

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 22, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene M. Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
EMS Director Greg Collins

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

Chairman Booth 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 22, 2014 Agenda.

County Manager Rick Morris requested to add the following item to tonight's Discussion Agenda:

Budget Guidance Work Sessions

- Would like to schedule the Budget Guidance Work Sessions for November, December, and possibly January
- Could advertise with the Special Meeting for GIS/Tax Website Demonstration – save advertising dollars

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion to add the item to tonight's Discussion Agenda.

It was the consensus of the Board to place the Budget Guidance Work Session Schedule on tonight's Discussion Agenda.

Chairman Booth directed the Clerk to place the item on tonight's Discussion Agenda.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the September 22nd Agenda as amended.

Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS

Manager/Commissioners

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- League of Governments Meeting
 - Stokes County will host the League of Governments Meeting on Thursday, October 2nd starting at 6:30 pm – Administrative Building
- Request for Information (RFI) – Pine Hall Medical Center – Petree Project
 - County received only one response to the RFI – Pioneer Health Services
 - Will be meeting with Pioneer representatives on Thursday to start discussion regarding the business model
- Horne Creek Historical Farm, Pinnacle, NC
 - 23rd Annual Cornshucking Frolic – Saturday, October 18th (10:00 am – 5:00 pm)
 - Join the Horne Creek Farm's staff and volunteers as they harvest, shuck, shell, and grind corn, as well as, showcase over 40 heritage skills such as making molasses, weaving baskets, blacksmithing, chair caning, quilting, woodworking, and plowing
 - Traditional, Bluegrass, and Gospel music groups will play throughout the day
 - Wonderful products and gifts will be available in the country store including apples from the Southern Heritage Apple Orchard
- Planning Meeting
 - Board of Commissioners will have a Planning Meeting on Tuesday,

October 7th at 7:00 pm

- Stokes Stomp
 - Stokes Stomp went very well even though there was some challenging weather
 - YVEDDI did an excellent job with the new shuttle service
 - Have received lots of compliments regarding the Stomp and the new shuttle service; lot of people were happy with the new change
 - YVEDDI provided excellent equipment and staff to serve those who came to the Stomp

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Have been out of town recently and missed most of the Fair and Stomp
- Understand that both went very well
- Stokes Stomp not only draws local people, but also draws a lot of out of town visitors
- Stokes Stomp is a very positive event for our county
- 100% for positive events for our county

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Has been a very busy time lately – Stokes County Fair and Stokes Stomp
- Spent a lot of time at the fair last week, speaking to a lot of the Veterans and listening to their heart-breaking stories
- Participated in the Stokes Stomp Parade
 - Due to the weather had a lot of toothbrushes left this year; divided them up between East Stokes Outreach Ministry, King Outreach Ministry, and North Stokes Food Pantry
- Had continuing education this past weekend, learned that studies are proving that women who are expecting children and lack sunshine have a higher rate of having children with autism; very interesting fact
- Piedmont Authority Regional Transportation (PART) is on the right path, have some great leadership now – enjoy serving on the PART Board
- Hope to see everyone at the East Stokes Outreach Ministry on October 1st at 10:00 am for their ribbon cutting

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Would like to take my time to update the Board on CenterPoint Human Services
- Have served on the CenterPoint Board of Directors since 2002
- Real passionate about a lot of things, but very passionate about two things - public education and mental health
- The delivery of mental health services whether it be substance abuse, developmental disabilities or mental health is extremely important
- CenterPoint has been in the news quite a bit lately
- Just left a special called two-hour meeting at CenterPoint
- CenterPoint hired Consultant Dan Coughlin who interviewed each board member
- There has been some differences of opinions on the Board
- Quite frankly, I think part of it centers around what a board should do

- A board does not manage, a board is an oversight board
- This Board of Commissioners does not manage the manager
- The Board of Commissioners employs a manager to run the county government
- A board of directors is an oversight board to make sure that statutes and policies are being implemented
- I think there is some discord there
- Contrary to what Mr. Craver says, I don't think it is a dysfunctional board, because three Stokes County people serve on the Board of Directors – myself, Jan Spencer, and Pam Tillman
- Do not feel those serving from Stokes County are dysfunctional
- Each Board member had five minutes to speak at the Special Called Meeting
- One member pointed out that “how can we be dysfunctional when Centerpoint is the leading MCO in the state and leads a lot of the benchmarks in its delivery of services to its constituency
- It depends on who you are talking to, will keep the Board of Commissioners posted
- Did a couple of follow up calls, one to Sheriff Mike Marshall, who is on the front line in first opinion waivers
- Have had some problems in the past with the wait time, Sheriff Mike Marshall said that I could quote him “the only issue that he had was that there were not enough beds”
- Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes is working very closely with CenterPoint
- Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes has already implemented a geriatric psychiatric program
- Feel this Board will say that CEO Betty Taylor and staff have been quick to response when there are concerns
- Also spoke to DSS Director Stacey Elmes who only had one issue which was some wait time for a foster child who needed a behavior health child program; plan to check into this situation
- The meeting today allowed a lot of people to speak, lot of things came out
- Diversity is good and there is a lot of different opinions on this Board, but this is not a dysfunctional board
- The CenterPoint Board of Directors is operating and doing what it is supposed to do

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life – “Every word of God is pure, he is a shield unto them who put their trust in him” (Proverbs)
- Had the opportunity to attend the Stokes County Fair and the Stokes Stomp
 - Lot of people at both events
 - The new shuttle service at the Stomp turned out to be very positive
- Attended the NCACC Insurance Pool this past Thursday and Friday
 - Property/Liability and Worker's Compensation Pools are very healthy which should help the County's premiums next year
 - NCACC Insurance Pools has 68 counties/entities
 - According to all the information provided, Board of Directors feels very good about the insurance pools

Chairman Booth commented:

- To add to what Commissioner Inman said about Centerpoint, the County Manager, Sheriff, and I meet quarterly with the CenterPoint management team
 - The wait time is mentioned at almost every meeting, seeing some improvements
 - CenterPoint's management team listens to what the County has to say
 - County keeps CenterPoint updated on all issues
 - CenterPoint has an office in the County now that is staffed certain days of the week with hopes to be open five days a week
 - CenterPoint management team also provides updates throughout the year to the Board of Commissioners
- Attended the Stokes County Fair and Stokes Stomp
 - Very positive events
 - Rode the new shuttle service several times and was very pleased with the service provided by YVEDDI – very little wait time

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Booth opened the floor for Public Comments.

Chairman Booth noted the following:

- Board of Commissioners will hear public comments, but will not respond to public comments
- Each speaker has three minutes

The following spoke during Public Comments:

Mr. Greg Ottaway

3411 Glen Hollow Road

Greensboro, NC

Re: Lawsonville Unused Funds

Mr. Ottaway presented the following comments:

- Principal at Lawsonville Elementary School
- Appreciate the opportunity to speak this evening
- Would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for making it possible for Lawsonville Elementary School to have an extreme makeover during the last year; as we all know, it was certainly long overdue
- I am very proud to have been a part of this wonderful addition to the Lawsonville community
- Our community is very proud of the new and improved Lawsonville campus
- Thanks to some smart spending and some low bids along the way, we were fortunate to have some funds left over
- These monies, which were designated for Lawsonville, will allow us to make some additional improvements that we otherwise would never be able to accomplish to our school

- It is my understanding that you have had some questions regarding my request for the digital sign and the picnic shelter
- Digital sign:
 - In the last few months, there is seldom a day that goes by I don't see a large yellow digital sign somewhere on my way to school
 - It maybe be promoting the Stokes Stomp, a flu shot clinic at the Health Department, Farmer's Appreciation Day at North Stokes, road construction on Highway 8&89, closed roads in Walnut Cove, or a new traffic pattern for the construction of the new sidewalks in Walnut Cove
 - This list does not include all the exciting things that I read about at Southeastern Middle School the two times I drive by that school each day
 - There was a reason why the investment was made to purchase those digital signs, I can sum it up in one simple term – communication
 - As the two other schools before me, I would like to be able to share the great things that are going on at my school
 - The opportunity to purchase a communication tool with this importance may never come our way again
- Picnic Shelter
 - Not only was it a popular place for the Lawsonville community, it was also used daily by my students and staff
 - There have been countless, small group learning opportunities, science projects, class meetings, whole class lessons, small group lessons for students with learning disabilities, counseling sessions for students who just needed to get out of the classroom to unwind, the list goes on and on
 - Not tearing down the old shelter for our new addition was not an option, it had to come down
 - We can now put it back so that the students can continue to reap the benefits from a positive outside learning experience, not to mention what it does for the community
- As it has already been mentioned, the precedent has already been set with the other construction projects, those unused funds stayed with those schools which was the right thing to do
- Our school and the entire Lawsonville community is trusting you to do the right thing this time too

Ms. Barbara S Mabe

2525 Piney Grove Church Road

Danbury, NC 27016

RE: **Lawsonville Building Funds**

Ms. Mabe presented the following comments:

- Would like to pause for just a moment and acknowledge that in our America, we can speak
- We, of the Lawsonville community, are very proud of the new wing and other improvements at Lawsonville Elementary School
- The students and staff are deserving of this facility
- The Lawsonville School is also deserving of all funds which were left over from the construction site

- Stokes County has completed several school projects, now questions are presented “What other improvements are to be completed? How should Lawsonville site money be spent?”
- Our school superintendent has stated that the precedent has been, at each of the school projects recently, any contingent funds have stayed with the school; that sounds clear to me
- The question is not “Should a new shelter be constructed or should the commissioners consider other school facilities that may have priority needs?”
- The real question is “Are contingency funds from the Lawsonville School Project to be used for critical issues at other schools?”
- The maintenance and repairs of our schools should be addressed with a pacing guide plan of needs with the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education working together, being accountable to each other
- Critical issues should have been addressed yesterday rather than tomorrow
- The idea of using Lawsonville project funds throughout the county is not acceptable
- Project funds should stay with the school
- Commissioners Ronda Jones, James Booth, Leon Inman, Ernest Lankford, and Jimmy Walker, thank you for the hours you spend being elected officials for our County

Ms. Cindy O. Roberts

2636 Sisk Road

Lawsonville, NC 27022

RE: Lawsonville Elementary School Building Funds

Ms. Roberts presented the following comments:

- I am a lifelong resident of Stokes County in the Lawsonville community and retired faculty from Lawsonville Elementary School
- I wish to address the designation of the remaining construction funding for the building project
- Let me begin by disabusing anyone of the notion that we are unaware of the economic status of our county and all the entities/agencies that are strapped financially and labor under the mandate to do more with less resources
- Everyone has their hand out and you have the thankless job of trying to meet that need
- The students, staff, parents, and community members from Lawsonville have been one of the groups with their hands out in the past few years
- The long, awaited project finally became a reality and it is beautiful, if incomplete
- Mr. Burge has made all parties concerned aware of the deliverables yet to arrive, so we have the information to make a good decision
- Suggesting that the funds be diverted to other school needs passes the buck and leads to a loss of sustainability
- That is not responsible leadership or good decision making
- Looking at the two most recent building projects, which have already been mentioned, we understood that the balance of appropriations after the main construction was complete was used to finish the original building project specs
- So the precedent has already been set and repeated
- And like those two other beautiful campuses, Lawsonville was designed as a complete package

- We want our physical campus to reflect the same standards and quality as these two, not reduce the integrity of the project by leaving things unfinished or incomplete
- So in the end, that leaves us with just ethics, what Commissioner Lankford has already alluded to – what is right?
- In this day and time, making ethical decisions is a very unpopular path to travel, it is much more rewarding to get positive feedback for what is expedient or the popular decision to focus on what is the immediate need rather than sufficient vision for longevity
- We ask that robbing Peter to pay Paul not be used as a solution and that a punitive approach to the Board of Education's future funding request also be avoided
- Again that is a poor decision making model
- Data shows us that the classroom that has high expectations gets the best results
- In the classroom of public office, we have high expectations of you
- Thank you for your consideration

Mr. Donnie Hutchins

1070 Oxford Lane

King, NC 27021

Re: **Subdivision Dog Lease Law**

Mr. Hutchins presented the following comments:

- Live in a subdivision located 1.5 miles from the city limits of King
- Our subdivision consists of 22 homes on half acre lots
- During the 11.5 years that I have lived there, the only problems we have had (2 or 3 times) is irresponsible dog owners who allow their pets to roam the neighborhood destroying property and being a nuisance in general
- I have had to be on guard when anyone outside our neighborhood comes on my property to protect them from being attacked by two specific large dogs
- Not only have I and my grandson been attacked by the dogs, UPS drivers and all other service company representatives have been also
- Recently, one dog has become more vicious and aggressive
- After three vicious attacks, two of which occurred on my property and one in front of my house, I finally went to Animal Control and filed a complaint
- This action was instrumental in having this dog declared a nuisance and placed on a lease
- Unfortunately, my wife and I are now on the receiving end of a lot of animosity and vindictiveness and lost friendships with three of our closest neighbors
- I am here to request the Board consider an ordinance which would require dog owners in a subdivision to have dogs on a leash or by some means kept on their property
- I believe this would be better for the dogs, the dog owners, the neighborhoods in general and especially Stokes County Animal Control
- Thank you for your time and consideration

Chairman Booth expressed appreciation to those who spoke during Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

September 22, 2014

Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of September 8, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #10

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #10.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Emergency Medical Services				
100.4370.351	Maintenance & Repairs-Auto	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,611.00</u>	<u>\$64,611.00</u>
	Totals	\$60,000.00	\$4,611.00	\$64,611.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claim funds due to an electrical fire on ambulance.

This will result in a **net increase of \$4,611.00** 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	Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	<u>\$13,209.00</u>	<u>\$4,611.00</u>	<u>\$17,820.00</u>
	Totals	\$13,209.00	\$4,611.00	\$17,820.00

Tax Administration Report – July 2014

Real and Personal Releases more than \$100

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Releases more than \$100 (August 2014) at the September 8th meeting with a request for approval at the 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	

Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100 (August 2014) at the September 8th meeting with a request for approval 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	

Late Applications for Elderly Exemption

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Applications for Elderly

Exemption for 2014 (August 2014) at the September 8th meeting with a request for 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

Special Meeting for GIS/Tax Website Demonstration

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following date agreed upon by the Board of Commissioners at the September 8th meeting for final approval for a Special Meeting for GIS/Tax Website Demonstration for Monday, November 10, 2014 at 11:30 am – third floor conference room (Administrative Building).

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

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 NC Department of Agriculture/Consumer Services Agreement for Forestry which includes the County allocation of \$69,528 for the Board's review and consideration at the September 22nd meeting.

Proposed Ordinance/Resolution – Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following proposed Ordinance/Resolution for Alcoholic
September 22, 2014

Beverage Control Commission presented at the September 8th meeting for 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 22nd day of September, 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

Proposed Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2015

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following proposed Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2015 for the Board's review and consideration at the September 22nd meeting.

Holiday	Day of Week	Date
New Year's Day	Thursday	January 1, 2015
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 19, 2015
Good Friday	Friday	April 3, 2015
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25, 2015
Independence Day	Friday	July 3, 2015
Labor Day	Monday	September 7, 2015
Veterans Day	Wednesday	November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving	Thursday	November 26, 2015
	Friday	November 27, 2015
Christmas	Thursday	December 24, 2015
	Friday	December 25, 2015

Floating Holiday-(1) day to be used by employees during the calendar year of 2015 upon approval of supervisor. Can't be carried over to calendar year 2016.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

NC FAST Update

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following NC FAST Update from Social Services Director Stacey Elmes:

- Stokes County will start the hard launch with Medicaid on October 20th
- Staff is gearing up for that transition
- Statistical data as of September 15, 2014
 - Food and Nutrition Services -
 - Applications:
 - Late = 0
 - Total Pending in NC FAST = 86
 - Recertification
 - Late = 0
 - Total Pending in NC FAST (October 2014) = 419
 - Family and Children's Medicaid
 - Applications:
 - Late = 3
 - Two have been resolved since the information was submitted in the Agenda and the third is being worked today and should be resolved today
 - Total Pending in NC FAST = 109
 - Recertification
 - Late = 0
 - Total Pending in EIS = 335
 - Adult Medicaid
 - Applications:
 - Late = 1
 - Total Pending in EIS/LIS = 84
 - Recertification
 - Late = 0
 - Total Pending for October = 125
- Applications in EIS/NC FAST as of September 2014
 - % in EIS = 51% (Current system)
 - % in NC FAST = 49% (System being transferred to)
 - Total applications = 122
- Stokes County Medicaid Untimely Application Processing Status
 - As of September 17th = 7 untimely Medicaid Applications
 - Caused by issues outside of DSS's control such as late applications from other counties
 - As of today, all seven cases should be resolved

- County is over target and in good shape for the October 20th hard launch
- Plan is to have all the conversion done and all applications being submitted to NC FAST by December 31, 2014
- Director Elmes' current plan is to have all this completed with current staff, but the Board needs to be prepared if something unexpectedly occurs that may be needed to make the deadline of December 31, 2014
- Once the hard launch starts on October 20th, Director Elmes will be able to get a good handle on what will be needed to make the conversion
- After December 31st, there will be no EIS, only NC FAST if everything goes on schedule
- Provided the Board of Commissioners with the changes in the NC Subsidized Child Care Program required by the General Assembly in Session Law 2014-000 for Fiscal Year 2014-15
 - Director Elmes does not currently know how this will impact Stokes County residents; should be able to provide numbers at the October meeting
 - Will definitely have some impact on Stokes County residents

Chairman Booth expressed appreciation to Manager Morris for the update.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

YVEDDI – Fiscal Year 2014-15 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) – Application

County Manager Rick Morris introduced YVEDDI Public Transportation Director Jeff Cockerham who presented the proposed F/Y 2014-15 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application.

County Manager Morris noted that Director Cockerham would be discussing an issue regarding unexpended Stokes County Rural General Public (RGP) Funds that will be returned to NCDOT if not transferred to another county which will need to be acted upon at tonight's meeting.

Transportation Director Jeff Cockerham presented the following information:

- NC Department of Transportation distributes the Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant (ROAP) of all of the rural counties in NC
- Purpose of the grant is to assist with the operating cost of providing transportation to three (3) groups of residents in each county
- The three (3) programs are:
 - Elderly and Disabled Fund
 - This year's allocation to Stokes County is \$58,629

- YVEDDI uses this funding to transport those 60 years old or older and those person with disabilities to dialysis and critical medical appointments
 - This fund is limited and does not provide enough funding for all medical needs, YVEDDI supplements this fund by using General Public Fund for general medical appointments
 - This is a \$5,057 reduction from last year's allocation of \$63,686
- Rural General Fund
 - This year's allocation to Stokes County is \$61,718
 - YVEDDI uses this funding to provide the general medical trips and any general public trips in the county
 - Anybody that resides in the county or is visiting the county is eligible to ride using this fund
 - This is a \$18,589 reduction from last year's allocation of \$80,307
- Employment Funds
 - This year's allocation to Stokes County is \$13,863
 - This is an increase of \$611 from last year's allocation of \$13,252
 - As the customary practice, would request \$5,000 be allocated to Stokes DSS and \$8,863 be allocated to YVEDDI
 - Eligible participants for this program are:
 - Anyone transitioning off Work First or TANF during the past 12 months
 - Anyone in a WorkForce Development Program
 - The transportation disadvantaged public
 - Eligible activities for this program are:
 - Any work or work related activity
 - GED or any continuing education activity
 - Job search
- Would request to hold the required Public Hearing at the Board's October 13th Meeting
- Would request the Board place the following on the October 13th Action Agenda for consideration of approval:
 - Application for Transportation Operating Assistance with direction by the Board for the county manager and finance director to execute the application
 - Certified Statement – F/Y 2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program for the County of Stokes
 - Approve the YVEDDI's plan to manage the ROAP Funds as presented in the application

Transferred of unexpended Stokes County Rural General Public (RGP) Funding

Transportation Director Jeff Cockerham presented the following information regarding the Transfer of unexpended Stokes County RGP Funding:

- Last Fiscal Year 2013-14, there was \$25,482 in unexpended Stokes RGP Funding that will have to be returned to NCDOT unless the funding can be transferred to another county
- YVEDDI did provide Stokes County residents with \$12,196 worth of trips in excess of state allocations in the Elderly & Disabled (E&D) Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14
- The unexpended funding can be transferred to any of the counties in YVEDDI's catchment area: Davie, Surry, and Yadkin Counties
- Request the Board approve for the Finance Director to allow the transfer of unexpended funds from the FY/13-14 RGP Funding to Surry County
- Request the item be moved to tonight's Agenda due to a deadline

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman confirmed with Director Cockerham that the reduction in funding was a statewide cut.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Appreciate the quality job done to provide a good, quality level of transportation to some very needy folks within the four-county area
- As mentioned tonight regarding the shuttle service YVEDDI provided at the Stokes Stomp, YVEDDI provides services that sometimes folks are not aware of
- Confirmed with Director Cockerham that the unused funding of \$25,482 would be transferred to Surry County to cover the overspend in Surry County
- Sounds like a good plan to use the funds locally instead of reverting them back to the State

Commissioner Lankford confirmed that the unspent funding in Fiscal Year 2013-14 was not reflected in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Stokes County ROAP budget as a decrease and it was better to use the unexpended funding in the four-county region.

Director Cockerham noted that the allocation for each county is determined by the State.

County Manager Morris confirmed with Director Cockerham that Stokes County did not have the demand for RGP transportation last fiscal year which could change each fiscal year.

Director Cockerham noted that this fiscal year, the RGP funding will probably be a "wash" with the 23% reduction in funding.

Chairman Booth confirmed that the \$25,482 will be used for Surry County's overage.

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

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

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed Director Cockerham to schedule the mandatory Public Hearing for Monday, October 13, 2014.

Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property – Upset Bid

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property – Upset Bid:

- Per NCGS 160A-269, an advertisement for upset bids was placed in the Stokes News along with being posted on the County website pertaining to the sale of tax foreclosed surplus parcel 6947-00-16-1099 – Deed/Page 643/186 (Lot A5 Hanging Rock Terrance – Gentry Road – Danbury)
- Total Outstanding taxes and legal fees as of July 28th were \$2,306.06
- The upset bid process started on August 4, 2014 and ended at 5:00 pm on September 2, 2014:
 - Initial Bid = \$2,306.06 - Mr. Richard Brim (presented to the BOCC at the July 28, 2014 meeting)
 - Upset Bid # 1 – Mr. Brandon Stahly = \$3,000.00
 - Upset Bid # 2 – Ms. Wendi Spraker = \$3,850.00
- Board of Commissioners has the option of accepting or rejecting the offer from Ms. Spraker
- Tax Administrator Jake Oakley and Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall recommend accepting Ms. Spraker's bid to purchase this tax foreclosed surplus property for \$3,850.00
- Request the item be moved to the October 13th Action Agenda

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

It was the consensus of the Board to place the item on the Action Agenda at the next meeting due to all requirements of the upset bid process had been met.

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

NCDOT Request for Addition to the Secondary Road System – Calloway Court in Calloway Court Subdivision and Danny Lane

County Manager Morris presented the following request from the North Carolina

Department of Transportation:

- County received individual requests from the NC Department of Transportation for the addition to the Secondary Road System:
 - Calloway Court in Calloway Court Subdivision
 - No state funds are needed to improve the maintenance condition of this addition
 - Danny Lane
 - No state funds are needed to improve the maintenance condition of this addition
- Request the item be placed on the October 13th Action Agenda

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the request from NCDOT for additions to the Secondary Road System.

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

County Morgue Requirement

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following:

- EMS Director Greg Collins has done an extensive amount of research and vendor assessment regarding the issue since the first presentation to the Board
- The Morgue Committee has been through a thorough requirement analysis of what we would like to have and what we have to have with possible expansion later if needed

County Manager Morris turned the item over to EMS Director Greg Collins.

EMS Director Greg Collins presented the following information regarding the County Morgue Requirement:

- The Morgue Committee met with mortuary vendors
- The Committee reviewed and discussed the different models presented by the vendors
- The Committee recommended the following:
 - Two-body, roll-in morgue built by Mortech Manufacturing and distributed by ARES Scientific for consideration
 - The model was selected over the two-body, telescoping tray morgue due to a lower cost and fewer parts that may require repair or replacement in the future

- This two-body , roll-in morgue will have a two-tiered, two-tray cadaver carrier that will simply roll into the morgue
- Total cost for the recommended two-body, roll-in morgue is \$8,216
- Committee also recommends a Cadaver lift at a cost of \$3,037 which will help to decrease potential work related injuries
- Total cost for morgue and cadaver lift = \$11,253
- Originally, the price started out to be approximately \$20,000; could possibly get two for the estimated \$20,000 discussed at the last meeting
- Once the unit is purchased, Pioneer Community Hospital will house, install, and maintain the unit

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Very impressed with the work done by the committee
- Glad the committee looked at mechanical problems that could possibly occur down the road
- Appreciate cutting the price in half
- Understand Dr. Newsome would like a second morgue at the Pioneer facility in King once it starts being open 24/7
- Very glad the county is being proactive

EMS Director Collins responded:

- A morgue in King would eliminate EMS having to transport bodies from the King area to Danbury after midnight when the Pioneer facility closes
- This weekend, there was a medical examiner case and the family was out of state
- With our contingency plan, Spencer is holding that body which is costing the county daily

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Always like to learn from others' experience, have you talk to anyone who has used the morgue that has been recommended?

Director Collins responded:

- To best of my knowledge, it is basically a refrigeration unit, made of stainless steel with foam insulation that is placed directly onto the concrete slab
- Have found a suitable place at the hospital in Danbury
- Committee feels this will be adequate and will meet the county's needs

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Feel Director Collins has done his homework
- Makes sense to try to get two if possible – one for Danbury and one for King
- On Board with the committee's recommendation

Commissioner Lankford questioned Director Collins if a second unit was purchased now, where would it be stored or could it be delayed in delivery?

Director Collins responded:

- Sure the quote will be good for at least 90 days to possibly 180 days
- Could be a price increase if purchased next year
- Could possibly get a decreased price if two were ordered
- Would have to coordinate with Pioneer regarding a location at the King facility

County Manager Morris commented:

- Pioneer is in the process of obtaining a Certificate of Need (CON) for a 24-hour operation at the King facility, but must do some additional construction first
- Would think the best time to put a morgue in King would be after the CON is approved
- Could do the second morgue through the normal budget process and time it with the CON approval
- Confirmed with Director Collins that would be the best approach to delay the purchase of a second unit

Commissioner Walker questioned Director Collins if getting a second unit now be of any benefit?

Director Collins responded:

- If there was a location that it could be installed now, it would benefit EMS by eliminating a trip from King to Danbury
- 50% of the time, EMS has to take the body to Dr. Newsome's office or to the Pioneer facility at King, it then could be stored in King

Commissioner Walker stated that he would be interested in Director Collins talking with Pioneer officials to see if there is an available location at the facility and see if there might be a price reduction if two were purchased as mentioned by Commissioner Inman to have two morgues in the County.

Commissioner Walker noted that one in King would save time, fuel, etc.

Director Collins noted that two units in the County should meet the needs for many years to come.

Commissioner Inman responded:

- Agree with Commissioner Walker to have additional information regarding pricing and location at the next meeting

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- That was what I was indicating, if there would be any advantage to purchase two units at this time or would it be better to wait until the CON is approved for the King facility

County Manager Morris noted that all information could be presented at the next meeting.

Chairman Booth commended:

- Requested Director Collins provide a few comments on why the morgue is having to be purchased out of the normal budget process

Director Collins responded:

- Stokes County received a letter from the State Medical Examiners' Office approximately two years ago requesting counties to provide a morgue in their county
- Final notification was received in July 2014 mandating counties to be responsible for storing deceased bodies if an autopsy is needed
- Counties will be responsible for scheduling the autopsy and for storing deceased bodies until the time of the autopsy (autopsies will only be done Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
- If there is an unclaimed body, Department of Social Services is responsible for holding the deceased body for ten days and then taking care of things as they deem necessary
- If we had already had the morgue in the county, the deceased body this past weekend could have been placed in morgue until out of state relatives arrived

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

Proposed Bid – Emergency Management – Homeland Security Grant – Generator

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following regarding the Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a generator

- County will receive a 150 KW Generator at no cost to the county
- Yadkin County did the Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Yadkin County has already awarded a contract
- Would request to move the item to tonight's Action Agenda in order to expedite the ordering process for both Yadkin and Stokes Counties

County Manager Rick Morris turned the item over to EMS Director Greg Collins.

EMS Director Greg Collins presented the following information regarding the Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a generator:

- County has received a Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a generator
 - EMW 2013-SS-00033-S01 (MOA #1312)
- Yadkin County Emergency Services Director Keith Vest sent out a Request for Proposals for the purchase of two (2) generators (one for Yadkin and one for Stokes)
- The generator will assist Stokes County when opening an emergency shelter for the general public
- Being a state resource, the generator could be used in another county if not being used in Stokes through state mutual aid
- County has a prime mover that can transport the unit
- The following bids were received:
 - \$49,997.30 – Southeast Industrial Equipment, Inc.
 - \$62,094.00 – Nixon Power Service Company
 - \$63,934.18 – Atlantic Power Solutions
 - \$73,069.00 – Cummings Atlantic LLC
 - \$122,550.00 – Carolina CAT
- Southeast Industrial Equipment – low bidder of \$49,997.30 each
- Yadkin County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to the low bidder – Southeast Industrial Equipment on September 15, 2014
- Director Collins and Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall both recommend awarding a purchase contract to Southeast Industrial Equipment in the amount of \$49,997.30 for the purchase of a 150KW Generator
- Request the item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda for approval so that the County can move forward with this purchase and not hold up the Yadkin County purchase
- Having locations where emergency shelters would be opened wired so that everything would be ready if needed
- Also working with the nursing homes in the County to see if they are interested in having their facility wired for the use of the generator; would eliminate transporting nursing home patients to another location which takes several man hours (costs for wiring will be paid by the nursing home if interested)

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Would be a very useful item during an emergency situation
- Glad there is no county cost
- Would like to see if you could get another one

Director Collins responded:

- Have submitted a letter of interest for a generator for the Danbury Water System
- Waiting for a response from Homeland Security

- Rockingham County has three generators, Surry County has two generators, and Yadkin County has one generator with this grant that would be available through mutual aid

The Board had no issues with the Agenda item.

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

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

New Fee Structure for Environmental Health – Water Samples

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a new fee Structure for Environmental Health for water samples:

- Local Health Departments were notified on August 13, 2014 by the NC State Laboratory of Public Health that there would be a fee increase for water sample bottles and kits purchased through the state lab
- The fee increase began on September 1, 2014, leaving counties little or no time to adjust their fee schedules
- Some of the bottles the County's Environmental Health purchases is an increase of nearly 1900%
- Would suggest the following options for the Board's consideration
 - Option #1
 - Charge a \$30 collection fee as well as the cost of the bottle (per State Lab prices detailed below). With this option the Environmental Health (EH) fee would change less frequently and EH could avoid seeking fee increases/approval every time the State Lab increases a bottle/kit fee. This could also save citizens money because if we increase individual fees for all water samples, the citizen will be paying a collection fee added to each sample whereas this way they pay a collection fee once per application.

For example, if a citizen wanted to have his/her water sampled for bacteria and pesticides, the fee would be calculated as follows:

$$\underline{\$30} \text{ collection fee} + \underline{\$23} \text{ bacteria bottle} + \underline{\$74} \text{ pesticide bottle} = \underline{\$127}$$

New Fee Structure per NC State Laboratory of Public Health

Category	Cost to County (eff. 9/1/14) (FY 14-15)	Previous Cost to County (FY 13-14)	Increase (\$)
Total Coliform (<i>bacteria</i>)	23	3.09	19.91
Iron Bacteria	28	3.09	24.91
Sulfur/Sulfate Reducing	35	3.09	31.91
Inorganic Panel (includes Nitrate/Nitrite)	65	3.15	61.85
Nitrate/Nitrite	25	7.55	17.45
Pesticides	74	23.99	50.01
Petroleum	74	28.26	45.74
Existing Well Kit (includes total coliform and inorganic panel with nitrite/nitrate analysis only)	74	n/a (<i>not offered previously</i>)	n/a

○ Option #2

- Eliminate water sample services other than those required by NC Laws and Rules (i.e. New Drinking Water Wells, Migrant housing and permitted establishments).
- Would request the item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda in order eliminate the loss of county dollars
- Option #1 also provides an Existing Well Kit that has never been offered before which is probably the best value for the citizen if several tests are requested
- Once Option #1 is approved, the County will adjust the cost (up or down) of the bottles per State Lab prices
- The Board would only have to consider increasing the collection fee if necessary

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Was there any explanation from the State provided for the huge increase?

County Manager Morris responded:

- Have not received any explanation other than the letter with increases effective September 1, 2014
- Probably state budgeting

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Could not believe an increase of nearly 1,900%
- Can't say yes to that type of increase without letting the State know how disappointed I am of their action
- This is just another tax
- Would like some justification for it before I can charge that type of increase to our citizens
- It is sad that we are getting hit with something like this

- Can't support what has been presented tonight
- That is my vote to let the state know that I don't agree what they are doing to the citizens, it is not right, particularly with no justification, no prior notice
- Can't support it
- Would like a concern from Stokes County sent to let state officials to let them know how we feel about this new fee structure

County Manager Morris noted that Environmental Health will exceed their budget in

November if this change does not occur.

Chairman Booth commented:

- Another unfunded mandate

Commissioner Walker commented:

- We as a Board, go through these unfunded mandates time after time
- Here it comes again, from a different source and a different way
- Why do people in Raleigh not listen?
- What does it take for us counties to get the word to state officials that we are tired of being jerked around and this to me is an example of being jerked around
- Have never seen anything go up 1,900% at one time
- Need to somehow get a message to Raleigh

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Walker that the County needs to know the justification for the increase
- Would like to know who made the decision

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Would like to know if private vendors are available?
- Could the county suggest to a citizen that they may want to check with a private vendor regarding the price?

County Manager Morris responded:

- That has lots of unintended consequences
- It is not that simple
- There are some instances where you could use a private lab and some where you could not
- The county does not have enough staff and time to take water samples to private labs

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Understand county staff could not take the water samples, but possibly could provide the citizens with nearby private vendors
- Agree with Commissioner Lankford, would like to know who made the decision?
- Would like to see a comparison with a private lab
- Can't support these increases no matter what the consequences

- Can't say yes with a clear conscious

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- To me the real question is "are we willing to let the county suffer the consequences?"
- Financially that is exactly what is going to happen because this has already been put in place
- Someone has to foot the bill
- Most of these tests are by choice, not mandated
- I agree we need to know the justification, but in the meantime, do we let the coffers of the county be depleted by the people who choose to have these tests?
- Most of the tests are not mandatory

County Manager Morris responded:

- The following are mandatory by NC Laws and Rules
 - New drinking water/wells
 - Migrant housing
 - Permitted establishments

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Not excited about tremendous increases for water testing
- In one sense, we have Public Health at stake – drinking water with coliform bacteria is not very good
- County has a lot of wells
- If we don't raise the fees, then essentially we are saying it is okay to use taxpayer dollars for a user service
- For example – perk permit is a user fee – it paid for by the person who needs it not by all the other taxpayers who do not need it
- If we don't raise the fees, we are taking general fund taxes collected from all the citizens to pay the deficit for these individual water test; don't agree with that and can't support
- Do agree with Commissioners Walker and Lankford in finding out who is responsible for the fee increase, believe you will find it came from the state legislators
- Don't think that any department has the authority to raise fees in the State without being in the state budget
- Not in favor of using general tax dollars for user fees

Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with County Manager Morris that the existing well kit, which is new, would be the best option for most citizens

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Inman, it is not fair for the citizens not using the service pay for those who are
- Totally agree with that concept; however, just can't in good faith let the state steam roll our citizens and play their game by implementing the new fee schedule

- Feel the increases will discourage people from getting their water check who may have serious problems with their drinking water
- For example – a test for coliform would now be \$53; a test for pesticides would now be \$104

Commissioner Inman commented:

- R&A Labs charges \$35 for a coliform test, but the resident must collect the sample and take it to them

County Manager Morris commented:

- There would only be one collection fee no matter how many different test were requested

Chairman Booth confirmed with Manager Morris that currently each water test is charged a \$30 collection fee, so this would save the citizen if more than one test was requested.

It was the consensus of the Board to request addition information and place the item on the Action Agenda for the next meeting.

County Manager Morris confirmed with that the Board requested the following information for the next meeting:

- Who made the decision and the justification?
- How can this Board justify a 2,000% increase in the cost some of these test?

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

Appointment of Acting Health Director

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the appointment of an Acting Health Director:

- State statutes requires the County have a health director or an acting health director at all times
- Current health director is requesting family medical leave immediately
- Would serve as the acting health director if so desired by the Board of Commissioners
- Would request this be moved to tonight's Action Agenda

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Manager Morris at this time, it is an undetermined
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amount of time.

Commissioner Walker questioned if Manager Morris met the qualifications?

Manager Morris noted that Health Director Lenhart had confirmed he would meet the qualifications for an acting health director.

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

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

County Owned Parks Grant – Pinnacle Park

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the County Owned Parks Grant – Pinnacle Park:

- County received a request from the Pinnacle Lions Club regarding the County Owned Parks Grant
- Lions Club's project is as follows:
 - Remove the shingles and replace with a metal roof on the existing park building – estimated project costs = \$2,030.53
 - Purchase and installation of a new hot water heater – estimated project costs = \$289.00
 - Estimated labor costs = \$1,550.00 to be used as in-kind match
- Proposed project meets county's grant requirements
- Planning Department will be issuing a building permit with no charge to the Lions Club
- Lions Club has just recently finished improving the inside condition of the building
- Roof has a small leak
- Request item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda in order to start and finish before cold weather

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Have no problem, myself, in letting the manager approve future requests regarding the new county owned parks grant
- The manager could report the final results to the Board
- On board with this request

Commissioner Inman commented:

- On board either way
- Definitely on board with this request

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- On board with this request
- Would like future requests presented to the Board per policy guidelines

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

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

Potential Unspent Funding – Lawsonville Elementary School Renovation Project

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

- Request from the Board of Education was presented to the Board of Commissioners at the last meeting
- Questions requested by the Board of Commissioners has been included in the Agenda Packet:
 - (1) Precedent has already been set by the Board of Education that allowed additional items that were purchased with unspent project funds on the recent new school construction/renovation projects (Nancy Reynolds Elementary, Poplar Springs Elementary, and Southeastern Middle School)
 - (2) A list of additional items purchased for each school was provided
 - (3) Board of Education has not considered addressing urgent/safety related capital needs at other schools with the excess Lawsonville funding, where the priority might be higher than some of the items requested for Lawsonville Elementary
- A list of the items requested for Lawsonville Elementary totaling \$82,365 was also included in the Agenda packet

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- When it was first placed on the Board's Agenda, I had a question regarding whether a precedent had been set which I have received an answer
- As I stated earlier, a board is an oversight board
- The Board of Commissioners is an oversight board over fiscal matters for the County
- The County appropriated this money to Lawsonville Elementary School who has a Board of Education
- The Board of Education has approved this request and for that reason I am on board with the request
- Ready to move it to the Action Agenda tonight

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Feel the same way as Commissioner Inman
- Have thought a lot about this request
- We give the message to save money and be frugal and it would not be the right message to take the funding back
- On the board, want to see it done, wish the sign was cheaper and would cut off at midnight – have a thing about lights at night- want to continue to see the stars

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Had some of the questions at the past meeting
- Some of the speakers tonight addressed some of my concerns
- Reviewed the list from the Nancy Reynolds, Poplar Springs, and Southeastern
- That is a pretty long precedent to go along with the more modest request from Lawsonville
- Spoke to David Burge, wanted to make sure the fairness test applied here and based on further information, it appears that it does
- To be consistent, we would be on solid ground to go ahead and let Lawsonville do their projects
- I had some questions regarding a picnic shelter at \$25,000, but I don't know what would be a reasonable cost, believe that David Burge tries to save every dollar possible
- From the information received tonight, feel it would be fair and consistent to approve the request
- Have much less reservations than at an earlier time

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Want to compliment David Burge and the other people involved in this project
- If they had not done a good job bidding this out and savings money, there would be no contingency left
- Need to give credit where credit is due
- Not going to micro manage the Board of Education's budget, don't think they have ever micro managed ours
- Move to add the item to tonight's Action Agenda

There was no second to Commissioner Inman's motion. Motion dies for lack of second.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Would like to make sure the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners work together on the location of the picnic shelter
- Feel the question is answered – the unspent funding should stay with the project –fair and consistent
- Believes this Board works real hard on being fair and consistent

Chairman Booth commented:

- Consistent with other school projects

- Feel Principal Ottaway provided information regarding the use of the picnic shelter as an outdoor classroom along with use by the community, much more than just a picnic shelter

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Questioned if this needed to be moved to tonight's Action Agenda or could it be on the Action Agenda for the next meeting?

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Made a motion to move to tonight's Action Agenda, but there was no second

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Support it, but also support our established way of running our meetings

Chairman Booth responded:

- Was on the Discussion Agenda at the last meeting
- Actually could have been placed on the Action Agenda tonight, but needed the additional information

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

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

Budget Guidance Work Session Schedule

County Manager Rick Morris requested the Board approve dates/times for the Budget Guidance Work Session Schedule to be held in November 2014, December 2014, and January 2015.

County Manager Morris noted:

- Clerk Bullins would like to advertise these dates with the Special GIS/Tax Website Demonstration – saving advertising dollars
- Schedule dates would allow staff to plan for the upcoming meetings
- Work Sessions would be held in the third floor conference room – Administrative Building

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

The Board discussed possible dates and times.

Commissioner Walker suggested not having all the meetings at the same time in case someone wanted to attend and see how the budget process works.

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Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Would like to see the meetings in mornings or late afternoons for those commissioners who work

The Board unanimously agreed on the following dates and times for Budget Guidance Work

Sessions:

- Monday, November 17, 2014 – 10:00 am
- Tuesday, December 9, 2014 – 10:00 am
- Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – 10:00 am

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to advertise the dates and times for Budget Guidance Work Sessions.

County Manager Morris noted that he would like to option to recess the last meeting scheduled for January 6, 2015 if needed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

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

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to approve the following resolution to abandon SR#1916 from the NC Secondary Road System:

REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT FROM THE STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF STOKES

ROAD DESCRIPTION – SR#1916 – Coon Joyce Road (per attached diagram)

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the **Board of County Commissioners** of the **County of Stokes** requesting that the above-described road, the location of which has been indicated on the attached map, be abandoned from the Secondary Road Systems; and

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** is of the opinion that the above described road should be abandoned from the Secondary Road System, if the abandonment is in the best interest of the public and of the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the **Board of County Commissioners** of the **County of Stokes** that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to abandon the road from the Secondary Road System if it is in the best interest of the public and the Division of Highways.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing **Resolution** was duly adopted by the **Board of Commissioners** of the **County of Stokes** at a meeting on the **22nd** day of **September, 2014** and appears on the minutes of the said Commission.

WITNESS by hand and official seal this the **22nd** day of **September 2014**.

Clerk to the Board
County of Stokes

Vice Chairman Jones moved to approve the resolution to abandon SR#1916 from the NC Secondary Road System. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution – Request to Abandon the Right of Way-SR#1916 – Coon Joyce Road

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to approve the following resolution to start the procedural process to abandon the Right of Way for SR#1916 –Coon Joyce Road from the NC Secondary Road System and schedules a Public Hearing October 27, 2014:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY PROPOSING THE CLOSING OF SR#1916 - COON JOYCE ROAD

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Stokes County Board of Commissioner to close **SR#1916 – Coon Joyce Road**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing regarding the closing of a portion of **SR#1916 – Coon Joyce Road** on Monday, October 27, 2014 at its regular scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241, the notice of the Public Hearing will be advertised in the Stokes News for three successive weeks – September 25th, October 2nd, and October 9th; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241, the notice of closing and public hearing will be prominently posted in at least two places along the road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241, a copy of the Resolution will be sent by certified mail to each owner (if applicable) as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road; and

WHEREAS, the property owners petitioned to abandon approximately 4224' along their property only from the Secondary Road System prior to this Resolution on August 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SR#1916 – Coon Joyce Road has already been petitioned by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and approved by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners on September 20, 2014 to be removed from the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, the closing **SR#1916 – Coon Joyce Road** does not affect any other property owners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Stokes that since the State will not maintain the abandoned **SR #1916 - Coon Joyce Road** and the closing of the said portion of the road does not affect any other property owners, **SR #1916- Coon Joyce Road** will be considered by the Board of Commissioners to be closed pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241.

Adopted this, the **22nd** day of **September, 2014**.

WITNESS, my hand and official seal this the **22nd** day of **September 2014**.

James D. Booth - Chairman

Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

J. Leon Inman - Commissioner

Attest:

Ernest Lankford – Commissioner

Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the resolution to start the procedural process to abandon the Right of Way for SR#1916 and schedule a Public Hearing for the October 27th.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointment – Economic Development Commission

Chairman Booth noted the following regarding the appointment to the Economic Development Commission (finish the unexpired term of Bruce Younts who resigned):

- Durwood Dunlap was nominated at the September 8th meeting

Chairman Booth opened the floor for any further nominations.

There were no other nominations.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Booth polled the Board.

Commissioner Walker: Durward Dunlap
Vice Chairman Jones: Durward Dunlap
Commissioner Lankford: Durward Dunlap
Commissioner Inman: Durward Dunlap
Chairman Booth: Durward Dunlap

Chairman Booth noted that Durward Dunlap was unanimously approved by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Bruce Younts.

Appointments Workforce Development Board

Chairman Booth opened the floor for nominations for appointment to the WorkForce Development Board representing the private sector.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Gail Bennett.

Commissioner Inman nominated Von Robertson.

Commissioner Walker nominated Mark Badgett.

There were no other nominations.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Vice Chairman Jones 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 Inman: Von Robertson
Commissioner Lankford: Gail Bennett
Chairman Booth: Von Robertson

Chairman Booth noted the appointment must be unanimous.

Commissioner Walker suggested Action Agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Lankford requested the appointment be discussed.

Commissioner Inman respectfully requested the item be placed on the Discussion Agenda at the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Jones noted unless the Bylaws were changed, this would continue on.

Commissioner Lankford noted it should not have to continue like this.

Commissioner Walker noted that he totally agreed.

Chairman Booth noted that the item could be tabled indefinitely.

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

YVEDDI – Transfer of Funding – Surry County

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the request from YVEDDI to transfer Stokes County RGP unexpended funding in the amount of \$25, 482 to Surry County which was presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the transfer of Stokes County RGP unexpended funding in the amount of \$25,482 to Surry County. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Bid –Emergency Management – Homeland Security Grant – Generator

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding proposed bid for the purchase of a Generator – Homeland Security Grant which was presented at tonight's meeting along with Budget Amendment #11 for allocation of funding.

Commissioner Walker moved to award the purchase contract to Southeast Industrial Equipment in the amount of \$49,997.30 for the purchase of a 150KW Generator and Budget Amendment #11 for allocation of funding. Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment #11

Emergency Management - Budget Amendment #11

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #11.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Emergency Management			
100.4330.510	Equipment	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate Homeland Security Grant to purchase a generator.

This will result in a **net increase of \$50,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.262	Emergency Management	<u>\$44,692.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$94,692.00</u>
	Totals	\$44,692.00	\$50,000.00	\$94,692.00

Appointment of Acting Health Director

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the appointment of Richard D. Morris as Acting Health Director for the Stokes County Health Department which was presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to appoint Richard D. Morris as Acting Health Director for the Stokes County Health Department effective immediately (September 22, 2014). Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

County Owned Parks Grant – Pinnacle Park

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the project submitted by Pinnacle Lions Club under the County Owned Parks Grant which was presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the project submitted by Pinnacle Lions Club for replacement of roof and hot water heater with reimbursement up to \$2,000. Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Potential Unspent Funding - Lawsonville Elementary School Renovation Project

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the Potential Unspent Funding – Lawsonville Elementary School Renovation Project request from the Board of Education which was presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the request from the Stokes County Board of Education to allocate unspent funding in the amount of \$82,365 to be used for major capital needs at Lawsonville Elementary School. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

James D. Booth
Chairman