru less regulations
- Reinstate lottery funding for construction of schools, per General Statute 18C-164(c)(2), to be 40% of the 50% education share of the lottery revenue
- Reinstate Hold Harmless revenue to counties who were receiving Hold Harmless for five additional years to compensate for funding shortfalls (inventory tax, senior citizen exemption and intangible tax)
- Continue to oppose the shift of state transportation responsibilities to the counties
- Lobby against specific legislation that weakens local government control and centralizes government on the state level
- Keep DHHS funding at the current level for mental health
- Reduce the fees for collection of motor vehicles taxes charged to counties
- Oppose shifting of Medicaid back to the counties
- Bring internet service to the un-served and underserved areas in rural counties by looking at regionalization
- Focus on providing funding to the rural counties who need it the most for economic development
- Restore funding to State Aid to the Public Libraries Fund to the pre-2011 level of \$15.7 million and eliminate special provisions that distribute State Aid outside of the equitable formula developed by the State Library Commission

Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to submit the approved Legislative Goals to the NCACC.

Appointments – Stokes County Fire Commission

Chairman Booth noted the following were nominated for re-appointment to the Stokes County Fire Commission:

- Fire Service Member – Wayne Barneycastle
- Civilian Members:
 - Billy Joe Joyce
 - Willard Nelson

Chairman Booth opened the floor for nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Booth polled the Board:

Commissioner Lankford: Wayne Barneycastle, Billy Joe Joyce and Willard Nelson
Commissioner Inman: Wayne Barneycastle, Billy Joe Joyce and Willard Nelson
Chairman Booth: Wayne Barneycastle, Billy Joe Joyce and Willard Nelson
Vice Chairman Jones: Wayne Barneycastle, Billy Joe Joyce and Willard Nelson
Commissioner Walker: Wayne Barneycastle, Billy Joe Joyce and Willard Nelson

Chairman Booth noted that the following were unanimously approved for re-appointment to the Stokes County Fire Commission:

- Fire Service Member – Wayne Barneycastle
- Civilian Members:
 - Billy Joe Joyce
 - Willard Nelson

Appointments – Workforce Development Board

Chairman Booth noted the following were nominated at the August 25th meeting:

- Mark Badgett
- Gail Bennett
- Von Robertson

Chairman Booth opened the floor for nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Lankford moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Booth polled the Board:

Vice Chairman Jones: Von Robertson
Commissioner Walker: Mark Badgett
Commissioner Lankford: Von Robertson
Commissioner Inman: Von Robertson
Chairman Booth: Von Robertson

Chairman Booth noted since the appointment must be a unanimous approval per the WorkForce Development Bylaws, there was no unanimous appointment by the Board.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 22nd Action Agenda.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Have spoken to the Director regarding the appointment having to be unanimous, but received no indication that there was a willingness to change the Bylaws
- I don't agree with the Bylaws, I feel a majority should rule
- As an assessment of the situation, believe there are people serving on the current Board that were not appointed with a unanimous vote; it has never been challenged by anyone except our County
- If anyone wants to check or see if this could be changed to a majority of the Board, that is certainly their choice; possibly the manager could check into this

Chairman Booth questioned if the Board desired for the county manager to check into changing the Bylaws.

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- County has been provided the Bylaws and don't believe the Board will change the Bylaws

Proposed Energy Program Outreach Plan – Department of Social Services

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the proposed Energy Program Outreach Plan for Department the Social Services submitted at the August 11th meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve Energy Program Outreach Plan for the Department of Social Services. Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Autumn Square Facility– Request for Rent Reduction

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the request for rent reduction from Mr. Ronnie Venable who occupies space at the Autumn Square Facility presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the rent reduction (from \$400 to \$200 monthly) retroactive to September 1, 2014 for Mr. Ronnie Venable. Commissioner Walker seconded and the September 8, 2014

motion carried unanimously.

NC Cooperative Extension – Bonus Leave Award

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the bonus leave award requested by NC Cooperative Extension presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Walker moved to accept the manager's recommendation to deny the bonus leave request for NC Cooperative Extension employees as to being consistent with the county employees. 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 Lankford moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

James D. Booth
Chairman