

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

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

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

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Jones moved to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING – YADKIN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. (YVEDDI) – F/Y 2014-15 Rural Operating Assistance Program – Transportation Application**

Chairman Booth called the Public Hearing for the YVEDDI – Fiscal Year 2014-15 Rural Operating Assistance Program (Transportation Application) to order.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Booth noted that there was a Voluntary Title VI Public Involvement Survey on the table outside the Commissioners' Chambers if anyone wished to complete; completed surveys can be placed in the envelope marked "YVEDDI- Surveys" which is also on the table outside the chambers or given to the Clerk.

Chairman Booth closed the Public Hearing.

**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:

- Fiscal Year 2013-14 Audit
  - As the Board will recall, there was an issue last year with the County's audit being late for submission to the State
  - The County's auditing firm is working very hard to make sure that does not occur this year
  - There is an issue with information being available from the NC Department of Health and Human Services that has to be included in the county audit
  - Could be faced with the audit being late due to the information not being available from the State
  - Finance Director Julia Edwards is tracking the issue daily
- Duke Energy Right-of-Way Tree Maintenance in Danbury and Stokes County
  - Director of Government and Community Relations Jimmy Flythe, Duke Energy, informed the County that line clearance contractors (Asplundh) will be clearing trees away from lines on one of the circuits in Danbury and Stokes County beginning next week through January
  - The work is for safety and reliability
  - General area includes the Danbury city limits and NW along NC HWY #89

- Contractors will be leaving door hangers for affected property owners 4 to 5 business days before doing the work on their property
- Provided Board members with a map highlighting the areas
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources Grant
  - Have been working with Piedmont Triad Regional Council on this grant
  - Received notification from Clean Water Management Trust Fund that the County has received up to \$51,000 for their project
  - Project is Dan River Corridor Recreation Stewardship Plan
  - Will be receiving a contract that will need to be executed for the funding
  - Once contract is executed, will be meeting with Soil and Water and other interested parties to make sure everyone is aware of what is happening
- CEO Pam Tillman, Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes - Business Leader of the Year
  - CEO Pam Tillman will be honored by the King Chamber of Commerce as the Business Leader of the Year at their annual awards banquet in November
- Animal Shelter – Scanner Donation
  - Deputy Animal Control Officer Sarah Johnson did the groundwork for a scanner for the Animal Shelter
  - American Kennel Club has donated a scanner to the Animal Shelter
  - Will be making the presentation at the Animal Shelter next Monday
  - Senator Shirley Randleman will be in attendance for the presentation

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Very happy to hear the news of the recent article in the US Air Magazine regarding Singletree Gun and Plough
  - Very good exposure for the county
  - Will be seen by millions of people
  - Presents our County in a very positive way
- KingFest
  - Went very well
  - If not the largest attendance, very close to the largest
  - Another positive event for the county
  - KingFest, along with other events like the Stokes Stomp and King Fair, brings several people to Stokes County
- Duke Energy
  - Ongoing concern to me
  - Wish they would not be so harsh with the tree trimming
  - Lot of the trees have been there for many, many years
  - Talked about this at the NCACC Conference at the Duke Energy Booth
    - Questioned if there could some liability if the tree that is cut lopsided, falls during a storm on car, house, etc.
  - Want Danbury to be a pretty area

- Would hope the Board of Commissioners, any other body of elected officials, or private citizens would encourage Duke Energy, who is a good corporate citizen, to possibly work with citizens
  - Possibly start an incentive program to replace trees that must be trimmed drastically
- Hope the trimming doesn't leave Danbury looking so bad
- Glad to hear about the grant regarding the Dan River which is an asset to the County

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Feel there is a very important issue, that has been brought to my attention, that must be addressed regarding the attendance of the Board of Commissioners
  - Some special interest groups feel like they are being ignored
  - For every "pro something" there is another group that is "anti something"
  - Each commissioner took the oath to serve 47,000 (plus or minus) people
  - It is impossible for any Board member to get to all meetings all the time
  - Sometimes, you will see all of us at a meeting
  - Sometimes, you will see only one of us at a meeting
  - Sometimes, you might not see any of us at a meeting
  - Do know that we are out here working for everyone
  - Have to be as neutral and unbiased as we can, as we gather information from all the groups
  - Feel this is important because I get "blasted" a lot; doing all I can do and know the other Board members are too
  - Would request everyone to keep that in mind
- East Stokes Outreach Ministry Grand Opening – Ribbon Cutting
  - Very good event
  - Very pleased with the collaborative effort to make that new building happen
  - Very needed facility for the citizens of Stokes County
- Fallen Fire Fighters' Ceremony
  - Attended the ceremony yesterday for Fallen Fire Fighters
  - Fire Marshal Brian Booe did an exceptional job
- Very exciting to have the resolutions in our Consent Agenda honoring the High School State Champions; very proud of them all
- Agree with Commissioner Walker regarding the tree trimming

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Ethics for Life – "For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding" (Psalms)
- KingFest
  - Attended the KingFest; very good event
- RidgeFest
  - Attended the RidgeFest; also another good event
- East Stokes Outreach Ministry
  - Also attended the Ribbon Cutting; honored to be there
- Unemployment Rate
  - August 2013 - Stokes County had 1,716 unemployed people – 7.3% unemployment rate

- August 2014 – Stokes County had 1,313 unemployed people – 5.7% unemployment rate
- Very pleased to see people finding jobs

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Follow up to Commissioner Walker's comments regarding the tree trimming
  - Asplundh does not trim trees – they “butcher” trees
  - If you would like to see the kind of work they do, go through some of the neighborhoods in King -- Helsbeck Road
  - Asplundh has the contract with Duke Energy
  - Would suggest citizens contact Duke Energy and get them to contact Asplundh regarding the trimming of the trees
  - Would appreciate the manager passing this information on to Mr. Flythe
- Didn't get to attend some of the events mentioned today; have been in Wilmington for the NCACC Board of Directors -- first meeting since President Ronnie Beale took office
  - Met with President Beale on Thursday to discuss being the Chair of the Mental Health Task Force; look forward to chairing the Task Force
    - Not going to try to concentrate on mental health reform; state is going to do what the state wants to do
    - Will be trying to help with service area delivery
    - Look forward to working with Betty Taylor and others who are very much on the forefront of mental health delivery in this state
  - President Beale, who flies from one end of the state to the other, mentioned the article in the US Airways magazine that Commissioner Walker mentioned; great exposure for the County
- NCACC appointed Kevin Leonard as its Executive Director, replacing David Thompson
  - Association is in great financial fiscal position
  - \$1.8 million surplus
  - As part of David Thompson's outgoing recommendation, NCACC will be developing a formula to allocate some of the surplus back to its members
  - Association is in great position

Chairman Booth commented:

- Feel the commissioners have covered almost everything
- Would like to comment on the tree trimming
  - Something that really got me was the tree trimming done on Moore's Spring Road
  - When it started, called the state to see if anything could be done
  - Was told the cost to cut the beautiful canopy off Moore's Spring was between \$80,000 and \$90,000
  - Excuse I got was for the snow, ice, etc.
  - Have never seen many trees down during the winter months on Moore's Spring Road
- Camp Sertoma
  - Also fought to stop the timber from being cut from Camp Sertoma

- It was stopped and then all of a sudden, NCState came in and cut the timber before it was closed
- Understood that it was over \$2 million worth of timber cut
- East Stokes Outreach Ministry
  - Also attended the Ribbon Cutting Event
  - Very needed facility

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following spoke during Public Comments:

Chairman Booth noted the following:

- The Board of Commissioners will hear Public Comments, but will not respond to Public Comments
- Each speaker has a three (3) minute time limit

### **Jane Morgan Smith**

1194 Marshall Smith Road

King, NC 27021

Re: **Domestic Violence Awareness**

Ms. Smith provided the Board with the following comments:

- Twenty-two year resident of Stokes County
- Here today to simply raise awareness about Domestic Violence in Stokes County
- October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"
- Journey from victim to survivor – it is an issue very close to my heart
- In my case, it took 5 years and 4 attempts to get out in a county where support was readily available
- Have done some fundraising in the past - dinners to raise money for the Stokes County Backpack Program started this journey for me
- It was laid on my heart to look a little deeper
- It prompted me to look deeper at the issues that perpetuate childhood hunger – family issues
- My vision is that I see the Mountain as the Heart of the County – Heart of the Community – Heart is family
- In no way should the money we raise be used to reduce county investment – matching funds only
- In a county of 50,000, nearly 50% (25,000) are affected by Domestic Violence in some way
- If only 50% of those (12,500) are ready to take action to seek help, we have an obligation to provide services needed for them and make it easy for them to get the services the best we can
- Out of the 2014-15 total county budget of \$43,832,644, only \$5,500 was devoted to YVEDDI for the Domestic Violence Task Force; I think we can do better
- In the short term, I will be working to gather and connect resources in an effort to remove the existing barrier to seeking and receiving services
- In the long term, a shelter in Stokes, perhaps in Pine Hall where land and resources could be gathered
- Please don't miss understand me, I am not here to criticize

- I bring absolutely no criticism of existing services given the resources they have
- I understand how complex the issue is, I have been there
- Our task force in Stokes County is amazing in their level of dedication and commitment
- No one size fits all for a rural area
- Stokes County is unique in so many ways
- Let's work together to find initiatives in other rural counties that have been successful
- Let's adapt what we can and design the rest to make Stokes County a model
- Heard this quote that prompted me to come today: Edmund Burke: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"
- I can't do nothing
- Collectively, we can do more
- We must do more
- I want to see more of my tax dollars devoted to this effort
- While it appears to me at this point to be a project that will require a strong effort; I am committed to doing it
- Will you join me in that effort?

**Mr. Buddy Timm**

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: **Marriage Declaration**

Mr. Timm read the following and provided the Board with copies:

- Friday, a Federal Judge ruled our law defining Marriage is unconstitutional, because it bans "same sex marriage" Where is the Law that states homosexual unions constitute marriage or is the ruling lawless? We need to encourage our Governor and General Assembly to nullify any Federal Court ruling against our definition of Traditional Marriage, since we:
  - (1) did not delegate any power over marriage to the Federal Government
  - (2) did not delegate to the Federal Court legislative power to legislate what marriage is
  - (3) did not delegate "original jurisdiction" to the lower courts to hear a case against a State, alone it was given to the Supreme Court
  - (4) do not hold "same sex marriage" as truth, since truth cannot be contradictory and same sex unions have been unlawful for thousands of years in civilized society
- Truth does not change, it is the same today, yesterday, and forever. Therefore, is it not criminal to violate the Rule of Law, by the Judiciary creating law? And, is it not totalitarian for a Judge to legislate law and order its execution into Law?
- Just as our Founders did in 1776: they wrote their Declaration of Independence so that others would know what they believed to be True and Just; not knowing whether they would win or lose the Revolution. Likewise, we as a County, as well as our State, need to establish a Declaration on Marriage so that our posterity may know we stood for what is True and Just, which will be a testament for promulgation
- The opening sewer of Sodom and Gomorra threatens our lives in the name of freedom and equality flaunting erroneous constitutionality. We must stand up for that which is Right and Just, for the sake of our children, the good people of Stokes County and the God that gave us life

- Few realize a Republic is principled and sustained by virtue. Our Founders wrote in the Declaration of Independence of the King's refusal for, "Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good." Chilling are the words of Benjamin Franklin about our form of government: "Republic, if you can keep it"
- Either our children will rise up and praise us for our courage to preserve our Republic, and proclaim Truth, or, hold us in contempt and curse us for our cowering
- All that is beautiful, wonderful, and honorable is clothed in morality, truth, and courage
- Though things look bleak, we must: Never, never give up
- Therefore, I as that you put on the agenda and approve the "The Stokes County Declaration of Marriage" which will be read next:

### **The Stokes County Declaration of Marriage**

We hold these Truths to be self-evident that all behavior is not equal. That, we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Natural Right according to the Laws of Nature and Nature's God, which are defined in "*Blackstone's Commentaries* as the Natural Law and the Revealed Law from the *Bible's Holy Scriptures*; which cause everything to work properly. There is no securer foundation for law than our Creator's Laws; otherwise, we are left foundationless to the chaos of arbitrary law.

There are many passions that effect behavior and they are not equal, nor should equality be the only standard for law, void of moral distinctions. If there are no moral absolutes, anything goes; there is no Right, nor Wrong.

Our Creator created all, and impressed governing laws upon that matter, from the universe to mankind's conscience. His Natural Laws complement His designs.

Our Creator's complementary purpose for marriage is procreation, with its availing joy of rearing one's children; which is in the interest of Stokes County's future, moral order, and wholesomeness.

Therefore, by Natural Law and Design, a man and a woman united by lawful authority, alone meets the Stokes County's definition of marriage. It is an equal opportunity for all men and all women.

The only Truths we hold is Truth, that conforms to reality, is unchangeable, not created by feelings or culture, nor can it be contradictory, destroying itself, nor fraud. Just Courts of Law demand it; likewise, Law, and Stokes County. (drafted by E.A. Timm)

Approved by the Stokes County Commissioners, the \_\_\_\_ day of October in the Year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, with a firm reliance on Divine Providence, just like our founders pledged; and for the good people of Stokes County; that their posterity may know: Here we Stand, that the truth about Marriage, may be promulgated.

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 Consent Agenda:



- Minutes of June 12, 2014 – Joint Meeting – Board of Education
- Minutes of September 22, 2014 – Regular Meeting

### **Capital Project Fund/Lawsonville School Project - Budget Amendment #12**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #12.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Capital Project Fund</b>				
<b>Lawsonville School Project</b>				
400.5913.600	General Contractor	\$1,894,282.00	\$68,624.00	\$1,962,906.00
400.5913.605	Professional Services	\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)	\$00.00
400.5913.601	Architect Fees	\$88,500.00	\$(4,695.00)	\$83,805.00
400.5913.751	Financing Fees	<u>\$55,907.00</u>	<u>\$(44,093.00)</u>	<u>\$11,814.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,039,689.00</b>	<b>\$18,836.00</b>	<b>\$2,058,525.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate sales tax and to transfer funds within the project for the additional \$82,365 approved by the Board of Commissioners at their September 22, 2014 meeting. The difference between \$82,365 and \$68,624 was previously appropriated in General Contractor's account.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$18,836.00** 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
400.3839.00	Sales Tax	<u>\$31,089.00</u>	<u>\$18,836.00</u>	<u>\$49,925.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$31,089.00</b>	<b>\$18,836.00</b>	<b>\$49,925.00</b>

### **Capital Project Fund- Budget Amendment #13**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #13.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>New Elementary School</b>				
400.5915.600	General Contractor	\$10,892,405.00	\$(3,082.00)	\$10,889,323.00
400.5915.750	Financing Fees	\$67,185.00	\$(2,462.00)	\$64,723.00
<b>Southeastern Middle School</b>				
400.5917.600	General Contractor	\$5,833,432.00	\$(3,371.00)	\$5,830,061.00
400.5917.690	Financing Fees	\$37,219.00	\$(39.00)	\$37,180.00
<b>Lawsonville Elementary Sch</b>				
400.5913.600	General Contractor	\$1,962,906.00	\$16,218.00	\$1,979,124.00
400.5913.751	Financing Fees	\$11,814.00	\$44,093.00	\$55,907.00
<b>Transfers</b>				
400.9810.100	Transfer to General Fund	\$00.00	\$21,028.00	\$21,028.00
	Transfer to School Capital			
400.9820.212	Outlay and Capital Reserve	<u>\$60,311.00</u>	<u>\$281,034.00</u>	<u>\$341,345.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,865,272.00</b>	<b>\$353,419.00</b>	<b>\$19,218,691.00</b>
<b>General Fund</b>				
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$120,000.00</u>	<u>\$21,028.00</u>	<u>\$141,028.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>\$21,028.00</b>	<b>\$141,028.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer unused funds for the EMS Building and Courtroom "C" and sales tax refunds for finished projects to General Fund. To transfer sales tax refunds for finished school projects to School Capital Outlay Fund for future projects.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$374,447.00** 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
<b>Capital Project Fund</b>				
400.3991.000	Fund Balance	\$00.00	\$12,662.00	\$12,662.00
400.3839.000	Sales Tax	<u>\$49,925.00</u>	<u>\$340,757.00</u>	<u>\$390,682.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$49,925.00</b>	<b>\$353,419.00</b>	<b>\$403,344.00</b>
<b>General Fund</b>				
100.3982.961	Transfer from Capital Projects	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$21,028.00</u>	<u>\$21,028.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$21,028.00</b>	<b>\$21,028.00</b>
<b>School Capital Outlay and Capital Reserve Fund</b>				
212.3982.030	Transfer from Capital Projects	\$60,311.00	\$281,034.00	\$341,345.00
212.3991.000	Fund Balance	<u>\$400,000.00</u>	<u>\$(281,034.00)</u>	<u>\$118,966.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$460,311.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$460,311.00</b>

### **Capital Projects Fund- Budget Amendment #14**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #14.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>				
400.5916.601	General Contractor	<u>\$3,011,695.00</u>	<u>\$482,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,494,195.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,011,695.00</b>	<b>\$482,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,494,195.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate NC Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources Grant for the Community College Sewer Project.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$482,500.00** 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
400.3820.000	NCDENR Grant	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$482,500.00</u>	<u>\$482,500.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$482,500.00</b>	<b>\$482,500.00</b>

### **Emergency Management - Budget Amendment #15**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #15.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Emergency Management</b>				
100.4330.510	Equipment	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$16,106.00</u>	<u>\$66,106.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,106.00</b>	<b>\$66,106.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate Homeland Security Grant to purchase an emergency response rescue all-terrain vehicle.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$16,106.00** 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
100.3301.262	Emergency Management	<u>\$94,692.00</u>	<u>\$16,106.00</u>	<u>\$110,798.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$94,692.00</b>	<b>\$16,106.00</b>	<b>\$110,798.00</b>

#### **Legal- Budget Amendment #16**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #16.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	<b>Legal</b>			
100.4150.180	Professional Services	<u>\$70,000.00</u>	<u>\$27,500.00</u>	<u>\$97,500.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>
	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>			
201.4120.000	Administration	\$27,500.00	\$(27,500.00)	\$00.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	\$96,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$118,500.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to Stokes Rey Fund	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$129,500.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$129,500.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund for legal fees for the sale of Home Health and to correct BA#5 (08-11-2014) to transfer funds to Stokes Reynolds Fund for HVAC.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$27,500.00** 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
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Res. Fd	<u>\$91,000.00</u>	<u>\$27,500.00</u>	<u>\$118,500.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$91,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>	<b>\$118,500.00</b>

### **Emergency Medical Services - Budget Amendment #17**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #17.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>				
100.4370.030	Salaries & Wages – Extra Duty	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds for extra duty work for Emergency Medical Services.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$10,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3437.414	EMS Extra Duty	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

### **Proposed Resolutions – State Champions**

Clerk Darlene Bullins, as requested by the Board of Commissioners, presented the following proposed Resolutions for 2014 High School State Champions for the Board's consideration and approval at today's meeting:

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING**

#### **WEST STOKES HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **LADY WILDCATS SOCCER TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the West Stokes High School Athletic Department is providing an equal opportunity for all students to participate in the sports program, with great emphasis being placed upon physical fitness, sportsmanship, and character; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Stokes High School Lady Wildcats Soccer Team and Coach Chris Manley have obtained a high level of achievement through hard work and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 West Stokes High School Lady Wildcats Soccer Team completed the Season with a 25-2-1 record and ended the season as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2-A Soccer Team Champions, with members and coaching staff:

**Team Members:**

**Hannah Bunn, Madisen Collins, MacKenzie Edwards, Jordon Grubbs, Taylor Hopper, Alex Jellison, Mara Loonen, Jordan Moore, Liz Nail, Lupe Ramirez, Sarah Robinson, Anna Russell, Morgan Snow, Katie Thompson, Anyssa Van Meter, and Tori Van Meter**

**Coaching Staff:**

**Coach Chris Manley, Manager Will Moore, and Manager Trent Washer**

**WHEREAS**, the success of this team has brought honor to West Stokes High School and Stokes County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to Principal Kevin Spainhour, County Athletic Director Annette Johnson, and Coach Chris Manley and each member of the West Stokes Lady Wildcats Soccer Team as an expression of the Board's appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

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**James D. Booth - Chairman**

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**Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman**

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**J. Leon Inman - Commissioner**

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**Jimmy Walker - Commissioner**

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**Ernest Lankford – Commissioner**

Attest:

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**NORTH STOKES HIGH SCHOOL**

**LADY VIKINGS SOFTBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the North Stokes High School Athletic Department is providing an equal opportunity for all students to participate in the sports program, with great emphasis being placed upon physical fitness, sportsmanship, and character; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Stokes High School Lady Vikings Softball and Coach Jeff Frye have obtained a high level of achievement through hard work and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 North Stokes High School Lady Vikings Softball Team completed the season with a 28–4 record; earned the Northwest 1-A Conference Championship, Regional Championship and ended the season as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1-A Softball State Team Champions, with members and coaching staff:

**Team Members:**

**Lindsay Brown, Sabrina Dodson, Emily Evans, Tana Frye, Chandly Garner, Tristan Hubbard, Hannah Mabe, Hannah McBride, Emily Myers, Heather Nall, Emma Petree, Ashley Smith, and Carson Watkins**

**Coaching Staff:**

**Coach Jeff Frye, Assistant Barry Dodson, Assistant Randy Shelton, and Assistant Rebecca Gunter**

**WHEREAS**, the success of this team has brought honor to North Stokes High School and Stokes County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to Principal Nathan Rasey, County Athletic Director Annette Johnson, and Coach Jeff Frye and each member of the North Stokes Lady Vikings Softball Team as an expression of the Board's appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of **October 2014**.

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**James D. Booth - Chairman**

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**Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman**

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**J. Leon Inman - Commissioner**

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**Jimmy Walker - Commissioner**

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**Ernest Lankford – Commissioner**

Attest:

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING**  
**NORTH STOKES HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS**  
**MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the North Stokes High School Athletic Department is providing an equal opportunity for all students to participate in the sports program, with great emphasis being placed upon physical fitness, sportsmanship, and character; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Stokes High School Vikings Men's Track and Field Team, Coach Mike Williams, and Coach Rodney King have obtained a high level of achievement through hard work and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, the **2014 North Stokes High School Vikings Men's Track and Field Team** completed the season with a 10-0 Conference Record; earned the Northwest 1-A Conference Championship, Regional Championship and ended the season as the **North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1-A Men's Track and Field State Team Champions**, with members and coaching staff:

**Team Members:**

**Colin Anderson, Austin Boyles, Brandon Boyles, Daniel Brown, Cameron Corns, Noah Dike, Dawson Durham, Junior Fulks, James Hammonds, Erin Heath, Justin Kenard, Andy Kopp, Andrew Lankford, Ross Lucia, Kaleb Marshall, Kenny Myers, Laith Nickell, Shepard Ottaway, Kevin Robertson, Jarrett Slate, Mark Tucker, Seth Tucker, Blake Williams, and Dakota Young**

**Coaching Staff:**

**Coach Mike Williams, Coach Rodney King, Assistant Coach Jimmy Dillard, Assistant Coach Ben Kelble, Assistant Breanna Largen, and Assistant Lisa Greeson**

**WHEREAS**, the success of this team has brought honor to North Stokes High School and Stokes County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to Principal Nathan Rasey, County Athletic Director Annette Johnson, Coach Mike Williams, and Coach Rodney King and each member of the North Stokes Vikings Men's Track and Field Team as an expression of the Board's appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of **October 2014**.

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**James D. Booth - Chairman**

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**Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman**

October 13, 2014

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J. Leon Inman - Commissioner

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Ernest Lankford – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**LAITH NICKELL**

**1A/2A INDOOR STATE POLE VAULT CHAMPION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Stokes High School Athletic Department is providing an equal opportunity for all students to participate in the sports program, with great emphasis being placed upon physical fitness, sportsmanship, and character; and

**WHEREAS**, Laith Nickell has obtained a high level of achievement through hard work and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, Laith Nickell completed the season as the **North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A/2A Indoor State Pole Vault Champion** reaching a height of 12'00"; and

**WHEREAS**, Laith's success has brought honor to North Stokes High School and Stokes County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to Laith Nickell, Principal Nathan Rasey, County Athletic Director Annette Johnson, Coach Mike Williams, and Coach Rodney King as an expression of the Board's appreciation for Laith's hard work and dedication.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

James D. Booth - Chairman

Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman

J. Leon Inman - Commissioner

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Ernest Lankford – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**JUSTIN KENARD**

**1A STATE 800 METERS CHAMPION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Stokes High School Athletic Department is providing an equal opportunity for all students to participate in the sports program, with great emphasis being placed upon physical fitness, sportsmanship, and character; and

**WHEREAS**, Justin Kenard has obtained a high level of achievement through hard work and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, Justin Kenard completed the Season undefeated in non-conference and conference action; earned the Northwest 1-A Conference Championship and Regional Championship in the 800 meters and ended the season as the



**North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A State 800 Meters Champion** with a time of 1:59.01, setting a new North Stokes High School record for the 800 meters; and

**WHEREAS**, Justin's success has brought honor to North Stokes High School and Stokes County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to Justin Kenard, Principal Nathan Rasey, County Athletic Director Annette Johnson, Coach Mike Williams, and Coach Rodney King as an expression of the Board's appreciation for Justin's hard work and dedication.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

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**James D. Booth - Chairman**

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**Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman**

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**J. Leon Inman - Commissioner**

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**Ernest Lankford – Commissioner**

Attest:

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

## **RESOLUTION HONORING**

### **MORIAH BOYETTE**

#### **1A STATE POLE VAULT CHAMPION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Stokes High School Athletic Department is providing an equal opportunity for all students to participate in the sports program, with great emphasis being placed upon physical fitness, sportsmanship, and character; and

**WHEREAS**, Moriah Boyette has obtained a high level of achievement through hard work and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, Moriah Boyette completed the Season winning the Northwest 1-A Conference Championship and Regional Championship in the Pole Vault and ended the season as the **North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A State Pole Vault Champion** with a height of 10'05"; and

**WHEREAS**, Moriah's success has brought honor to North Stokes High School and Stokes County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to Moriah Boyette, Principal Nathan Rasey, County Athletic Director Annette Johnson, Coach Mike Williams, and Coach Rodney King as an expression of the Board's appreciation for Moriah's hard work and dedication.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

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**James D. Booth - Chairman**

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**Ronda Jones – Vice Chairman**

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**J. Leon Inman - Commissioner**

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

Chairman Booth noted the following Resolutions were included in the Consent Agenda:

- West Stokes Lady Wildcats - 2014 2A Soccer Team State Champions

- North Stokes Lady Vikings – 2014 1A Softball Team State Champions
- North Stokes Men's Vikings – 2014 1A Men's Track & Field Team State Champions
- Laith Nickell – 1A/2A Indoor State Champion Pole Vault
- Justin Kenard – 1A Track & Field State Champion 800 Meters
- Moriah Boyette – 1A Track & Field State Champion Pole Vault

Chairman Booth noted that athletes from West Stokes High School would be honored at the October 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners' meeting and athletes from North Stokes High School would be honored at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Jones seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Jones requested that the time when special meetings ended be included in the minutes so that if a commissioner had to leave early, they would know how long the meeting lasted.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion regarding Vice Chairman Jones' request.

The Board had no issues with including the time that special meetings ended in the minutes.

Chairman Booth directed the Clerk to include the ending time of the meeting in the minutes of special meetings.

Commissioner Walker questioned if the Budget Amendments were normal procedures?

County Manager Rick Morris responded:

- Budget Amendment #12
  - Appropriation of funding as approved by the BOCC for the Lawsonville Elementary School Project
- Budget Amendment #13
  - Clean up budget amendment to allocate sales tax refunds from finished projects
- Budget Amendment #14
  - Appropriate the NCDENR Grant that will be discussed during the Discussion Agenda (\$482,500) for the sewer project
- Budget Amendment #15
  - Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of a four wheeler that can be used by Emergency Management for large events, wooded areas, etc.

- No county funding
- Budget Amendment #16
  - Transferring funding that was allocated in the F/Y 2013-14 Budget to pay for legal services for the sale of Home Health that will be reimbursed by Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes
- Budget Amendment #17
  - Allocates funding for extra duty work by Emergency Medical Services
  - EMS is operating the extra duty work program like the Sheriff's Department
  - Will be contracting with individuals/groups who request the presence of an ambulance and personnel
  - North Stokes High School recently requested additional coverage for some of their sporting events

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Just want to clarify that there are no funds being added for the additional funding for the Lawsonville Elementary School Project
- Funding is being made available from sales tax and contingency funding remaining from the project – no additional county money

The motion carried unanimously.

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

### **CenterPoint Human Services Update**

Chairman Booth introduced Chief Executive Officer/Area Director Betty Taylor, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Beauchamp and Chief Administrative Officer Ronda Outlaw who presented the CenterPoint Human Services Update.

CFO Kevin Beauchamp presented the following information:

- F/Y 2014 Allocation of Stokes County Discretionary Funds

Area	Amount	Percentage
MH	77,744	19%
I/DD	156,259	39%
SA	56,000	14%
Inpatient	53,000	13%
Transportation	10,000	3%
Care		
Coordination	45,817	11%
Total	398,820	100%

○ Financial Performance Fiscal Year-To-Date as of August 31, 2014:

	Annual	Budget	Actual	Variance	
	Budget	YTD	YTD	YTD	Percentage
Total Revenue	165,543,847	27,590,641	28,005,404	414,763	2%
Fund Balance Appropriation	<u>500,000</u>	<u>83,333</u>	-	-	
Total	166,043,847	27,673,975	28,005,404	414,763	1%
Total Expenditures	160,043,847	27,673,975	<u>24,174,094</u>	(3,499,881)	-13%
Revenue Less Expenditures			<b>\$3,831,310</b>		
Less Risk Reserve Set Aside			<b>\$462,796</b>		
Revenue Less Expenditures			<b>\$3,368,514</b>		

- Financial situation is positive for CenterPoint
- Provided statistical data for the following: as of August 31, 2014
  - Medicaid Medical Expense Ratio Calendar YTD
  - Medicaid Administrative Expense Ratio Calendar YTD
  - State Funding Medical Expense Ratio Fiscal YTD
  - State Funding Administrative Expense Ratio Fiscal YTD
  - Current Ratio Fiscal YTD – All Funding Sources
    - Current Assets = 37,918,502
    - Current Liabilities = 14,893,627
    - Current Ratio = 2.55
  - Defensive Interval Fiscal YTD – All Funding Sources
    - Current Assets = 37,918,502
    - Operating Expenses = 24,174,094
    - Days Being Measured = 62 (389,905)
    - Defensive Interval Ratio = 97.25
- All performance measure ratios are showing positive results
- CenterPoint's Benchmark for processing claims is 30 days
  - Consistently running in the 8-day range to get a provider paid
  - Trying to get providers paid as soon as possible

CAO Ronda Outlaw presented the following information:

- Stokes County Service Continuum as of September 30, 2014
  - Provides an overall picture of the services being provided and the gaps that are being addressed by CenterPoint
    - Gap – only one service (Facility-Based Crisis)
- Stokes County Unduplicated Clients Served
 

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Service	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
MH	754	719	652	713
I/DD	113	116	113	118
SA	126	115	130	133
Dual DX	41	45	44	56
Total	1034	995	939	1020

  - July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

- Number of clients served, as reported above, are based on approved (pending payment) and paid Medicaid and state funded service claims for all disabilities
- The decline in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters stemmed from the performance of one of the largest providers – RHA Health Services; those issues have been addressed
- Provider Network Development Activity
  - Under Medicaid Waiver, CenterPoint is allowed to adjust rates for services that are delivered
  - The ability to increase rates gives CenterPoint the capability to target the services that we would like to see more of and the location of where we would like them to occur
    - As of July 1, 2014, CenterPoint increased rates for certain psychiatric and intensive community-based services to increase client access by more adequately supporting provider in service delivery
    - Psychiatric Services – Increasing reimbursement rates for psychiatrists and other prescribers supports increased client access by supporting provider costs and improving their ability to attract prescribers
    - Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACTT) – ACTT is a community-based intensive service that takes the service to the client's home in a team approach to care. ACTT is particularly useful in rural areas when personal or public transportation is not available
    - Community Support Team (CST) – CST is a community-based intensive service mobile service that is very critical in a rural county like Stokes
- In August 2014, worked with the school system to enhance the School-based Day Treatment and Outpatient Therapy
  - Established a contract with a new provider (Youth Haven Services) of school-based Day Treatment and outpatient therapy for middle and high school students with enhanced reimbursement rate to support delivery in a rural county; also services Rockingham County
  - Day Treatment utilization is nearing capacity limit of 12 clients; outpatient therapy referrals are increasing with CenterPoint monitoring of utilization
  - Doing an outstanding job
  - Already has a waiting list
- Open Access to Services
  - RHA Health Services – Established a modified “open access” in King with specific days of the week/times that individuals may walk in without an appointment to be evaluated. Provider added on-site psychiatric/prescriber services for adults, while children see their prescriber via tele-psychiatry; also started two new parenting classes

- Monarch – Established in Winston Salem a fully operational “open access” service with same day walk-in access to evaluation and, if needed, to psychiatric/prescriber services.
  - Youth Haven Services also has this modified “open access” service in Rockingham County (Reidsville); Stokes County residents can receive “open access” service there
- Community Initiatives
  - Adult Mental Health for Stay
    - 8-hour training for non-professionals, school personnel, first responders, and law enforcement officers is offered by CenterPoint
    - Trained 16 individuals at the first training session held in Stokes County
    - Hope to make a difference in identifying individuals who might have a need for services and getting them linked into care
- Suicide Prevention Task Force
  - Commissioner Inman has been very involved with this Task Force
  - Have implemented a strategic plan for the year
  - Dr. V. Morrow has launched a facebook page that is designed to raise awareness and promote mental health first aid training
  - Have developed a powerpoint presentation for members to use in the community to educate people about suicide, the risks, and the suicide rates
- Wellness Centers
  - Established Wellness Centers in Stokes and Davie Counties
  - Stokes hours of operation are Tuesdays (9-12pm) and Thursdays (1-4pm) to provide access to recovery activities and tools; enhancements to staffing and curriculum are pending
- MH/SA Supported Employment
  - Added additional provider in Stokes (PQA Health Services) delivering Supported Employment and Long-Term Vocational Support
- FUNDay in King
  - CenterPoint and Unlimited Success/Partnership for a Drug-Free NC are hosting FUNDay in King on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Central Park in King
  - Invite everyone to come out and join us at FUNDay in King

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Had a chance to be involved in a mental health situation in the County recently
- Once Centerpoint became aware of the situation, was very pleased with their response
- Have reason to believe CenterPoint is very well positioned to respond to the need once CenterPoint is made aware of the situation
- Have not been getting citizens’ concerns regarding mental health for quite a while
- Have reason to believe that we are continuing to make progress
- Very interested in the changes that I have been reading about in the newspaper

CEO Betty Taylor provided and discussed the following information:

- Have broken down this area of what we see as the future of Medicaid in NC at this point in time into three (3) areas:
  - (1) There is a very active legislative dialogue about how we are going to manage Medicaid at the state level
  - (2) What is the service system for Medicaid going to look like?
  - (3) What is going to be the impact to LME/MCOs such as CenterPoint?
- Medicaid Management
  - That debate is alive and well and will continue in the long session of the legislature
  - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), under the Secretary, has already published their plan for reorganization of the department
  - To be frank, have a lack of senior and mid management at the Division of Medical Assistance which oversees Medicaid
  - At the most senior level, those positions are staffed through a consulting company with people who I am sure are very well qualified and have strong reputations in the private sector, but can't be maintained indefinitely in the state system at the cost of their consulting contracts
  - But did need those individuals who know their area of expertise to come in and "shakeup" the department because it was not even focused on where it needed to be to oversee this mammoth funding source
  - The Senate has introduced its preference which is to remove Medicaid from the Department of Health and Human Services and place it under a Medicaid Authority; under a Board that would have a variety of appointments by both the legislature and the Governor
  - This Authority would be vested with all the powers that go with the Medicaid program including setting rates
  - Believe the concern that has been expressed is that Medicaid is one huge piece of the Department of Health and Human Services and that would leave other large pieces of the system under the department and it would lead to fragmentation, lack of communication, etc.
  - Leave that to the long session to determine the best approach
- Service System
  - The Secretary continues to promote, along with hospitals, physicians, and other providers, Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) who could then contract with LME/MCOs for the behavioral health section that is a relatively new concept in the nation
  - North Carolina would have the opportunity to build that from the grassroots up to be exactly what it needed to be
  - The alternative, which is also supported by the Senate primarily, is to go private (private entities)
  - Private entities bring expertise into the system and certainly have robust IT Systems that are necessary
  - My main concern, which you have heard before, is that we are an underfunded public system right now

- If you take those same funds and contract with private entities, they acknowledge that they have a higher administrative overhead rate than LME/MCOs and partially attributable to their profit margin
  - Being a private entity, that is their mandate to make that profit
- Impact on LME/MCOs
  - The Secretary, a year ago this December, published her plan for four (4) distinct regions
  - This has been discussed in the past
  - Our concern is whether a 35-county region in the west could really maintain local connections to the extent that both the Board of Commissioners and CenterPoint want
  - We have done a lot of work with those potential western regional partnership members to standardize and streamline processes to understand the resources of each
  - But given the uncertainty of the legislature, not one of the three MCOs have been motivated to make a specific commitment
  - At this point in time, there is a committee, which has four members from our board that are meeting bi-weekly to address and evaluate every single option out there that may exist for CenterPoint
  - CenterPoint must be prepared to either be a member of a larger region, perhaps to the west – perhaps not all the way to Asheville
  - To be strong enough that if privates come in that we will bid on having the contract for managing Medicaid and indigent funded care within our counties
  - If ACOs come in, have those relationships in place also, so that we would be at the table to subcontract with them to manage their behavioral health services
- You can imagine after 20 months of lack of definitive direction of where this system is going, you are frustrated with it, the MCOs are frustrated with it, and our staff has been incredibly loyal and focused on their day jobs
- We all need a sense of direction
- We look forward hopefully by the next time we are in front of you to be able to define the decisions that the Board of Directors has instructed to move forward with
- We definitely want to be part of the bigger entity, but definitely have concerns about a 35-county entity
- There is the Smokey Mountain Center MCO which is in a unique area
- They are geographically a defined region by the mountains and state borders
- At the same time, Mission Hospital is the predominate provider in that area
- Smokey Mountain and Mission Hospital are working very closely together to see if they can come up with something that joins medical and behavioral health together, potentially as a pilot for the state
- That would leave Partners and CenterPoint as the two remaining entities for the western region
- There are a lot of pros and a few cons
- This is one of the options that Centerpoint is evaluating very closely
- We have also had conversations with Cardinal Innovations which stretches from South Carolina up to Virginia; there are pros and there are cons for that kind of alliance also



- The one thing that I will agree wholeheartedly with Commissioner Inman is that the time for decision is here
- Those that resist in making a decision and wait for the legislature to dictate what they should do will probably not have any choices about what they do
- But if we move forward and continue to focus on access, especially in our 3 rural counties, and quality of services with stronger providers, then we will be someone who can participate at any table regardless of where the system goes
- Sorry we can't give you a definite date
- We are truly pressing forward

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- CenterPoint Board of Directors took a proactive approach a year ago and decided which league we wanted to participate in as opposed to the state dictating where CenterPoint would go
- Keeping options open to make sure CenterPoint gets the best alliance we can get
- Going under the assumption that there are going to be 4 regions – 4 MCOs
- We have got to find what best works for CenterPoint and for Stokes, Forsyth, Davie and Rockingham Counties at this point

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Appreciate the straight, forward, very candid approach you provide to the Board of Commissioners
- Realize your job is to look after CenterPoint, along with that to look after all the people in the catchment area as well
- I see the Board's responsibility is to look after the people of Stokes County and see that they are getting the services and everything they need to the greatest extent possible
- Seems there are services available for a medical issue, but for a mental issue, not so much
- It is an ongoing challenge to see that the needs for mental health issues are continued to be met
- If I was reading the article in the paper correctly, it stated it would be settled in the next several months, know that everything you read is not always exact
- Sounds like the Board of Directors for CenterPoint is going away when we become part of a much larger entity
- It also stated that this might well be the most important decision that CenterPoint has ever made – the right direction to go forward
- Speaking for myself, I am limited when it comes to the best way to be involved when it comes to this particular process; how do we see that our citizens continually receive the best service for their mental health issues that they are facing?
- This uncertainty makes me a little nervous; where things might be going and how the Board of Commissioners can help to make sure things are going in the right direction

CEO Taylor responded:

- Access to medical care and behavioral health care is so different

- Medicaid Reform is probably going to be resolved or at least how it is going to be done in the long session of the legislature
- Will be the first time that the medical system has encountered the pressures that the MCOs have gone through over the last ten years
- It is even more important that we make sure the things that CAO Outlaw is doing to incentivize expanded services in rural counties are done and are as stable as possible because it is these same waves of change that impact the medical system we have all experienced firsthand; we know that will not go forward very smoothly whether it be for hospitals, physicians, specialists, etc.
- We are entering a time of tremendous change for the medical sector and knowing that MCOs are funded under a capitation which means we get a certain amount for each eligible member under Medicaid
- We track medical ratios
- You have to manage the funding and move individuals toward recovery, prevention, wellness or you will spend too much money
- If you do, we are fully at risk; we absorb it, the state doesn't pay us more
- That is the same type of picture that the medical area of services will be dealing with and will probably be moving within the next two years to at least partial risk
- We have got to get it right for behavioral health services; those people should not have to deal with medical transition problems
- One thing that the general public doesn't realize and we are undertaking to make it a little more visible and that is the problem in the emergency departments
- Thru media coverage, it has almost been portrayed that it is the publically funded individual that need mental health services that are clogging up the emergency departments
- We will be accountable for our segment of the population that are in emergency departments
- We track on a daily basis those that are in our emergency departments in all hospitals in all four of our counties
- Medicaid and indigent are the ones that we are responsible for
- We can do something about, not as quickly as we like most of the time, for our segment of the population
- Others that are seen in the emergency departments are Medicare, private insured, Medicaid/Medicare Dual Eligible – those we can't touch
- When the state gets to the point that it doesn't have the resources available to even give a privately insured individual what they need – in an emergency room for days; we have major problems still to address
- The other thing that article mentioned is the Department of Justice settlement
- The Federal Government is looking very closely at North Carolina, so far, it is falling short of meeting the targets that were agreed to under a multi-year settlement agreement
- So anything I tell you today is said under the cloud of if North Carolina doesn't meet its obligations under the settlement agreement, we are going to be in federal court and a federal court will tell us what we will be doing
- This goes full circle back to what Commissioner Inman said, "we have to be proactive, we have got to decide the direction that we are going and go ahead and do it"

- We need to stabilize a bigger area and focus totally on services
- We are two years into waiver, we have done very well as a team
- We have the funds available now where we are able to raise the rates for those services that people need
- This is the first time in ten years working with Stokes County that we have been able to say to providers that we are going raise your rate if you are in the rural counties; it is worth your time to go there
- The more interesting question is how to communicate, meet, and dialogue with the commissioners so that they can see the evaluation and the various factors that we are looking at that challenge us on our opinions, our data, and raise other issues that you would want answered before a final decision is ever made
- We will be glad to come with whatever group we need to bring to meet with everyone and do whatever it takes
- I think it is very important that the Board of Commissioners understand this complex notion of moving forward, but more importantly, give us your perspective so that you make sure what you hold dearest for your county is respected and included in the final plan

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Here what you are saying and agree with some of it and some of it I don't
- I don't know how you at this particular time already serving four counties can go after more counties, how are you going to do that?

Commissioner Inman responded:

- We are not taking a proactive approach of going after more counties, we are taking a proactive approach because the State of North Carolina says that they are going to consolidate
- We are going to try to decide if we are going to be best served being in the western region or are we going to be best served by being with Cardinal or is there another alliance that we can be better served
- We are not going after more counties, if we had a choice, we would stay right where we are
- The State is making that decision for us
- Everyone in Raleigh will tell you that decision is already made unless something happens in the long session
- I don't think that bigger in this particular case is better
- Not sure that privatization is the answer, privatization means that private companies want to make a profit
- If they can't make a profit, they may not even be interested in serving Stokes County

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I think I heard that this could possibly linger on for two years

CEO Taylor responded:

- If the legislature chooses to go the route of forming what is called Accountable Care Organizations that are headed up by physicians or medical groups, they have got to give them time to come together legally to implement that structure

- What we have been told is that those entities would be moved towards assuming risks on a timeline of 2 to 5 years through incrementally assuming more risks until at the end where they will be 100% risks as MCOs are

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Questioned CEO Taylor if the organization that we have currently will continue to operate with a specific amount of budget with no change until the legislature makes a change?

CEO Taylor responded:

- Very hard to answer
- The State funds come down on a fiscal year, Medicaid funds come down on a calendar year
- Our Medicaid contract is up for renewal this January (2015), after that renewal, Medicaid will move to a fiscal year
- We have obstacles
- We spend time in Raleigh showing them why CenterPoint's rate should not be reduced
- The State funds continue to go down
- Over the last 4 years, there has been more than 25% reduction in State funding
- That is why a lot of our indigent people are in the emergency departments because there is not enough funding to do those lesser intense services for state funded people

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Agree with CEO Taylor, there needs to be a special meeting with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the entire situation of mental health

CEO Taylor responded:

- Will be glad to meet with the Board at any time

Chairman Booth commented:

- Very glad to have Commissioner Inman on the Board of Directors for CenterPoint along with CEO Pam Tillman
- Expressed appreciation to CEO Taylor and staff for all the information provided to the Board today

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

### **Tax Administration Report – September 2014**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the

August Report:

<b>Fiscal Year 2014-15</b>	<b>Budget Amt</b>	<b>Collected Amt</b>	<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>Under Budget</b>
<b>Current 2014 Taxes</b>	\$19,080,388.00	\$10,852,998.26		\$8,227,389.74
<b>New Schools F-Tech Fund</b> (Includes Prior 98-2013 Taxes)	\$1,272,026.00	\$741,762.48		\$530,263.52

**Prior Taxes**  
**1998-2013 Tax Years**  
County Regular & Motor  
Vehicles

	\$675,000.00	\$260,934.42	\$414,065.58
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**Collection Percentage**  
**As of September 30, 2014**  
Current 2014 Tax = 0.5688%

**New School F-Tech**  
Fund = 0.5831%

**Prior 1998-2013 Tax**  
**Years (Reg and MV) = 0.3866%**

**EMS Current Collections**  
**Total Collected**  
(09-01-14/09-30-14)  
\$127,279.86  
**Total Collected**  
(07-01-14/06-30-15)  
\$361,291.85  
**Percentage of Collection =**  
24.09%  
Balance to collect  
=\$1,138,708.15

**Delinquent EMS Collection**  
**Report - Total Collected**  
(09-01-14/09-30-14)  
\$16,332.94  
(07-01-14/06-30-15)  
\$47,150.49  
**Percentage of Collection = 29.47%**  
**Balance to collect = \$112,849.51**

**Business and Personal Property Discovery  
Report**

<b>Audit Dates</b>	<b>Accts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Taxes Due</b>
(09-01-14/09-30-14)	101	\$914,193.00	\$7,534.78
(07-01-14/06-30-15)	177	\$2,839,337.00	\$27,210.50

<b>Motor Vehicle Release Report</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
<b>Audit Dates</b> (09-01-14/09-30-14)	6	\$173.47

<b>Motor Vehicle Refund Report</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
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**Audit Dates**

(09-01-14/09-30-14) 0 \$00.00

**Garnishment Totals**

Month	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amount	Collected Amount
(09-1-14/09-30-14)	167	\$53,627.64	\$37,688.78
<b>F/Year 2014-15</b>			
(07-1-14/6-30-15)	550	\$190,752.96	\$141,477.29

**Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report**

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Real/Personal</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>2014</u>			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits \$106.39*	Write-offs	Payments	Ending Balance
2013	\$ 486,476.29				\$(1.80)	\$(31,221.73)	\$ 455,359.15
2012	\$ 239,405.48				\$(0.06)	\$(10,542.99)	\$ 228,862.35
2011	\$ 119,013.68				\$(0.44)	\$(4,538.64)	\$ 114,474.60
2010	\$ 73,192.31					\$(2,323.79)	\$ 70,868.52
2009	\$ 45,293.00					\$(1,719.42)	\$ 43,573.58
2008	\$ 32,187.69					\$(784.71)	\$ 31,402.98
2007	\$ 20,949.10					\$(521.92)	\$ 20,427.18
2006	\$ 14,493.44					\$(508.80)	\$ 13,984.64
2005	\$ 10,849.26					\$(12.37)	\$ 10,836.89
2004	\$ 10,926.47						\$ 10,926.47
2003	\$ 8,859.97						\$ 8,859.97
2002	\$ 1,322.29						\$ 1,322.49
2001	\$ 16.98						\$ 16.98
2000	\$ 290.82						\$ 290.82
1999	\$ 319.98						\$ 319.98

<u>County</u>	<u>Motor</u>		<u>September</u>	<u>2014</u>			
Year	Beginning Balance	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Write-offs	Payments	Ending Balance
2013	\$ 52,649.09	\$(128.13)			\$(2.25)	\$(14,663.89)	\$ 37,854.82
2012	\$ 10,500.55	\$(20.34)		\$(4.48)	\$(0.46)	\$(1,241.11)	\$ 9,234.16
2011	\$ 21,047.56				\$(0.02)	\$(263.94)	\$ 20,783.60
2010	\$ 22,819.80				\$(0.20)	\$(394.84)	\$ 22,424.95
2009	\$ 18,358.74					\$(332.33)	\$ 18,026.41
2008	\$ 18,976.87					\$(132.22)	\$ 18,844.65

2007	\$	16,627.78		\$(57.42)	\$	16,570.36
2006	\$	12,099.88			\$	12,099.88
2005	\$	15,025.00			\$	15,025.00
2004	\$	13,507.10		\$(159.40)	\$	13,347.70
2003	\$	13,418.27		\$(7.19)	\$	13,411.08
2002						
2001						
2000						
1999						

<u>New</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Forsyth</u>	<u>Tech</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>2014</u>	
Year	Beginning	Releases	Refunds	Debits/ Credits	Write-offs	Payments	Ending Balance
2013	\$ 35,836.11	\$(8.55)		\$7.08	\$(0.28)	\$(3,005.30)	\$ 32,829.06
2012	\$ 18,763.17	\$(1.36)		\$(0.30)	\$(0.05)	\$(785.55)	\$ 17,975.91
2011	\$ 8,480.29				\$(0.03)	\$(310.49)	\$ 8,169.77

#### Interstate Collection Report

September 2014

Cumulative Total Collected to Date

#### Collection

NC Debt Setoff

#### Total Collected

**\$211,637.81**

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Motor Vehicles

\$124,748.28

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

Property Taxes

\$43,982.62

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)

EMS

\$233,208.72

Collected (to date)

All Categories

**\$401,939.62**

### 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:

**August 2014**

**New VTS System**

<b>Tax Code</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Billing</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Billed</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Made</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Collected</b>
City of King	\$18,553	\$144	-\$155	-\$575	\$17,967
King Car Fee	\$2,455	\$19	-\$5	None	\$2,469
Walnut Cove Town	\$2,841	\$23	None	-\$68	\$2,796
Danbury Town	\$399	\$3	None	-\$10	\$392
School Tax	\$12,452	\$102	-\$42	-\$324	\$12,188
King Fire	\$3,120	\$31	-\$6	-\$84	\$3,061
Rural Hall Fire	\$578	\$4	None	-\$14	\$568
Walnut Cove Fire	\$2,036	\$20	-\$7	-\$52	\$1,997

General County	\$186,773	\$1,533	-\$633	-\$4,858	\$182,815
Service Fire	\$11,183	\$86	-\$31	-\$287	\$10,951
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$240,390</b>	<b>\$1,965</b>	<b>(\$879)</b>	<b>(\$6,272)</b>	<b>\$235,204</b>

- 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)**

<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	City of King/Car fee	\$41,296.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 1,075</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(1,393.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$1.30</b>	Total Net Collected	\$39,903.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Town of Walnut Cove	\$ 5,755.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 240</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(180.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.75</b>	Total Net Collected	\$ 5,575.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Town of Danbury	\$ 536.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 28</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$( 15.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.54</b>	Total Net Collected	\$ 521.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	F Tech/School Fund	\$25,157.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 9,471</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(819.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.09</b>	Total Net Collected	\$24,388.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	King Fire District	\$6,906.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 1,466</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(233.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.16</b>	Total Net Collected	\$6,673.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Rural Hall Fire District	\$1,492.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 265</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(48.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.18</b>	Total Net Collected	\$1,444.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Walnut Cove Fire Dist.	\$24,024.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 993</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(128.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.13</b>	Total Net Collected	\$3,896.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	General County	\$377,341.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 9,471</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(12,287.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$1.30</b>	Total Net Collected	\$365,054.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Service Fire District	\$ 21,927.00



Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 5,452	Total Expenses	\$ (705.00)
Average Cost per Bill = \$0.13	Total Net Collected	\$ 21,222.00

Total Cumulative Collected NCVTS through August (all tax districts)	\$484,434.00
Total Expenses for NCVTS through August (all tax districts)	\$ 15,808.00
Total net collected for NCVTS through August(all tax districts)	\$468,626.00
Average cost per total billings through August	\$1.67 per bill

Lowest cost billed = \$1.52 (County, School Fund, Service Fire based on 9,471 cars)  
Highest cost billed =\$2.69 (County, School Fund, King City based on 1,075 cars)

### 2014 Values for Public Utilities

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley provided the following information regarding the  
NC Department of Revenue for 2014 Values Assessed for Public Utilities per tax district:

Tax Districts	2014 Values	Increase/Decrease From 2013 Values	Revenue Increase/Loss Fiscal Year 2014	
County (G01)	\$526,918,640	\$5,472,178 - Increase	\$32,833.07	Increase
New School/F. Tech Fd (E01)	\$526,918,640	\$5,472,178 - Increase	\$2,188.87	Increase
Service Fire District (S01)	\$492,491,377	\$6,073,325 - Increase	\$3,947.66	Increase
King Fire District (F01)	\$11,130,299	\$422,948 - Decrease	(\$274.92)	Loss
Walnut Cove Fire District (F03)	\$10,188,291	\$171,771 - Decrease	(\$111.65)	Loss
Rural Hall Fire District (F02)	\$2,720,682	\$75,043 - Decrease	(\$48.78)	Loss
City of King (C01)	\$6,771,604	\$38,328 - Decrease	(\$161.74)	Loss
Town of Danbury (C04)	\$859,217	\$98,879 - Decrease	(\$266.97)	Loss
Town of Walnut Cove (C03)	\$3,616,387	\$42,652 - Decrease	(\$170.61)	Loss

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

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 –  
Real and Personal Property (September 2014) for the Board's review and consideration at the  
October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

Name	Bill No	Amount	Reason
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John Wayne Fulks	14A697301490574	\$ 176.25	BD appr -Late Eld Application
Faye R. Porter	14A693302654178	<u>\$ 327.83</u>	BD appr-Late Eld Application
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 504.08</b>	

### **Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (September 2014) for the Board’s review and consideration at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

Name	Bill No	Amount	Reason
Timothy Lankford	14A690304545264	\$ 242.87	late elderly -approved by BOCC
Tammy Burnette	19019854	<u>\$ 396.39</u>	sold vehicle
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 639.26</b>	

### **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 October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

#### **Taxpayer: Betty L. Holt**

- Parcel Number: 6021-00-54-1096
- One acre of land and a dwelling located at 1111 Creasey Road, Lawsonville, NC
- Assigned Tax Value of \$84,300
- Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that she qualifies for the exemption

#### **Taxpayer: Mary Isabelle Boyles**

- Parcel Number: 5993-04-51-2842
- One acre of land and a dwelling located at 409 Goff Road, King, NC
- Assigned Tax Value of \$209,100
- Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that she qualifies for the exemption

### **Late Applications for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2014**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Applications for Disabled

Veteran Exclusion for 2014 with a request for the board's consideration and approval at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**Taxpayer: Phillip L. Smitherman**

- Parcel Number: 5992-19-60-7761
- One acre of land and a dwelling located at 103 Allen Street, King, NC
- Assigned Tax Value of \$134,400
- Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that he qualifies for the exclusion

**Taxpayer: Linda Sue Williams**

- Parcel Number: 6011-00-31-1421
- One acre of land and a dwelling located at 1150 Timber Ridge Road, Westfield, NC
- Assigned Tax Value of \$57,300
- Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that she qualifies for the exclusion

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the following be placed on the October 27<sup>th</sup> Consent

**Agenda:**

- Real and Personal Release more than \$100
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100
- Late Applications for Elderly Exemptions
- Late Applications for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2014

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with Administrator Oakley's September Report.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the items on the October 27<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

**Social Services Monthly Report**

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

- Annual Medical Monitoring Report
  - Monitoring results only showed one case that must be reopened
  - This is very impressive especially at a time when there is so much change occurring – (Received from Operational Support Team Representative- NCDHHS)
  - Very pleased with the report
- Foster Care
  - Thirteen children were taken into custody during September 2014 - this is a record for the agency

- CPS Reports have increased
- Implementing a contract with Van Guard for a Social Worker to help with the Foster Care work
- NC FAST Updates:
  - Stokes County Medicaid Untimely Application Processing Status
    - As of October 1<sup>st</sup> = 12 untimely Medicaid Applications
    - County is still over target
  - Hard Launch for Stokes County is October 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Applications processed IN EIS (July 2014 ) = 199
  - Applications processed in N FAST (July 2014) = 230

## **Metrics**

- As of September 14, 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
      - Temporary contract with Van Guard for Social Worker
    - Foster Care Home Licensing – In compliance
    - Adoptions – In compliance
  - Child Protective Services
    - Investigations – Needs improvements
      - Worker out - should be back mid-September
      - Case Management – In compliance
  - 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)- In compliance
  - Staffing (Years of Service) – In compliance
  - Medicaid Transportation – In compliance
  - Clerical – In compliance

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Director Elmes that there is a desperate need for more foster parents
- Confirmed with Director Elmes that there are several requests for the adoption of foster children
- Have had some contact with some individuals who wish to get into the foster parent care and eventually adopt

Director Elmes responded:

- A lot of people have their own preferences (age, race, sex, etc.) which sometimes makes it difficult to find a child within the county
- We have foster children all over the state – visits must be made monthly

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Confirmed with Director Elmes that it is very difficult for the foster child when they have to be moved from their school district to a new school, on top of all the other issues going on
- Confirmed with Director Elmes that the posting of signs across the County did help in recruiting foster parents and that another recruitment will be done soon

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Director Elmes that budgetary numbers look good at this point in time and are on track

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

County Manager Morris commented:

- If foster parents who want to adopt did not have such tight restrictions, it would make it much easier for adoption

DSS Director Elmes agreed with Manager Morris regarding the adoption of foster children when adoptive parents have a lot of restrictions.

#### **State Employees' Credit Union – ATM Lease**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the request from the State Employees' Credit Union:

- Wishes to exercise their eighth (8) one-year renewal option for the ATM located in the Governmental Center Complex
- Monthly rental payments will remain the same (no fee)
- Term: January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015

- ATM benefits local and state employees along with individuals needing cash for court
- Request approval at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed that the original contract is opened ended with one-year renewals.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 27<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

### **Closed Session Minutes Request**

County Manager Rick Morris noted the Board of Commissioners had received a request for the release of Closed Session Minutes which had been turned over to the County Attorney.

County Attorney Tyrone Browder presented the following legal memorandum:

#### **Legal Memorandum**

To: Stokes County Board of Commissioners

From: Ty Browder, Stokes County Attorney

Re: Release of closed session minutes for public inspection.

This memorandum is in response to the Board's request for guidance after the individual members of the Board received requests dated September 3, 2014 from the Stokes County Democratic Party, for release for public inspection of the minutes of all closed sessions in which certain designated matters were discussed. The conclusions stated herein are based on a review of General Statute sections 132 and 143, review of UNC School of Government Publications regarding the Open Meetings Law, and consultation with UNC School of Government faculty.

General Statute 143-318.10(e) states that:

“Every public body shall keep full and accurate minutes of all official meetings, including any closed sessions held pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11. Such minutes may be in written form or, at the option of the public body, may be in the form of sound or video and sound recordings. When a public body meets in closed session, it shall keep a general account of the closed session so that a person not in attendance would have a reasonable understanding of what transpired. Such accounts may be in written narrative, or video or audio recordings. Such minutes and accounts shall be public records within the meaning of the Public Records

Law, G.S. 132-1 et seq.; provided, however, that minutes or an account of a closed session conducted in compliance with G.S. 143-318.11 may be withheld from public inspection so long as public inspection would frustrate the purpose of a closed session.”

There are two different requirements for documenting what happens in closed sessions. Minutes are required to provide the official record of actions taken in the meeting, such as actions in personnel matters, authorization to purchase property, or authorization to settle a claim. A general account is a narrative that describes in general terms the discussion that takes place so that there is some record of the meeting even if no official action is taken. Unless official action is taken in a closed session, only a general account of the closed session is required.

Closed session minutes or general accounts of closed sessions may be withheld from public inspection only so long as public inspection would frustrate the purpose of a closed session. Once the purpose of the closed session no longer exists under the statute, the records must be released for public inspection. For example, if the Board goes into closed session to discuss its negotiating position with respect to real property, then the minutes of the closed session may be withheld from public inspection as long as the purchase remains pending. However, once the purchase is completed, there is no longer any reason to withhold the minutes of the closed session from public inspection. On the other hand, if the Board goes into closed session for the stated purpose of discussing personnel matters, then confidential personnel information within these minutes could never be released for public inspection. Also, if the Board met in closed session for the stated purpose of protecting the attorney client privilege, the minutes of this meeting with respect to attorney client discussions could be withheld indefinitely or until the Board chooses to waive the privilege.

Closed session minutes that contain discussions of more than one item must be reviewed to determine which items may be released for public inspection, and which items do not qualify for release for public inspection. Also, closed session minutes that include attachments or other items that contain confidential information must be reviewed, and the confidential information redacted before the records are released.

The open meetings law does not create specific timelines for releasing minutes and general accounts of closed sessions, but many jurisdictions have established a regular, ongoing process for review of closed session minutes and determining what can be released for public inspection. Also, there is no requirement that closed session minutes that are released be posted. The responsibility for the decision of how often to review closed session minutes for release, and whether or not to post these minutes rests with the governing board. However, once a request is received that specific closed session minutes be released for public inspection, then the Board is obligated to timely review these minutes and release those minutes that no longer qualify for the closed session exception.

The procedure that I recommend for the release of closed session minutes is as follows:

1. Clerk to the Board shall submit closed session minutes that are requested to be released to the County Attorney for review and determination if all or a portion can be released for public inspection.
2. County Attorney shall return closed session minutes to the Clerk with recommendation of what should be released for public inspection.

3. Clerk shall submit a copy of County Attorney's recommendation to each Commissioner for review.
4. If all Commissioners agree with the recommendation of the County Attorney, they shall so notify the Clerk, who will put the release of the minutes on the Consent Agenda for action by the Commissioners in open session.
5. If any Commissioners disagree with the recommendation of the County Attorney, the items of disagreement shall be resolved in a closed session.

If you need further information with respect to this matter, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

Ty Browder  
Stokes County Attorney

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Have been to three schools regarding closed session minutes when elected as a Councilman in King, Mayor in King, and Commissioner trying to learn the most I could to do the best job I could for the people of King and Stokes County – learning the finer points of the position that I was elected for
- Each school is very consistent in stating that closed session minutes, once the sensitivity is not there anymore, had to be released in a timely and appropriate manner for a nominal cost
- Little concerned that this request came September 3<sup>rd</sup> and this is the 13<sup>th</sup> of October and we are still talking generalities
- I think if I was the people who made the request, I would be a little nervous about how long it is taking
- The last thing I would want as a member of this Board, don't think I am different from the other members, is any indication that we are trying to withhold anything
- I am steadfast and will continue to be a supporter of open and transparent government
- I think this is a step in that direction
- I am a little concern over how long it has taken
- I have been in situations previously where closed session minutes were requested and the minutes were provided
- The way we did it - staff was not instructed to drop everything and deal with the request, but to see that it was treated in a timely, effective manner
- None sure the process described by County Attorney Browder comply with that
- Seems like the process is going to take some time
- I am not sure it is the most citizen friendly way to deal with this
- It may be stacked a little bit in our favor
- Also, a concern on number 3 and 4 of the recommended procedures by County Attorney Browder
- As I recall, a poll of a board constitutes board action



- If that action is done in private, it doesn't comply with the open meetings law
- Questioned County Browder regarding the polling of the Board?

County Attorney Browder responded:

- According to the School of Government, there are two types minutes that can be taken in closed session:
  - Verbatim minutes – take informal vote or give the attorney direction to proceed such as settlement of a lawsuit – those must be documented in detail
  - Summary of the minutes
- This is the method that I found most counties use in releasing close session minutes
- This is only a recommendation, this seems to be the preferred method of handling the released of closed session minutes
- The county attorney only makes a recommendation of what can and cannot be released
- It is up to the Board of Commissioners to decide what is the most efficient way to release closed session minutes

Commissioner Walker responded:

- The way I am used to, is the Attorney reviewed the minutes and if there were no issues on a legal basis, any information that was requested was provided
- It was done a lot quicker than what we are looking at here
- I think as far as policy, we are not so much dealing with policy as what it takes to comply with the law

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Commissioner Walker is correct, the Board must comply with the law
- The Board needs to adopt a policy to accomplish that
- The question to this Board is what procedure does the Board want to use
- The Board will have to vote in open session what is released from closed session minutes, but first there must be a determination made by this Board what is to be voted on
- The Board can do that on its own or instruct the county attorney to make the determination what legally has to be released

Commissioner Walker continued:

- That is what I am most interested, legally, yes or no, what has to be released
- Last thing I want is the appearance of trying to withhold information or hide anything
- I work for the public, it is their government

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Everything is not black and white, there are some gray areas
- I could recommend the release of certain information that a commissioner disagrees with

- A commissioner might make a determination that releasing the information at that particular time would frustrate the purpose of keeping the information confidential and there was still a reason to keep the information confidential
- Most of it should be black or white, can be released or can't be released, but there are some areas that there is valid disagreement to whether or not the minutes should or should not be released

Commissioner Walker commented:

- The biggest difference between you and me, you hold the law degree and are a practicing attorney

County Attorney Browder commented:

- I would expect you would agree with my recommendation
- The county attorneys that I spoke with stated that their Boards almost always agreed with the attorney's recommendation

Commissioner Walker commented:

- A little nervous with the recommendation of polling the commissioners

County Attorney Browder responded:

- There would be no poll, it would be each individual commissioners' review and if anyone had any objections, the disagreement would be resolved in closed session

Vice Chairman Jones commented:

- Totally agree, there needs to be some type of policy to adopt, but then it brings a whole merit of questions such as how far do we go back, your time is valuable and you have to review all the information
- This could be a very daunting task
- What would be the procedure?

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Initially, you could release the closed session minutes in the areas that have been specifically requested and then apply the policy for future closed session minutes
- Review on a regular basis
- There is no specific requirement in the law, it is up to each individual board

Commissioner Inman commented:

- I certainly appreciate the request and value the opportunity to address and develop a policy
- Everyone on this Board has served as Chair except Commissioner Jones who is currently serving as Vice Chair
- Feel everyone will agree we have worked extremely hard to make sure that we followed the open meetings law
- Have never done anything deliberately to circumvent the open meetings law
- Have always tried to be transparent

- Very much disagree with Commissioner Walker, I don't think there is any reason for anyone sitting out there today or anyone else to feel nervous

Commissioner Walker noted that he said he would feel nervous.

Commissioner Inman continued:

- Here is an opportunity to develop a policy
- Feel we hire legal counsel to make legal decisions
- Going with the county attorney's recommendation
- Feel he has thoroughly researched the issue
- See no reason why we can develop a policy and start with the request
- There is nothing to hide
- This Board entered closed session regarding Camp Sertoma and Moores' Spring Campground
- That issue is settled, no reason those minutes can't be made public
- Confirmed with Attorney Browder that there is no longer anything that would frustrate the Camp Sertoma decision
- On Board with Attorney Browder's recommendation, ready to get started
- Sure there are a lot of the closed session minutes that could be released

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Totally support what Commissioner Inman stated
- As long as I have been on this Board, feel we have totally been transparent in all the closed session meetings as for only discussing what we went into closed session for per general statutes
- Have no problem with adopting a policy
- Do think we need to follow the county attorney's recommendation of reviewing the closed session minutes requested –make sure we only put out the information that should be released
- There are some things that must be kept confidential forever with others available for release
- Would hate to release something that should not be released
- Want to be very careful
- I am 100% sure that we have been transparent and will continue to be 100% transparent in everything the Board deals with – not only in public sessions, but also in closed sessions
- Support the recommendation of our attorney to adopt a procedure/policy

Chairman Booth commented:

- County Attorney approves the reasons, according to general statutes, that the Board goes into Closed Session

Chairman Booth confirmed with the Board to place the item on the Action Agenda for the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the recommendation from the County Attorney.

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 27<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

**Proposed Resolution – Surplus Property for Auction**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the County Surplus Property County Auction:

- Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall has scheduled the County Public Auction for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the Ronald Reagan Memorial Building parking lot
- Burwell Auction and Real Estate will conduct the public auction on behalf of the County
- There was been a request that the Public Auction be scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> instead of November 1<sup>st</sup> due to several other events being that day (event in Walnut Cove)
- Mr. Stovall has contacted Burwell Auction to see if November 8<sup>th</sup> is workable for the public auction; as this time, have not received an answer
- Would request the proposed Resolution be moved today's Action Agenda in order to meet the 10-day advertising guideline as set forth in NCGS 160A-270
- Would request the Resolution be approved for November 8<sup>th</sup> if possible with approval for November 1<sup>st</sup> if the 8<sup>th</sup> is not workable with the auctioneers

The following Resolution authorizes the County to dispose of real or personal property in accordance with procedures prescribed in Chapter 160A:

**RESOLUTION**

STATE OF North Carolina

COUNTY OF STOKES

WHEREAS, GS 153A-176 authorizes the County to dispose of real or personal property in accordance with procedures prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 12;

WHEREAS, the County of Stokes has accumulated an excessive amount of unusable personal property and vehicles and it is in the best interest of the County to dispose of items listed below by public auction in accordance with GS 160A-270;

1987 Ford Truck	1FTEF14N8HPA71028
1989 GMC Truck	1GTDC14Z2KZ527124
1992 Chevrolet Van	1GN DU06DXNT130087
1996 Ford Crown Vic	2FALP71W1TX123452
1996 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W7XX238589
1996 Chevrolet Blazer	1GN DT13W2T2189233
1996 Chrysler	1C3EJ56H3TN176047

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1997 Saturn	1G8ZG1276VZ228004
1998 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W8WX132327
1998 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W6WX132326
1998 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W8WX132330
1999 Lexus	JT6HF10UXX0054790
1999 Ford Explorer	1FMZU32EXXZA42554
2000 Chevrolet Cavalier	1G1JC5240Y7351169
2000 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W0YX157239
2000 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W7YX157237
2000 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W7YX157240
2000 Dodge Durango	1B4HS28N2YF219461
2001 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71W31X163817
2003 Ford Crown Vic	2FAFP71WX3X110986
2004 Hyundai G350	KMHFU45E54A362279
2005 Ford Crown Vic	2FAHP71W55X149447
2005 Ford Crown Vic	2FAHP71W75X167397
2007 GMC Ambulance	1GDJG316471253696
2009 Chevrolet Ambulance	1GBJG316X91109775
2011 Ford Crown Vic	2FABP7BV4BX137734 (wrecked)
Quing Scooter	LAEAGZ4006B911788
Gravely Lawnmower 12G	
Gravely Lawnmower 16G	
Truck Camper Shell	

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners declare the above personal property as surplus and is to be sold at public auction.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners hereby approves November 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the Stokes County Governmental Complex in Danbury as the time and place of said public auction.

Adopted this the \_\_\_ day of October 2014.

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James D. Booth – Chairman

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Ronda Jones-- Vice Chairman

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J. Leon Inman - Commissioner

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Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

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Ernest Lankford – Commissioner

Attest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Darlene Bullins – Clerk to the Board

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Booth noted there was some difficulty in scheduling a date due to the availability of auctioneers.

The Board had no issues with trying to make the first date be November 8<sup>th</sup> and then November 1<sup>st</sup> if the 8<sup>th</sup> is not workable.

The Board had no issues with the Agenda item and moving the item to today's Action Agenda.

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

**Proposed Resolution – NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Grant Funding**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Grant Funding from NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources:

- Stokes County has been approved for grant assistance from the State of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the amount of \$482,500 for the sewer project
- A resolution adopted by the governing body must be approved to accept the grant
- Request to move to today's Action Agenda in order to expedite the acceptance of the \$482,500

The following resolution must be approved by the Board of Commissioners:

**Resolution  
By Stokes County**

**WHEREAS**, State of North Carolina as authorized grants to local government units under Session Law 2014-100, Section 14.17A(1)

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has offered a State Grant in the amount of \$482,500 for the Forsyth Technical Community College/Meadows Community Wastewater Collection System Expansion,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF STOKES:**

That Stokes County does hereby accept the State Grant offer of \$482,500.

That Stokes County does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that all items specified in the grant offer, will be adhered to.

That **County Manager Richard D. Morris** and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application of the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the Grant Officer.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2014** in Danbury, North Carolina.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the request or moving 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

#### **Appointment – CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information from Jan Spencer who currently serves on the CenterPoint Human Services Board of Directors:

- Jan has notified Stokes County that she does not wish to be considered for re-appointment when her term ends December 31, 2014
- Ms. Spencer will have served six (6) years on the Board of Directors when her term ends December 31, 2014
- Ms. Spencer expresses her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the DSS representative
- The appointment requires that the appointee must be an individual with social services expertise and experience in the fields of mental health, intellectual or other developmental disabilities or substance abuse services
- Would request Commissioner Inman comment on the involvement of the appointment, as he serves on the Board of Directors for CenterPoint

Commissioner Inman noted the following:

- Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in Winston Salem
- Need someone with the social services expertise

Commissioner Walker questioned if DSS Director Elmes would be interested in

serving on the Board of Directors?

Chairman Booth noted that she would be a good candidate for the appointment.

DSS Director Elmes acknowledged that she would be willing to serve.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Inman nominated DSS Director Stacey Elmes.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Walker 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 October 27<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

#### **Appointment – Workforce Development Board**

Chairman Booth noted that Commissioner Lankford requested that this item be placed on the Discussion Agenda.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- The appointment has been on the Agenda several times with different nominees
- Need to try to put someone on the Board

Commissioner Walker commented:

- This started after there was a vacancy for months
- The Board was having trouble finding someone
- Spoke to individual who expressed a willingness to serve and was qualified
- Nominated the person and was approved
- They received their information from the Workforce Development Board
- They were ready to serve and then their qualifications were questioned
- I don't know of any time in the history of this Board that anybody appointed or nominated for a Board ever had their qualifications questioned before which was interesting to say the least
- I think this person that was originally nominated and was set to serve on this board should be given an opportunity to serve
- The Workforce Development people were quite comfortable with the appointee
- Had everything ready for him to be at the next meeting



- They were shocked that there was not unanimous approval from this Board
- That has never happened before according to the Workforce Development staff
- Probably hasn't happen since either
- Will continue to support this person because I think they should be given an opportunity to serve
- They were willing to serve when we couldn't find anyone else who would serve
- By some fluke or someone's personal preference or faith or whatever, we have a complicated situation that never should have been a complicated situation to start with
- It was simple, cut and dry
- I will continue to support the person that I originally nominated
- I am surprised to this day that they are not already serving on that board

Chairman Booth opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Gail Bennett of Bennett's Baskets and Bows who is a local business owner who is willing to attend the meetings and would do a good job.

Commissioner Walker nominated Mark Badgett who should already be on the Board and is willing to serve and qualified.

Commissioner Walker noted that he had every reason to believe that he would do a good job and wants to be involved in positive ways in the community and I believe that if a person wants to be involved in a positive way and qualified, they should be given a chance.

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 questioned the Board regarding moving the polling to today's Action Agenda or placing it on the Action Agenda for the next meeting?

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

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

### **Appointment – Walnut Cove Planning/Board of Adjustments - ETJ – Alternate Member**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following regarding appointments to the Walnut Cove Planning/Board of Adjustments – ETJ – Alternate Member:

- Administration received confirmation this week from the Town of Walnut Cove that Arzell Montgomery will continue to serve as the regular ETJ member
- There still remains one unfilled position – alternate member
- County appointment guidelines will be followed

Chairman Booth opened the floor for nominations.

There were no nominations.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Booth, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 27<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

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

#### **YVEDDI – F/Y 2014-15 Rural Operating Assistance Program – Transportation Application**

- **Approval – YVEDDI Application for Transportation Operating Assistance – Fiscal Year 2014-15**
- **Certified Statement FY 2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program**
- **Approval YVEDDI to Manage the ROAP Funds**

Chairman Booth entertained a motion for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Rural Operating Assistance Program – Transportation Application which was presented at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the following:

- Approval – YVEDDI Application for Transportation Operating Assistance – Fiscal Year 2014-15
- Certified Statement FY 2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program
- Approval YVEDDI to Manage the ROAP Funds

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property – Upset Bid**

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property presented at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Vice Chairman Jones moved to approve the upset bid from Wendi Spraker in the amount of \$3,850.00 for the sale of tax foreclosed surplus parcel 6947-00-16-1099. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**NCDOT – Proposed Resolutions - Request for Addition to the NC Secondary Road System**

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to approve the following resolutions regarding the request from NC Department of Transportation for the addition of Calloway Court in Calloway Court Subdivision and Danny Lane to the Secondary Road System presented at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
REQUEST FOR ADDITION TO THE STATE MAINTAINED  
SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM**

**NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF STOKES  
ROAD DESCRIPTION – Calloway Court in Calloway Court Subdivision**

**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 in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road Systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of County Commissioners** is of the opinion that the above described road should added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

**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 take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

**CERTIFICATE**

The foregoing **Resolution** was duly adopted by the **Board of Commissioners** of the **County of Stokes** at a meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2014**.

**WITNESS** by hand and official seal this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2014**.

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**Darlene M. Bullins**  
**Clerk to the Board of Commissioners**  
**County of Stokes**

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**County of Stokes**

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the resolutions for addition of Calloway Court in Calloway Court Subdivision and Danny Lane to the NCDOT – Secondary Road System.

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **County Morgue Requirements**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following additional information regarding County Morgue Requirements:

- There was no price break for ordering two morgues instead of one
- My recommendation is to buy one morgue and one cadaver lift at this time
- When the CON is received for 24 hour operation at the King location, place the second morgue in the budget process
- With only getting one, can test both the morgue and the lift to have a better understanding of what is needed and the quality of the equipment
- The funding is coming from Contingency, the lesser the amount the better
- Would request the Board approve the purchase of one morgue and cadaver lift along with Budget Amendment #18 in the amount of \$12,178
- The shipping charges of \$925 was not included in the quote provided to the Board at the last meeting

Manager Morris noted the following Budget Amendment #18 which allocates funding for the purchase of one morgue and one cadaver lift:

### **Emergency Medical Services - Budget Amendment #18**

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>				
100.4370.510	Equipment	\$162,000.00	\$12,178.00	\$174,178.00
<b>Contingency</b>				
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$141,028.00	\$(12,178.00)	\$128,850.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$141,028.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$303,028.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:  
To transfer funds for the purchase of a morgue unit.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$00.00** 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.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for any further discussion regarding the new information provided by County Manager Morris.

The Board had no additional questions or comments.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion.

Commissioner Inman moved to accept the manager's recommendation for the purchase of one morgue and cadaver lift at a cost of \$12,178 and approve Budget Amendment #18.

Vice Chairman Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed that the shipping costs were almost \$1,000 and being shipped from California.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Fee Structure for Environment Health Water Samples**

County Manager Rick Morris provided the following additional information regarding the new fee structure for Environmental Health Water Samples which included cost of private lab fee (R&A Laboratory):

Category	Cost to County (eff. 9/1/14) (FY 14-15)	Previous Cost to County (FY 13-14)	Increase (\$)	Private Lab Fee (R&A Labs)
<b>Total Coliform</b> ( <i>bacteria</i> )	23	3.09	19.91	30.00
Iron Bacteria	28	3.09	24.91	Not available
Sulfur/Sulfate Reducing	35	3.09	31.91	Not available
<b>Inorganic Panel</b> <b>(includes Nitrate/Nitrite)</b>	65	3.15	61.85	325.00
Nitrate/Nitrite	25	7.55	17.45	15.00
Pesticides	74	23.99	50.01	150.00
Petroleum	74	28.26	45.74	125.00(gasoline 50.00 (home heating oil) 50.00 (heavy oils/greases)
Existing Well Kit (includes <b>total coliform</b> and <b>inorganic panel with</b> <b>nitrite/nitrate analysis</b> <b>only</b> )	74	n/a ( <i>not offered previously</i> )	n/a	30 + 325 = 355

County Manager Morris noted:

- Information from the NC Department of Health and Human Services stated that the recent legislative session grant the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health the authority to increase the fee for testing of water from existing wells, comparable to that charge under the New Well Program
- Would still recommend Option #1:
  - Charge a \$30 collection fee as well as the cost of the bottle (per State Lab prices)
  - 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 increase a bottle/kit fee
  - This could also save a citizen money because if we increase fees for all water samples, the citizens will be paying a collection fee added to each sample whereas this way they pay a collection fee once per application

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

There were no comments or questions from the Board.

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the fees for water samples.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve Manager Morris's recommendation of Option One which includes the following New Fee Schedule for Water Sample Services:

Category	Cost to County (eff. 9/1/14) (FY 14-15)	Previous Cost to County (FY 13-14)	Increase (\$)
<b>Total Coliform</b> ( <i>bacteria</i> )	23	3.09	19.91
Iron Bacteria	28	3.09	24.91
Sulfur/Sulfate Reducing	35	3.09	31.91
<b>Inorganic Panel</b> <b>(includes Nitrate/Nitrite)</b>	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 <b>total coliform</b> and <b>inorganic panel with</b> <b>nitrite/nitrate analysis</b> <u>only</u> )	74	n/a ( <i>not offered previously</i> )	n/a

Vice Chairman Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Basically have the same concerns expressed at the last meeting
- Don't like being dumped on by the folks in Raleigh
- Getting progressively more tired of surprises from Raleigh and the extent of them
- A 2,000% increase on a fee, that is shocking
- Even though we have the theory, which is valid, that the users pay, it is just another tax
- I don't feel that is a very fair approach to our citizens
- If they want to increase the fee, don't just increase the fee by 2,000% at one time
- Find a smoother way to transition into a new fee schedule, not just add a 2,000% increase
- Feel there should be an accountability on the part of government processes as well
- Can't support it even though I know if we don't do something, we are causing other issues because tax dollars would be subsidizing the increase

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Certainly not in favor of raising fees
- I am not in favor of leaving our citizens without the service
- If anyone wants to know where to go to speak to someone –talk to the legislatures, talk to Dr. Aldona Wos
- The letter states that the recent legislative session granted the increase

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Manager Morris that the effective date from the State was September 1, 2014.

Commissioner Lankford agreed that option one was the best choice.

Manager Morris noted the citizen had the option of using a private lab.

Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the state labs were losing money on the cost of the bottles
- Just another unfunded mandate put on the citizens who need and want the service

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Agree it doesn't sound fair for the users to have to pay that kind of an increase
- The only option would be for the county tax dollars to subsidize the service
- Would not be happy if my tax dollars were helping to pay for someone else's well test

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Just like paying for someone else's kids in schools, when you don't have any (could have probably used better examples)
- With this agency being in the red, will this increase put them in the black, who knows
- No reasons given for the increase other than being in the 'red'



- Have more questions at this point
- Tired of getting “jerked around” from Raleigh, as Vice Chairman Jones as mentioned before
- Raleigh could have been professional and provided enough information so that we could pass it along to our citizens

The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Walker voting against the motion.

### **Surplus Property**

Chairman Booth entertained a motion to approve the proposed resolution presented at today’s meeting to dispose of real or personal property and schedules the public auction for November 8<sup>th</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup>

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve proposed resolution for the Public Auction for either November 8<sup>th</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup> preferably November 8<sup>th</sup> if possible. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Information was provided by Mr. Stovall that November 8<sup>th</sup> is workable for the Public Auction.

Chairman Booth noted that the Public Auction for the County would be November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **NC Dept of Environment**

Chairman Booth entertained a motion regarding the proposed resolution presented at today’s meeting to accept the Grant Funding in the amount of \$482,500 for the sewer project.

Vice Chairman Jones moved approve the resolution to accept the grant funding from NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the amount of \$482,500.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointment – Workforce Development Board**

Chairman Booth polled the Board regarding the nominations for the Workforce Development Board appointment nominated at today’s meeting:

Commissioner Lankford: Gail Bennett  
Commissioner Inman: Gail Bennett  
Chairman Booth: Gail Bennett  
Vice Chairman Jones: Gail Bennett  
Commissioner Walker: Mark Badgett

Chairman Booth noted there was not a unanimous appointment.

Chairman Booth questioned the Board on the direction of the appointment.

Commissioner Lankford suggested tabling the appointment as it seems there was not going to be a unanimous vote.

Chairman Booth opened the floor for discussion.

There were no issues with tabling the appointment.

Commissioner Lankford moved to table the appointment indefinite. Vice Chairman Jones seconded and the motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner Walker voting against the motion.

### **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.

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

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