

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF STOKES )  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
APRIL 13, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:  
County Manager Richard D. Morris  
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins  
County Attorney Tyrone Browder  
Finance Director Julia Edwards  
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall  
DSS Director Stacey Elmes  
Sheriff Mike Marshall  
Jail Captain Eric Cone  
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley  
GIS Specialist Greg Hunsucker

Chairman Ronda Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Chairman Jones delivered the invocation.

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

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

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to approve or amend the April 13, 2015 Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners**

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- Fire Marshal Brian Booe, who is very involved with the Medicine Drop Program, provided the latest statistical information regarding the amount of unused prescription drugs that have been taken up and properly disposed of:
  - Medicine Drop Events in March 2015 = 6,006 doses
  - 2010-3/31/2015 = 588,906.45 doses
- County will be sponsoring a mobile Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am - Ronald Reagan Memorial Building
- Have budget work sessions scheduled with all department heads and outside agencies this week and next week
- Wilkes Communications briefed the Board of Education regarding high speed broadband at their meeting on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Board of Education approved a one-year contract with Time Warner
- League of Governments – Town of Danbury – Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 6:30 pm Artist's Way
- Submitted a grant application to Piedmont Triad Regional Council to pave the sidewalk from the Government Center's upper parking lot to the Danbury Library (\$10,000 request with in-kind labor from County)
  - Sidewalk is used for connectivity from the Library to the Government Center's upper parking lot for overflow parking
  - Hope this to be the first phase of connectivity to downtown Danbury with the Artist's Council Project coming soon
- Petree Project is moving along, Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners) for the Petree Project will be meeting in the near future

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Would like to invite everyone to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) Mental Health TaskForce Meeting in Winston Salem tomorrow starting at 10:00 am at the Hawthorne Inn
  - In the afternoon, will be visiting "Veterans Helping Veterans Heal", a transitional housing program for homeless Veterans
- Will be in Macon County on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for the NCACC Board of Directors' Meeting

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life – "But I trusted in you, O Lord, I said, "You are my God"(Psalm 31)
- Attended the NCACC Risk Management Insurance Pool Meeting last week in Raleigh

- Stokes County will receive \$96,691 in savings for Property, Liability and Workmen Compensation Insurances
- Stokes Partnership for Children's Little Folks Festival will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Mount Olive Elementary School in King
  - Everyone is invited

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Welcome everyone to today's meeting
- Always good to have people attend the Board meetings
- Attended the Farmer's Appreciation Day Event
  - Very well attended
  - Very nice event for the County
- Good news to hear the high speed internet project for the County is proceeding

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Glad to hear the good news provided by Commissioner Lankford regarding the insurance savings from NCACC Insurance Pool
- Very good project (sidewalk) the manager submitted to the PTRC for possible grant funding
- Farmer's Appreciation Day Event turned out well again this year with an estimated attendance of 600
  - Received a lot of good feedback with everyone having a good time and plenty of good food to eat
- Will not be able to attend the League of Government's meeting this week, will be out of town
- Welcome everyone today

Chairman Jones commented:

- Stokes Future was in attendance at the Farmer's Appreciation Day Event
- Will be attending the League of Government's meeting this week
- Will be attending the NCACC District Meeting this week in Durham
- Piedmont Authority Regional Transportation will have a groundbreaking ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup> for the Howard Coble Intermodal Complex in Greensboro starting at 9:30 am
- The Board of Commissioners finished the mandatory Health Department training today, very good training

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Jones noted that each speaker had three minutes.

The following spoke during public comments:

**Mr. Steven Hewett**  
 PO Box 2069  
 King, NC 27021

Re: **"In God We Trust"**

Mr. Hewett presented the following comments:

"Placing "In God We Trust" on any governmental facility disenfranchises and marginalizes those citizens who do not believe in your version of a God, those religions who do not have a God or who have multiple Gods, and those who simply don't believe in a God.

I did not serve and fight in Afghanistan to be marginalized when entering a government building, that I must somehow place my trust in a mythical God. No, I place my trust in man's law that is dispensed by our legal system, void of anyone's religious belief they may wish to impose upon those entering our courts or our government buildings.

Davidson County Commissioner Fred McClure, who serves on the U.S. Motto Action Committee, stated: "We have raised money from churches and individuals who felt it was important to move in this direction". "You have the opportunity to make a difference here," he said. "This is an opportunity for you to set the example morally".

I have been a victim of Christian morality, with being physically assaulted and malicious lies told about me by Christians when I stood up for my beliefs in King concerning the Veterans Memorial, no thank you, we don't need your type morality.

This is nothing more than Christians wishing to push their belief of "One nation under their God" on the population and to exert Christian privilege. Our country was not founded on the belief in a God or it being a Christian nation no matter how much pseudo-historians such as David Barton, John Ainsworth or our local pseudo-historian E.A. Timm want to believe it is.

As stated in the Stokes News:

"This is one way that we as a county can make our statement," said Commissioner Jim Walker.

Not everyone in this county wants to make that kind of statement.

Board Chair Ronda Jones noted that the issue had already been tested in court.

I have to inform you, but you are incorrect concerning case law. This can and may well be challenged.

Since this is "privately funded" by the North Carolina, U.S. Motto Action Committee, a Christian organization whose sole purpose is to divide Americans you have effectively made this a "Free Speech Zone" for all Citizens of this County.

And as such, myself and organizations I belong to, wish to put up our Motto, that is inclusive of All People that live in Stokes County.

At the same time you vote for "In God We Trust", we submit that "In Reason We Trust" also be approved and that it be placed next to and in the same lettering as what the U. S. Motto Action Committee has requested on the Ronald Reagan Building.

This also will be at no cost to the County and will be paid for by private funds just as the U.S. Motto Committee is.

To refuse this request and grant only the U.S. Motto Action Committee's request would be denying the citizens right to free speech, access to such a free speech forum, who actually live, pay taxes, and vote in this county."

Mr. Hewett officially submitted the following request to the Board of Commissioners:

Stokes County Commissioners

Ronda Jones

Jimmy Walker

J. Leon Inman

Ernest Lankford

James D. Booth

Ref: Placement of "In Reason We Trust" on the Ronald Reagan Building

Commissioners,

"Request to place "IN REASON WE TRUST" on the Ronald Reagan Building. This will be at no cost to the county since private funds will pay for the lettering.

We also request equal access to this public forum just as the U.S. Motto Action Committee has requested to place "In God We Trust" on the Ronald Reagan Building.

Sincerely

Steven Hewett

**Mr. E. A. "Buddy" Timm**

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Re: **"In God We Trust"**

Mr. Timm read and provided the following to the Board of Commissioners:

"I support putting "In God We Trust" on the Reagan Building, because it represents the heart of America's founding. "In God We Trust" is at the forefront and is beautifully expressed in America's Declaration of Independence. "...appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions..." "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Our lives, fortunes, and sacred honor are not on the line, theirs were and they expressed their faith in God, in that government document, written by Thomas Jefferson. Not knowing the outcome, they placed their whole entitlement to succession on: "The Laws of Nature and of Nature's God".

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The Laws of Nature and of Nature's God is a legal term, defined, in our Founder's law book: *Blackstone's Commentary*, as the Holy Scriptures of the Bible. The Bible is the book that was traditionally used to testify to truth on in court, and even our President takes his oath to the Constitution on it, since the Constitution is not a moral document of Right and Wrong.

From the laws of Nature's God, the revealed law, the Holy Scriptures of the Bible, our founder's faith records: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of Governed..."

Does mankind have a right to separate and not acknowledge God his Creator; the Author of Law? Of course he does, and history records the appalling wickedness of the savage, barbaric, and immoral cultures that have forsaken God by their wrong decisions.

We must not be afraid to acknowledge: "In God We Trust" for the sake of our children, civil society, and to honor our American Founders who risked all for the sake of establishing the freest Nation under God in the world.

Never, should we forget the words of Thomas Jefferson, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever."

Chairman Jones expressed appreciation to those speaking during public comments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of March 3, 2015 – Budget Guidance Work Session
- Meetings of March 23, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes of April 6, 2015 – Special Session – Health Department Training

### **Finance - Budget Amendment #49**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #49.

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

| Account<br>Number                     | ACCOUNT<br>DESCRIPTION   | CURRENT<br>BUDGETED<br>AMOUNT | INCREASE<br>(DECREASE) | AS<br>AMENDED          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                   |                          |                               |                        |                        |
|                                       | See Below                | \$ 3,438,888.00               | \$ 101,545.00          | \$ 3,540,433.00        |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 3,438,888.00</b>        | <b>\$ 101,545.00</b>   | <b>\$ 3,540,433.00</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>           |                          |                               |                        |                        |
| 201.4170.022                          | Elections                | \$ 45,980.00                  | \$ (6,300.00)          | \$ 39,680.00           |
| 201.9810.000                          | Transfer to General Fund | \$ 168,047.00                 | \$ 6,300.00            | \$ 174,347.00          |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 214,027.00</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>            | <b>\$ 214,027.00</b>   |
| <b>STOKES REYNOLDS HOSPITAL FUND</b>  |                          |                               |                        |                        |
| 500.5700.590                          | Improvements             | \$ 5,000.00                   | \$ 100.00              | \$ 5,100.00            |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 5,000.00</b>            | <b>\$ 100.00</b>       | <b>\$ 5,100.00</b>     |
| <b>REGIONAL SEWER FUND</b>            |                          |                               |                        |                        |
|                                       | See Below                | \$ 14,698.00                  | \$ 1,356.00            | \$ 16,054.00           |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 14,698.00</b>           | <b>\$ 1,356.00</b>     | <b>\$ 16,054.00</b>    |
| <b>WALNUT COVE SENIOR CENTER FUND</b> |                          |                               |                        |                        |
|                                       | See Below                | \$ 29,564.00                  | \$ 2,002.00            | \$ 31,566.00           |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 29,564.00</b>           | <b>\$ 2,002.00</b>     | <b>\$ 31,566.00</b>    |
| <b>HEALTH TITLE XIX FUND</b>          |                          |                               |                        |                        |
|                                       | See Below                | \$ 768,063.00                 | \$ (35,750.00)         | \$ 732,313.00          |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 768,063.00</b>          | <b>\$ (35,750.00)</b>  | <b>\$ 732,313.00</b>   |
| <b>DANBURY WATER FUND</b>             |                          |                               |                        |                        |
|                                       | See Below                | \$ 28,799.00                  | \$ 3,838.00            | \$ 17,957.00           |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 28,799.00</b>           | <b>\$ 3,838.00</b>     | <b>\$ 17,957.00</b>    |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funds per the 3th quarter financial review.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$72,691.00** 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 in this fiscal year.

| Account<br>Number                    | ACCOUNT<br>DESCRIPTION              | CURRENT<br>BUDGETED<br>AMOUNT | INCREASE<br>(DECREASE) | AS<br>AMENDED        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FFUND</b>                 |                                     |                               |                        |                      |
| 100.3982.960                         | Transfer from Capital Reserve       | \$ 188,347.00                 | \$ 6,300.00            | \$ 194,647.00        |
| 100.3432.412                         | Inmate Reimbursement Other Counties | \$ 8,000.00                   | \$ 55,000.00           | \$ 63,000.00         |
| 100.3839.009                         | Jail Commissary                     | \$ 5,000.00                   | \$ 3,500.00            | \$ 8,500.00          |
| 100.3839.005                         | Jail Miscellaneous                  | \$ 12,000.00                  | \$ 2,500.00            | \$ 14,500.00         |
| 100.3437.411                         | Ambulance Fee-Prior                 | \$ 160,000.00                 | \$ 12,845.00           | \$ 172,845.00        |
| 100.3100.112                         | Tax Use Value Audits                | \$ 15,000.00                  | \$ 21,400.00           | \$ 36,400.00         |
|                                      | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 388,347.00</b>          | <b>\$ 101,545.00</b>   | <b>\$ 489,892.00</b> |
| <b>STOKES REYNOLDS HOSPITAL FUND</b> |                                     |                               |                        |                      |
| 500.3839.001                         | SRMH Inc. Revenue                   | \$ 100,000.00                 | \$ 100.00              | \$ 100,100.00        |
|                                      | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 100,000.00</b>          | <b>\$ 100.00</b>       | <b>\$ 100,100.00</b> |

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>REGIONAL SEWER FUND</b>            |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 501.3714.630                          | Water Fees                 | \$ 171,370.00        | \$ 1,356.00           | \$ 172,726.00        |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$ 171,370.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,356.00</b>    | <b>\$ 172,726.00</b> |
| <b>WALNUT COVE SENIOR CENTER FUND</b> |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 204.3586.453                          | Walnut Cove Senior Center  | \$ 4,000.00          | \$ 2,002.00           | \$ 6,002.00          |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$ 4,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ 2,002.00</b>    | <b>\$ 6,002.00</b>   |
| <b>HEALTH TITLE XIX FUND</b>          |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 110.3519.401                          | Family Planning XIX        | \$ 30,000.00         | \$ 30,000.00          | \$ 60,000.00         |
| 110.3519.403                          | Primary Care-Child         | \$ 40,000.00         | \$ 20,000.00          | \$ 60,000.00         |
| 110.3519.404                          | Primary Care-Adult         | \$ 70,000.00         | \$ 45,000.00          | \$ 115,000.00        |
| 110.3991.000                          | Transfer from General Fund | \$ 562,528.00        | \$ (130,750.00)       | \$ 431,778.00        |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$ 702,528.00</b> | <b>\$ (35,750.00)</b> | <b>\$ 666,778.00</b> |
| <b>DANBURY WATER FUND</b>             |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 502.3714.630                          | Water Fees                 | \$ 66,063.00         | \$ 3,838.00           | \$ 69,901.00         |
|                                       | <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$ 66,063.00</b>  | <b>\$ 3,838.00</b>    | <b>\$ 69,901.00</b>  |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                   |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| <b>Governing Body</b>                 |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4110.112                          | Retiree Insurance          | \$ 77,691.00         | \$ 3,000.00           | \$ 80,691.00         |
| 100.4110.450                          | Insurance                  | \$ 592,277.00        | \$ (20,800.00)        | \$ 571,477.00        |
| <b>Administration</b>                 |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4120.340                          | Printing                   | \$ 1,700.00          | \$ 1,500.00           | \$ 3,200.00          |
| <b>Finance</b>                        |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4130.340                          | Printing                   | \$ 1,500.00          | \$ 1,500.00           | \$ 3,000.00          |
| 100.4130.260                          | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 5,350.00          | \$ (750.00)           | \$ 4,600.00          |
| 100.4130.390                          | Bank Charges               | \$ 27,000.00         | \$ (750.00)           | \$ 26,250.00         |
| <b>Purchasing</b>                     |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4131.340                          | Printing                   | \$ 500.00            | \$ 800.00             | \$ 1,300.00          |
| 100.4131.370                          | Advertising                | \$ 800.00            | \$ 800.00             | \$ 1,600.00          |
| <b>Tax Administration</b>             |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4140.321                          | Postage                    | \$ 25,000.00         | \$ 11,100.00          | \$ 36,100.00         |
| 100.4140.340                          | Printing                   | \$ 3,500.00          | \$ (500.00)           | \$ 3,000.00          |
| <b>GIS/Mapping</b>                    |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4141.320                          | Telephone                  | \$ 2,025.00          | \$ 650.00             | \$ 2,675.00          |
| 100.4141.440                          | Misc. Contractual Services | \$ 38,000.00         | \$ (650.00)           | \$ 37,350.00         |
| <b>Superior Court</b>                 |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4160.320                          | Telephone                  | \$ 1,800.00          | \$ 25.00              | \$ 1,825.00          |
| 100.4160.260                          | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 430.00            | \$ (25.00)            | \$ 405.00            |
| 100.4160.441                          | Juvenile Detention         | \$ 10,000.00         | \$ 15,000.00          | \$ 25,000.00         |
| <b>Elections</b>                      |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4170.310                          | Travel                     | \$ 1,000.00          | \$ 200.00             | \$ 1,200.00          |
| 100.4170.390                          | Precinct Officials         | \$ 26,000.00         | \$ 6,300.00           | \$ 32,300.00         |
| 100.4170.340                          | Printing                   | \$ 13,000.00         | \$ (200.00)           | \$ 12,800.00         |
| <b>Register of Deeds</b>              |                            |                      |                       |                      |
| 100.4180.320                          | Telephone                  | \$ 2,400.00          | \$ 50.00              | \$ 2,450.00          |
| 100.4180.340                          | Printing                   | \$ 500.00            | \$ 525.00             | \$ 1,025.00          |
| 100.4180.350                          | Maint. & Repairs Equipment | \$ 500.00            | \$ 43.00              | \$ 543.00            |
| 100.4180.511                          | Equipment Non Capitalized  | \$ 2,000.00          | \$ 2.00               | \$ 2,002.00          |
| 100.4180.260                          | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 3,945.00          | \$ (600.00)           | \$ 3,345.00          |
| 100.4180.390                          | Birth Amendment            | \$ 150.00            | \$ (20.00)            | \$ 130.00            |



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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Public Buildings</b>           |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4190.321                      | Postage                    | \$ 100.00     | \$ 100.00      | \$ 200.00     |
| 100.4190.340                      | Printing                   | \$ 300.00     | \$ 400.00      | \$ 700.00     |
| 100.4190.260                      | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 57,000.00  | \$ (500.00)    | \$ 56,500.00  |
| <b>Information Systems</b>        |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4210.340                      | Printing                   | \$ 100.00     | \$ 800.00      | \$ 900.00     |
| 100.4210.260                      | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 3,850.00   | \$ (800.00)    | \$ 3,050.00   |
| <b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>        |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4250.250                      | Auto Supplies              | \$ 2,600.00   | \$ 500.00      | \$ 3,100.00   |
| 100.4250.260                      | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 810.00     | \$ 400.00      | \$ 1,210.00   |
| 100.4250.491                      | Uniforms                   | \$ 1,500.00   | \$ 875.00      | \$ 2,375.00   |
| <b>Sheriff's Department</b>       |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4310.250                      | Auto Supplies              | \$ 266,118.00 | \$ (75,000.00) | \$ 191,118.00 |
| <b>Jail</b>                       |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4320.020                      | Salaries & Wages Part Time | \$ 105,000.00 | \$ 45,000.00   | \$ 150,000.00 |
| 100.4320.101                      | 401K                       | \$ 1,800.00   | \$ (400.00)    | \$ 1,400.00   |
| 100.4320.110                      | Group Insurance            | \$ 104,139.00 | \$ (4,600.00)  | \$ 99,539.00  |
| 100.4320.111                      | Dental Insurance           | \$ 6,993.00   | \$ (300.00)    | \$ 6,693.00   |
| 100.4320.320                      | Telephone                  | \$ 5,600.00   | \$ 1,300.00    | \$ 6,900.00   |
| 100.4320.440                      | Misc. Contractual Services | \$ 70,000.00  | \$ 65,000.00   | \$ 135,000.00 |
| <b>District Resource Center</b>   |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4321.020                      | Salaries & Wages           | \$ 2,600.00   | \$ 1,800.00    | \$ 4,400.00   |
| 100.4321.250                      | Auto Supplies              | \$ 2,000.00   | \$ (500.00)    | \$ 1,500.00   |
| 100.4321.311                      | Training                   | \$ 225.00     | \$ (200.00)    | \$ 25.00      |
| <b>Emergency Communications</b>   |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4325.010                      | Salaries & Wages OT        | \$ 15,000.00  | \$ 8,500.00    | \$ 23,500.00  |
| 100.4325.020                      | Salaries & Wages Part Time | \$ 35,500.00  | \$ 54,500.00   | \$ 90,000.00  |
| 100.4325.090                      | Social Security            | \$ 28,623.00  | \$ 3,500.00    | \$ 32,123.00  |
| 100.4325.091                      | Medicare Tax               | \$ 7,277.00   | \$ 500.00      | \$ 7,777.00   |
| 100.4325.101                      | 401K                       | \$ 1,300.00   | \$ (350.00)    | \$ 950.00     |
| 100.4325.250                      | Auto Supplies              | \$ 1,000.00   | \$ 400.00      | \$ 1,400.00   |
| 100.4325.291                      | Uniforms                   | \$ 750.00     | \$ 95.00       | \$ 845.00     |
| 100.4325.320                      | Postage                    | \$ 100.00     | \$ 25.00       | \$ 125.00     |
| 100.4325.340                      | Printing                   | \$ 250.00     | \$ 1,100.00    | \$ 1,350.00   |
| 100.4325.430                      | Rental of Equipment        | \$ 7,512.00   | \$ 2,000.00    | \$ 9,512.00   |
| <b>Emergency Medical Services</b> |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4370.101                      | 401K                       | \$ 5,500.00   | \$ 150.00      | \$ 5,650.00   |
| 100.4370.510                      | Equipment                  | \$ 174,178.00 | \$ 845.00      | \$ 175,023.00 |
| 100.4370.260                      | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 16,625.00  | \$ (995.00)    | \$ 15,630.00  |
| 100.4370.510                      | Equipment                  | \$ 174,178.00 | \$ 845.00      | \$ 175,023.00 |
| 100.4370.440                      | Misc Contractual Services  | \$ 19,000.00  | \$ 12,000.00   | \$ 31,000.00  |
| <b>Animal Control</b>             |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4380.330                      | Utilities                  | \$ 3,850.00   | \$ 200.00      | \$ 4,050.00   |
| 100.4380.491                      | Uniform Rental             | \$ 2,200.00   | \$ 1,130.00    | \$ 3,330.00   |
| 100.4380.260                      | Departmental Supplies      | \$ 16,150.00  | \$ (1,330.00)  | \$ 14,820.00  |
| <b>Solid Waste</b>                |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4720.330                      | Utilities                  | \$ 13,900.00  | \$ 1,725.00    | \$ 15,625.00  |
| 100.4720.250                      | Auto Supplies              | \$ 85,000.00  | \$ (1,725.00)  | \$ 83,275.00  |
| <b>Planning</b>                   |                            |               |                |               |
| 100.4910.310                      | Travel                     | \$ 2,325.00   | \$ (300.00)    | \$ 2,025.00   |
| 100.4910.311                      | Training                   | \$ 1,548.00   | \$ 300.00      | \$ 1,848.00   |

|   |   |                        |                       |                        |
|---|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Cooperative Extension</b>                |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 100.4950.440                                | Misc Contractual Services               | \$ 131,640.00          | \$ (20,000.00)        | \$ 111,640.00          |
| <b>Health Department</b>                    |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 100.5100.000                                | Salaries & Wages                        | \$ 442,421.00          | \$ (24,300.00)        | \$ 418,121.00          |
| 100.5100.110                                | Group Insurance                         | \$ 68,683.00           | \$ (2,500.00)         | \$ 66,183.00           |
| 100.5100.311                                | Training                                | \$ 2,700.00            | \$ 3,000.00           | \$ 5,700.00            |
| 100.5100.320                                | Telephone                               | \$ 7,250.00            | \$ 2,500.00           | \$ 9,750.00            |
| 100.5100.330                                | Utilities                               | \$ -                   | \$ 4,000.00           | \$ 4,000.00            |
| <b>Veteran Service</b>                      |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 100.5820.260                                | Departmental Supplies                   | \$ 85.00               | \$ 150.00             | \$ 235.00              |
| 100.5820.310                                | Travel                                  | \$ 150.00              | \$ (150.00)           | \$ -                   |
| <b>Special Appropriation</b>                |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 100.5830.692                                | Juvenile Services                       | \$ 14,409.00           | \$ 1.00               | \$ 14,410.00           |
| <b>Aid to Blind</b>                         |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 100.5840.000                                | Aid to Blind                            | \$ 2,750.00            | \$ (220.00)           | \$ 2,530.00            |
| <b>Contingency</b>                          |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 100.9910.500                                | Fuel Contingency                        | \$ 45,000.00           | \$ 75,000.00          | \$ 120,000.00          |
| 100.9910.000                                | Contingency                             | \$ 81,703.00           | \$ 60,624.00          | \$ 142,327.00          |
| <b>Transfer</b>                             |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 100.9820.989                                | Transfer to Health Department Title XIX | \$ 562,528.00          | \$ (130,750.00)       | \$ 431,778.00          |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>                   |   | <b>\$ 3,438,888.00</b> | <b>\$ 101,545.00</b>  | <b>\$ 3,540,433.00</b> |
| <b>REGIONAL SEWER FUND</b>                  |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 501.7140.000                                | Salaries & Wages                        | \$ 11,938.00           | \$ 475.00             | \$ 12,413.00           |
| 501.7140.090                                | Social Security                         | \$ 741.00              | \$ 25.00              | \$ 766.00              |
| 501.7140.091                                | Medicare Tax                            | \$ 174.00              | \$ 15.00              | \$ 189.00              |
| 501.7140.100                                | Retirement                              | \$ 845.00              | \$ 40.00              | \$ 885.00              |
| 501.7140.290                                | Misc. Expense                           | \$ 1,000.00            | \$ 801.00             | \$ 1,801.00            |
| <b>Total Regional Sewer Fund</b>            |   | <b>\$ 14,698.00</b>    | <b>\$ 1,356.00</b>    | <b>\$ 16,054.00</b>    |
| <b>WALNUT COVE SENIOR CENTER FUND</b>       |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 204.5861.000                                | Salaries & Wages                        | \$ 23,590.00           | \$ 900.00             | \$ 24,490.00           |
| 204.5861.090                                | Social Security                         | \$ 1,463.00            | \$ 800.00             | \$ 2,263.00            |
| 204.5861.091                                | Medicare Tax                            | \$ 343.00              | \$ 25.00              | \$ 368.00              |
| 204.5861.100                                | Retirement                              | \$ 1,668.00            | \$ 100.00             | \$ 1,768.00            |
| 204.5861.340                                | Printing                                | \$ 500.00              | \$ 175.00             | \$ 675.00              |
| 204.5861.511                                | Equipment Non Capitated                 | \$ 2,000.00            | \$ 2.00               | \$ 2,002.00            |
| <b>Total Walnut Cove Senior Center Fund</b> |   | <b>\$ 29,564.00</b>    | <b>\$ 2,002.00</b>    | <b>\$ 31,566.00</b>    |
| <b>HEALTH TITLE XIX FUND</b>                |   |                        |                       |                        |
| <b>Adult Health Program</b>                 |   |                        |                       |                        |
| 110.5101.000                                | Salaries & Wages                        | \$ 188,222.00          | \$ (25,000.00)        | \$ 163,222.00          |
| 110.5101.090                                | Social Security                         | \$ 12,159.00           | \$ (2,000.00)         | \$ 10,159.00           |
| 110.5101.091                                | Medicare Tax                            | \$ 2,844.00            | \$ (500.00)           | \$ 2,344.00            |
| 110.5101.100                                | Retirement                              | \$ 13,308.00           | \$ (2,000.00)         | \$ 11,308.00           |
| 110.5101.110                                | Group Insurance                         | \$ 25,043.00           | \$ (4,000.00)         | \$ 21,043.00           |
| 110.5101.111                                | Dental Insurance                        | \$ 1,682.00            | \$ (200.00)           | \$ 1,482.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                                |   | <b>\$ 243,258.00</b>   | <b>\$ (33,700.00)</b> | <b>\$ 209,558.00</b>   |

| Child Health Program    |                                 |                      |                       |                      |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 110.5102.000            | Salaries & Wages                | \$ 129,118.00        | \$ (20,000.00)        | \$ 109,118.00        |
| 110.5102.090            | Social Security                 | \$ 8,495.00          | \$ (2,000.00)         | \$ 6,495.00          |
| 110.5102.091            | Medicare Tax                    | \$ 1,987.00          | \$ (400.00)           | \$ 1,587.00          |
| 110.5102.100            | Retirement                      | \$ 9,129.00          | \$ (1,500.00)         | \$ 7,629.00          |
| 110.5102.110            | Group Insurance                 | \$ 18,597.00         | \$ (3,000.00)         | \$ 15,597.00         |
| 110.5102.111            | Dental Insurance                | \$ 1,249.00          | \$ (150.00)           | \$ 1,099.00          |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 168,575.00</b> | <b>\$ (27,050.00)</b> | <b>\$ 141,525.00</b> |
| Family Planning Program |                                 |                      |                       |                      |
| 110.5103.000            | Salaries & Wages                | \$ 163,847.00        | \$ 25,000.00          | \$ 188,847.00        |
| 110.5103.090            | Social Security                 | \$ 10,648.00         | \$ 400.00             | \$ 11,048.00         |
| 110.5103.091            | Medicare Tax                    | \$ 2,491.00          | \$ 150.00             | \$ 2,641.00          |
| 110.5103.100            | Retirement                      | \$ 11,584.00         | \$ 1,000.00           | \$ 12,584.00         |
| 110.5103.110            | Group Insurance                 | \$ 25,043.00         | \$ (1,550.00)         | \$ 23,493.00         |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 213,613.00</b> | <b>\$ 25,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ 238,613.00</b> |
| Prenatal Program        |                                 |                      |                       |                      |
| 110.5105.000            | Salaries & Wages                | \$ 23,200.00         | \$ 2,000.00           | \$ 25,200.00         |
| 110.5105.090            | Social Security                 | \$ 1,439.00          | \$ 50.00              | \$ 1,489.00          |
| 110.5105.091            | Medicare Tax                    | \$ 337.00            | \$ 25.00              | \$ 362.00            |
| 110.5105.100            | Retirement                      | \$ 1,641.00          | \$ 175.00             | \$ 1,816.00          |
| 110.5105.180            | Professional Services           | \$ 116,000.00        | \$ (2,250.00)         | \$ 113,750.00        |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 142,617.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ 142,617.00</b> |
|                         | <b>Total Health Title XIX</b>   | <b>\$ 768,063.00</b> | <b>\$ (35,750.00)</b> | <b>\$ 732,313.00</b> |
| DANBURY WATER FUND      |                                 |                      |                       |                      |
| 502.7140.000            | Salaries & Wages                | \$ 17,257.00         | \$ 700.00             | \$ 17,957.00         |
| 502.7140.090            | Social Security                 | \$ 1,070.00          | \$ 50.00              | \$ 1,120.00          |
| 502.7140.091            | Medicare Tax                    | \$ 251.00            | \$ 25.00              | \$ 276.00            |
| 502.7140.100            | Retirement                      | \$ 1,221.00          | \$ 60.00              | \$ 1,281.00          |
| 502.7140.350            | Maint. & Repairs Equipment      | \$ 7,000.00          | \$ 3,000.00           | \$ 10,000.00         |
| 502.7140.511            | Equipment Non Capitalized       | \$ 2,000.00          | \$ 3.00               | \$ 2,003.00          |
|                         | <b>Total Danbury Water Fund</b> | <b>\$ 28,799.00</b>  | <b>\$ 3,838.00</b>    | <b>\$ 32,637.00</b>  |

### Finance - Budget Amendment #50

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #50.

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

| Account<br>Number | ACCOUNT<br>DESCRIPTION | CURRENT<br>BUDGETED<br>AMOUNT | INCREASE<br>(DECREASE) | AS<br>AMENDED          |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                   | <b>General Fund</b>    |                               |                        |                        |
|                   | See Below              | \$ 7,845,114.00               | \$ 12,730.00           | \$ 7,857,844.00        |
|                   | <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$ 7,845,114.00</b>        | <b>\$ 12,730.00</b>    | <b>\$ 7,857,844.00</b> |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer funds for the COLA and pull back of salaries and fringe at the end of year.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$12,730.00** 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 in this fiscal year.

| Account<br>Number | ACCOUNT<br>DESCRIPTION | CURRENT<br>BUDGETED<br>AMOUNT | INCREASE<br>(DECREASE) | AS<br>AMENDED          |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 100.3301.202      | DSS Federal            | \$ 2,087,396.00               | \$ 12,330.00           | \$ 2,099,726.00        |
| 100.3301.203      | DSS State              | \$ 64,150.00                  | \$ 400.00              | \$ 64,550.00           |
|                   | <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$ 2,151,546.00</b>        | <b>\$ 12,730.00</b>    | <b>\$ 2,164,276.00</b> |

  

| Account<br>Number         | ACCOUNT<br>DESCRIPTION | CURRENT<br>BUDGETED<br>AMOUNT | INCREASE<br>(DECREASE) | AS<br>AMENDED |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Administration</b>     |                        |                               |                        |               |
| 100.4120.000              | Salaries & Wages       | \$ 130,370.00                 | \$ 5,000.00            | \$ 135,370.00 |
| 100.4120.090              | Social Security        | \$ 8,083.00                   | \$ 55.00               | \$ 8,138.00   |
| 100.4120.091              | Medicare Tax           | \$ 1,891.00                   | \$ 15.00               | \$ 1,906.00   |
| 100.4120.100              | Retirement             | \$ 9,218.00                   | \$ 350.00              | \$ 9,568.00   |
| 100.4120.101              | 401K                   | \$ 1,304.00                   | \$ 55.00               | \$ 1,359.00   |
| <b>Finance</b>            |                        |                               |                        |               |
| 100.4130.000              | Salaries & Wages       | \$ 157,372.00                 | \$ 6,000.00            | \$ 163,372.00 |
| 100.4130.090              | Social Security        | \$ 9,758.00                   | \$ 125.00              | \$ 9,883.00   |
| 100.4130.091              | Medicare Tax           | \$ 2,282.00                   | \$ 35.00               | \$ 2,317.00   |
| 100.4130.100              | Retirement             | \$ 11,127.00                  | \$ 450.00              | \$ 11,577.00  |
| 100.4130.101              | 401K                   | \$ 1,581.00                   | \$ 55.00               | \$ 1,636.00   |
| <b>Purchasing</b>         |                        |                               |                        |               |
| 100.4131.000              | Salaries & Wages       | \$ 53,106.00                  | \$ 1,600.00            | \$ 54,706.00  |
| 100.4131.100              | Retirement             | \$ 3,755.00                   | \$ 130.00              | \$ 3,885.00   |
| 100.4131.101              | 401K                   | \$ 536.00                     | \$ 20.00               | \$ 556.00     |
| <b>Tax Administration</b> |                        |                               |                        |               |
| 100.4140.000              | Salaries & Wages       | \$ 330,662.00                 | \$ 12,500.00           | \$ 343,162.00 |
| 100.4140.100              | Retirement             | \$ 23,378.00                  | \$ 500.00              | \$ 23,878.00  |
| 100.4140.101              | 401K                   | \$ 2,375.00                   | \$ 100.00              | \$ 2,475.00   |
| <b>GIS/Mapping</b>        |                        |                               |                        |               |
| 100.4141.000              | Salaries & Wages       | \$ 100,769.00                 | \$ 4,000.00            | \$ 104,769.00 |
| 100.4141.100              | Retirement             | \$ 7,125.00                   | \$ 325.00              | \$ 7,450.00   |
| 100.4140.101              | 401K                   | \$ 1,020.00                   | \$ 50.00               | \$ 1,070.00   |
| <b>Elections</b>          |                        |                               |                        |               |
| 100.4170.000              | Salaries & Wages       | \$ 69,593.00                  | \$ 2,600.00            | \$ 72,193.00  |
| 100.4170.090              | Social Security        | \$ 4,433.00                   | \$ 200.00              | \$ 4,633.00   |
| 100.4170.091              | Medicare Tax           | \$ 1,037.00                   | \$ 50.00               | \$ 1,087.00   |
| 100.4170.100              | Retirement             | \$ 4,921.00                   | \$ 200.00              | \$ 5,121.00   |
| 100.4170.101              | 401K                   | \$ 450.00                     | \$ 25.00               | \$ 475.00     |
| <b>Register of Deeds</b>  |                        |                               |                        |               |
| 100.4141.000              | Salaries & Wages       | \$ 114,925.00                 | \$ 4,500.00            | \$ 119,425.00 |
| 100.4141.100              | Retirement             | \$ 8,126.00                   | \$ 350.00              | \$ 8,476.00   |
| 100.4140.101              | 401K                   | \$ 875.00                     | \$ 50.00               | \$ 925.00     |

|                                 |                  |                 |                |                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Public Buildings</b>         |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4190.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 254,346.00   | \$ 9,750.00    | \$ 264,096.00   |
| 100.4190.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 17,983.00    | \$ 750.00      | \$ 18,733.00    |
| <b>Information Systems</b>      |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4210.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 134,862.00   | \$ 5,200.00    | \$ 140,062.00   |
| 100.4210.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 9,535.00     | \$ 400.00      | \$ 9,935.00     |
| 100.4210.101                    | 401K             | \$ 1,400.00     | \$ 25.00       | \$ 1,425.00     |
| <b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>      |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4250.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 87,427.00    | \$ 3,500.00    | \$ 90,927.00    |
| 100.4250.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 6,182.00     | \$ 275.00      | \$ 6,457.00     |
| 100.4250.101                    | 401K             | \$ 968.00       | \$ (275.00)    | \$ 693.00       |
| <b>Sheriff's Department</b>     |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4310.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 1,617,809.00 | \$ 35,650.00   | \$ 1,653,459.00 |
| 100.4310.090                    | Social Security  | \$ 121,463.00   | \$ 1,000.00    | \$ 122,463.00   |
| 100.4310.091                    | Medicare Tax     | \$ 28,407.00    | \$ 300.00      | \$ 28,707.00    |
| 100.4310.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 120,251.00   | \$ 6,000.00    | \$ 126,251.00   |
| 100.4310.101                    | 401K             | \$ 2,545.00     | \$ (1,000.00)  | \$ 1,545.00     |
| 100.4310.102                    | 401K 5%          | \$ 69,716.00    | \$ 2,500.00    | \$ 72,216.00    |
| <b>Jail</b>                     |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4320.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 630,268.00   | \$ 1,800.00    | \$ 632,068.00   |
| 100.4320.090                    | Social Security  | \$ 45,773.00    | \$ 450.00      | \$ 46,223.00    |
| 100.4320.091                    | Medicare Tax     | \$ 10,705.00    | \$ 100.00      | \$ 10,805.00    |
| 100.4320.102                    | 401K 5%          | \$ 2,062.00     | \$ 50.00       | \$ 2,112.00     |
| <b>District Resource Center</b> |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4321.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 87,654.00    | \$ 2,000.00    | \$ 89,654.00    |
| 100.4321.090                    | Social Security  | \$ 5,596.00     | \$ 350.00      | \$ 5,946.00     |
| 100.4321.091                    | Medicare Tax     | \$ 1,309.00     | \$ 100.00      | \$ 1,409.00     |
| 100.4321.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 6,198.00     | \$ 150.00      | \$ 6,348.00     |
| 100.4321.101                    | 401K             | \$ 670.00       | \$ 35.00       | \$ 705.00       |
| <b>Emergency Communications</b> |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4320.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 380,859.00   | \$ 7,000.00    | \$ 387,859.00   |
| 100.4320.090                    | Social Security  | \$ 26,623.00    | \$ 2,000.00    | \$ 28,623.00    |
| 100.4320.091                    | Medicare Tax     | \$ 6,227.00     | \$ 1,000.00    | \$ 7,227.00     |
| 100.4320.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 27,849.00    | \$ 1,850.00    | \$ 29,699.00    |
| <b>Emergency Management</b>     |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4330.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 52,466.00    | \$ 2,500.00    | \$ 54,966.00    |
| 100.4330.090                    | Retirement       | \$ 3,710.00     | \$ 200.00      | \$ 3,910.00     |
| 100.4330.091                    | 401K             | \$ 525.00       | \$ 30.00       | \$ 555.00       |
| <b>Emergency Management</b>     |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4330.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 52,466.00    | \$ 2,500.00    | \$ 54,966.00    |
| 100.4330.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 3,710.00     | \$ 200.00      | \$ 3,910.00     |
| 100.4330.101                    | 401K             | \$ 525.00       | \$ 300.00      | \$ 825.00       |
| <b>Animal Control</b>           |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4380.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 100,814.00   | \$ 4,000.00    | \$ 104,814.00   |
| 100.4380.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 7,128.00     | \$ 275.00      | \$ 7,403.00     |
| <b>Solid Waste</b>              |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4720.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 160,300.00   | \$ 5,500.00    | \$ 165,800.00   |
| 100.4720.100                    | Retirement       | \$ 11,334.00    | \$ 425.00      | \$ 11,759.00    |
| <b>Economic Development</b>     |                  |                 |                |                 |
| 100.4920.000                    | Salaries & Wages | \$ 46,082.00    | \$ (16,790.00) | \$ 29,292.00    |
| 100.4920.060                    | Travel Allowance | \$ 4,320.00     | \$ 1,080.00    | \$ 5,400.00     |

|                             |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|--------------|----|--------------|----|--------------|
| 100.4920.090                | Social Security                      | \$ | 4,985.00     | \$ | (1,110.00)   | \$ | 3,875.00     |
| 100.4920.091                | Medicare Tax                         | \$ | 1,166.00     | \$ | (260.00)     | \$ | 906.00       |
| 100.4920.100                | Retirement                           | \$ | 5,685.00     | \$ | (1,490.00)   | \$ | 4,195.00     |
| 100.4920.101                | 401K                                 | \$ | 760.00       | \$ | (240.00)     | \$ | 520.00       |
| 100.4920.110                | Group Insurance                      | \$ | 4,959.00     | \$ | (1,230.00)   | \$ | 3,729.00     |
| 100.4920.111                | Dental Insurance                     | \$ | 333.00       | \$ | (80.00)      | \$ | 253.00       |
| 100.4920.130                | Unemployment Insurance               | \$ | 214.00       | \$ | 5.00         | \$ | 219.00       |
| <b>Natural Resources</b>    |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
| 100.4960.000                | Salaries & Wages                     | \$ | 100,117.00   | \$ | 3,800.00     | \$ | 103,917.00   |
| 100.4960.100                | Retirement                           | \$ | 7,079.00     | \$ | 275.00       | \$ | 7,354.00     |
| <b>Environmental Health</b> |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
| 100.5192.000                | Salaries & Wages                     | \$ | 183,974.00   | \$ | 5,600.00     | \$ | 189,574.00   |
| 100.5192.100                | Retirement                           | \$ | 13,007.00    | \$ | 650.00       | \$ | 13,657.00    |
| 100.5192.101                | 401K                                 | \$ | 1,625.00     | \$ | 90.00        | \$ | 1,715.00     |
| <b>Social Services</b>      |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
| 100.5310.000                | Salaries & Wages                     | \$ | 1,792,248.00 | \$ | 17,000.00    | \$ | 1,809,248.00 |
| 100.5310.100                | Retirement                           | \$ | 133,090.00   | \$ | 5,500.00     | \$ | 138,590.00   |
| <b>Veteran Service</b>      |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
| 100.5820.000                | Salaries & Wages                     | \$ | 15,318.00    | \$ | 550.00       | \$ | 15,868.00    |
| 100.5820.090                | Social Security                      | \$ | 950.00       | \$ | 55.00        | \$ | 1,005.00     |
| 100.5820.091                | Medicare Tax                         | \$ | 223.00       | \$ | 15.00        | \$ | 238.00       |
| 100.5820.100                | Retirement                           | \$ | 1,083.00     | \$ | 60.00        | \$ | 1,143.00     |
| 100.5820.130                | Unemployment Insurance               | \$ | 154.00       | \$ | 10.00        | \$ | 164.00       |
| <b>Senior Services</b>      |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
| 100.5860.000                | Salaries & Wages                     | \$ | 82,502.00    | \$ | 3,200.00     | \$ | 85,702.00    |
| 100.5860.020                | Salaries & Wages Part Time           | \$ | 16,990.00    | \$ | 625.00       | \$ | 17,615.00    |
| 100.5860.030                | Salaries & Wages Permanent Part Time | \$ | 29,924.00    | \$ | (350.00)     | \$ | 29,574.00    |
| 100.5860.090                | Social Security                      | \$ | 7,987.00     | \$ | 350.00       | \$ | 8,337.00     |
| 100.5860.091                | Medicare Tax                         | \$ | 1,868.00     | \$ | 85.00        | \$ | 1,953.00     |
| 100.5860.100                | Retirement                           | \$ | 7,907.00     | \$ | 375.00       | \$ | 8,282.00     |
| 100.5860.101                | 401K                                 | \$ | 826.00       | \$ | 50.00        | \$ | 876.00       |
| <b>Arts Council</b>         |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
| 100.6150.000                | Salaries & Wages                     | \$ | 66,771.00    | \$ | 2,700.00     | \$ | 69,471.00    |
| 100.6150.090                | Social Security                      | \$ | 4,140.00     | \$ | 250.00       | \$ | 4,390.00     |
| 100.6150.091                | Medicare Tax                         | \$ | 969.00       | \$ | 125.00       | \$ | 1,094.00     |
| 100.6150.100                | Retirement                           | \$ | 4,721.00     | \$ | 300.00       | \$ | 5,021.00     |
| 100.6150.101                | 401K                                 | \$ | 400.00       | \$ | 300.00       | \$ | 700.00       |
| <b>Contingency</b>          |                                      |    |              |    |              |    |              |
| 100.9910.800                | COLA/Bonus Contingency               | \$ | 145,000.00   | \$ | (145,000.00) | \$ | -            |
|                             |                                      | \$ | 7,845,114.00 | \$ | 12,730.00    | \$ | 7,857,844.00 |

### **Social Services - Budget Amendment #51**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #51.

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>Social Services</b>  |                         |                     |                     |
| 100.5310.315   | Medicaid Transportation | <u>\$500,000.00</u>     | <u>\$150,000.00</u> | <u>\$650,000.00</u> |
|                | <b>Totals</b>           | <b>\$500,000.00</b>     | <b>\$150,000.00</b> | <b>\$650,000.00</b> |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate additional funding for Medicaid Transportation. This is 100% Federal and State Funding.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$150,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

| Account Number | Account Description            | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended            |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 100.3301.202   | Social Services County Federal | \$2,124,894.00          | \$97,500.00         | \$2,222,394.00        |
| 100.3301.203   | Social Services County State   | <u>\$64,150.00</u>      | <u>\$52,500.00</u>  | <u>\$116,650.00</u>   |
|                | <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$2,189,044.00</b>   | <b>\$150,000.00</b> | <b>\$2,339,044.00</b> |

#### **Social Services - Budget Amendment #52**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #52.

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>Social Services</b> |                         |                     |                    |
| 100.5310.511   | Equipment              | <u>\$00.00</u>          | <u>\$30,000.00</u>  | <u>\$30,000.00</u> |
|                | <b>Totals</b>          | <b>\$00.00</b>          | <b>\$30,000.00</b>  | <b>\$30,000.00</b> |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The equipment line item is going to be paid through our MOE money. DSS has been approved by the State for a computer, printer, and equipment purchase.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$30,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

| Account Number | Account Description     | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended            |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 100.3301.202   | Social Services Federal | <u>\$2,222,394.00</u>   | <u>\$30,000.00</u>  | <u>\$2,252,394.00</u> |
|                | <b>Totals</b>           | <b>\$2,222,394.00</b>   | <b>\$30,000.00</b>  | <b>\$2,252,394.00</b> |

### **Social Services - Budget Amendment #53**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #53.

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>Social Services</b> |                         |                     |                    |
| 100.5310.511   | Equipment              | <u>\$00.00</u>          | <u>\$50,000.00</u>  | <u>\$50,000.00</u> |
|                | <b>Totals</b>          | <b>\$00.00</b>          | <b>\$50,000.00</b>  | <b>\$50,000.00</b> |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The equipment line item is going to be paid through Federal Funds at 75% reimbursement. DSS has been approved for a computer and equipment purchase.

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

| Account Number | Account Description            | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended            |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 100.3301.202   | Social Services County Federal | <u>\$2,252,394.00</u>   | <u>\$50,000.00</u>  | <u>\$2,302,394.00</u> |
|                | <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$2,252,394.00</b>   | <b>\$50,000.00</b>  | <b>\$2,302,394.00</b> |

### **Emergency Management - Budget Amendment #54**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #54.

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> |                         |                     |                   |
| 100.4330.511   | Equipment Non-Capitalized   | <u>\$1,040.00</u>       | <u>\$500.00</u>     | <u>\$1,540.00</u> |
|                | <b>Totals</b>               | <b>\$1,040.00</b>       | <b>\$500.00</b>     | <b>\$1,540.00</b> |



This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate donated funds to purchase equipment for the UTV.

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

| <b>Account<br/>Number</b> | <b>Account<br/>Description</b> | <b>Current<br/>Budgeted<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Increase<br/>(Decrease)</b> | <b>As<br/>Amended</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 100.3833.450              | EMS Miscellaneous              | <u>\$00.00</u>                         | <u>\$500.00</u>                | <u>\$500.00</u>       |
|                           | <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$00.00</b>                         | <b>\$500.00</b>                | <b>\$500.00</b>       |

#### **Public Buildings - Budget Amendment #55**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #55.

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

| <b>Account<br/>Number</b> | <b>Account<br/>Description</b> | <b>Current<br/>Budgeted<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Increase<br/>(Decrease)</b> | <b>As<br/>Amended</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | <b>Public Buildings</b>        |  |                                |                       |
| 100.4190.260              | Departmental Supplies          | <u>\$57,000.00</u>                     | <u>\$432.00</u>                | <u>\$57,432.00</u>    |
|                           | <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$57,000.00</b>                     | <b>\$432.00</b>                | <b>\$57,432.00</b>    |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claim to repair tables at the Park.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$432.00** 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<br/>Number</b> | <b>Account<br/>Description</b> | <b>Current<br/>Budgeted<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Increase<br/>(Decrease)</b> | <b>As<br/>Amended</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | <b>Contingency</b>             |  |                                |                       |
| 100.3839.850              | Insurance Claims               | <u>\$26,585.00</u>                     | <u>\$432.00</u>                | <u>\$27,017.00</u>    |
|                           | <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$26,585.00</b>                     | <b>\$432.00</b>                | <b>\$27,017.00</b>    |

#### **Environmental Health - Budget Amendment #56**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #56.

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>Environmental Health</b> |                       |                         |                     |                   |
| 100.5192.260                | Departmental Supplies | <u>\$5,940.00</u>       | <u>\$4,000.00</u>   | <u>\$9,940.00</u> |
|                             | <b>Totals</b>         | <b>\$5,940.00</b>       | <b>\$4,000.00</b>   | <b>\$9,940.00</b> |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds from inspection fees for increase cost of water bottles.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$4,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

| Account Number | Account Description      | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended         |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 100.3518.410   | Health – Inspection Fees | <u>\$56,000.00</u>      | <u>\$4,000.00</u>   | <u>\$60,000.00</u> |
|                | <b>Totals</b>            | <b>\$56,000.00</b>      | <b>\$4,000.00</b>   | <b>\$60,000.00</b> |

#### **Special Appropriations - Budget Amendment #57**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #57:

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>Special Appropriations</b>                   |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| <b>Stokes Co, Fire &amp; Rescue Association</b> |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| 100.4520.491                                    |                     | <u>\$14,495.00</u>      | <u>\$4,759.00</u>   | <u>\$19,254.00</u>  |
|   |                     | <b>\$14,495.00</b>      | <b>\$4,759.00</b>   | <b>\$19,254.00</b>  |
| <b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>                     |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| 201.4340.000                                    | Fire Marshal        | \$10,000.00             | \$(4,759.00)        | \$5,241.00          |
| 201.9810.000                                    | Contingency         | <u>\$188,347.00</u>     | <u>\$4,759.00</u>   | <u>\$193,106.00</u> |
|   | <b>Totals</b>       | <b>\$198,347.00</b>     | <b>\$00.00</b>      | <b>\$198,347.00</b> |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund to reimburse Fire Departments for water points.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$4,759.00** 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<br/>Number</b> | <b>Account<br/>Description</b> | <b>Current<br/>Budgeted<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Increase<br/>(Decrease)</b> | <b>As<br/>Amended</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 100.3982.960              | Transfer from Capital Res Fund | <u>\$188,347.00</u>                    | <u>\$4,759.00</u>              | <u>\$193,106.00</u>   |
|                           | <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$188,347.00</b>                    | <b>\$4,759.00</b>              | <b>\$193,106.00</b>   |

**Proposed Proclamation – National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month – April 2015**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins, at the request of DSS Director Stacey Elmes, presented the following proposed Proclamation for National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month – April 2015 for the Board’s review and approval:

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH  
A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in Federal fiscal year 2013, 52 states reported 678,932 victims of child abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, and law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the **Commissioners of Stokes County**, do hereby proclaim **April 2015** as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH** in Stokes County, and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 2015**.

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**Chairman Ronda Jones**

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**Vice-Chairman Jimmy Walker**

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**Commissioner J. Leon Inman**

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**Commissioner Ernest Lankford**

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**Commissioner James D. Booth**

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

**Proposed Proclamation – Stokes County Emergency Medical Services Week- May 17-23, 2015**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins, at the request of EMS Director Greg Collins, presented the following proposed Proclamation for Stokes County Emergency Medical Services Week – May 17-23, 2015 for the Board’s review and approval:

**STOKES COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK 2015**

**BY THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Carolina has proclaimed **May 17-23, 2015** as **"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"**; and

**WHEREAS**, Stokes County's Emergency Medical Services system is a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Emergency Medical Services teams are ready to provide life-sustaining care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the quality of emergency care has dramatically improved the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and visitors to Stokes County benefit daily from the dedicated efforts, knowledge and skills of the emergency medical teams, career and volunteer; emergency medical technicians; paramedics; emergency nurses; emergency physicians; rescue squad workers; fire fighters; public safety telecommunications personnel; emergency administrators;

emergency response educators; disaster response personnel, and others who received specialized training and continuing education to enhance and maintain their lifesaving skills; and

**WHEREAS**, injury prevention, public safety education and the appropriate use of the Emergency Medical Services system will help reduce health care costs; and

**WHEREAS**, to recognize the value and accomplishments of the Emergency Medical Services teams, we set aside a special period to observe the contribution of these men and women to the citizens of Stokes County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** do hereby proclaim **May 17-23, 2015**, as "**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**" in Stokes County, and call upon all citizens to observe this period with appropriate programs and activities.

Adopted this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 2015**.

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**Chairman Ronda Jones**

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**Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker**

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**Commissioner J. Leon Inman**

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**Commissioner Ernest Lankford**

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**Commissioner James D. Booth**

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

**Public Release of Closed Session Minutes**

Clerk Darlene Bullins, at the request of County Attorney Tyrone Browder, presented the following Redacted Closed Session Minutes on Camp Sertoma and Soil Remediation, previously reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners, to be released:

- July 9, 2012
- July 23, 2012
- September 10, 2012
- September 24, 2012
- October 8, 2012
- May 13, 2013
- November 25, 2013
- December 9, 2013
- December 23, 2013
- January 13, 2014
- January 27, 2014
- February 10, 2014

- May 12, 2014
- May 27, 2014

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

### **Forestry Harvest Operation**

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed the following who were here today from the North Carolina Forestry Service to present a power point presentation regarding Forestry Harvest Operation:

- Stokes County Forest Ranger Jonathan Young
- District Water Quality Forester Keith Money
- Assistant Regional Forester Mark Bost

Vice Chairman Walker noted the following regarding the Agenda item:

- Requested this item be on today's Agenda
- Have had occasional questions regarding forestry practices
- Lot of the questions pertaining to how forestry practices and tourism best exist together
- Would like to hear comments about balancing tourism and forestry, how to best address citizens' concerns regarding forestry practices, buffers, clearcut versus select cut, etc.

Forest Ranger Jonathan Young presented the following information regarding Forestry Harvest Operation:

- **Our Mission**
  - To protect, manage, and promote forest resources for the citizens of North Carolina.
- **NCFS Priorities and Goals**
  - Water Quality
  - Wildfire Control
  - Forest Management
  - Education
- **Water Quality Protection**
  - Stokes County personnel average 200 logging inspections per year
  - On average of 90 logging sites per year (as many as possible are inspected while active)

- Stokes County is probably in the top five of the counties in North Carolina that do the most logging inspections
- The part time position, approved for funding last year by the commissioners, helps the department to be able to do that many logging inspections per year
- It is very important to inspect the logging operations while they are active, can then address the issues immediately
- **NCFS Logging Inspections result from the following**
  - Inspection for reforestation after harvest.
  - Operations noticed during routine travel.
  - Requests from loggers or consulting foresters.
  - Notification by other agencies or groups
  - Search for timber deeds on Register of Deeds Site
  - Citizen complaints

District Water Quality Forester Keith Money continued the presentation:

- Best Management Practices (BMP) vs Forest Practice Guidelines (FPG)
  - BMP
    - 15A NCAC 11 .0102 (4) defines as “a practice or combination of practices, that is determined to be an effective and practicable (including technological, economic and institutional considerations) means of preventing or reducing the amount of pollution generated by nonpoint sources to a level compatible with water quality goals”
    - Not legally mandatory, but helps achieve FPG’s
    - Required for State/Federal cost-share assistance
    - Requirement of Forest Industry’s “SFI”
    - Most not expensive, just common sense & good habits
  - Not Using BMPs
    - Lowers site index/future productivity
    - Destroys existing drainage channels
    - Increases possibility of offsite sedimentation
    - Goes against BMPs and SFI, cost money to correct
  - FPG
    - Required by State Law
    - FPG - Related to Water Quality
      - 9 mandatory performance standards that all forestry site disturbing operations must comply with
      - Became effective January 1, 1990
      - All involved parties are responsible for compliance
      - Compliance/water quality protection is best achieved through implementation of all appropriate BMPs
      - Timber sale contract should require buyer/logger to implement all appropriate FPG’s
      - Failure to comply with the FPGs can result in fines of up to \$25,000/day

- If a timber harvest is part of an announced/approved development, more stringent rules of the SPCA or local erosion control program will apply
- **9 Forest Practice Guidelines Related to Water Quality**
  - .0201 Streamside Management Zone (SMZ)
  - .0202 Debris Entering Streams
  - .0203 Access Road & Stream Crossing
  - .0204 Access Road Entrance
  - .0205 Prohibition of Waste
  - .0206 Pesticide Application
  - .0207 Fertilizer Application
  - .0208 Stream Temperature
  - .0209 Rehabilitation of Project Site
- .0201 - SMZ established along margins of intermittent & perennial streams (any stream that flows 30% of the year in a well, defined channel) and perennial water bodies. SMZ of sufficient width to prevent sedimentation, with erosion control structures if needed.
- Recommended widths of SMZs
  - **Percent Slope of Adjacent Lands width in Feet**
  - Stream Type                      0-5%        6-10%    11-20%    21-45%        46%+
  - Intermittent Stream            50                50        50        50        50
  - Perennial Stream                50                50        50        50        50
  - (Warm Water)
  - Perennial Stream                50                66        75        100        125
  - (Trout Water)
  - Public Water Supplies        50                100        150        150        200
  - (Streams & Reservoirs)
- **.0202 Debris Entering Streams**
  - **What is allowed within the SMZ?**
  - Selective Cutting is Allowed if you meet the following guidelines
    - 75% of Pre-harvest shade is maintained
    - If trees are felled away from stream channel and no more than 20% of ground cover is disturbed along a perennial stream and 40% along an intermittent stream
    - Feller bunchers, skidders, and other equipment should not operate within the SMZ.
- **.0203 - Stream Crossing**
  - Should be avoided or limited in number
  - Should Be Installed Properly
  - Should Be Rehabilitated prior to leaving
- **.0204 – Access Road Entrance**
  - This is what you want to be in compliance so that tourists don't have to see mud that has been dragged out into the road
  - This can also be a safety issue
  - **In-Compliance Stream Crossing and Non-Compliance Stream Crossing**
  - Construct entrances to prevent soil/debris deposition on the highway so safety and sedimentation problems avoided.



- Graveled Haul Road Entrance
- **(0.205) Prohibition of Waste**
  - Prevent equipment fluids, petroleum, fertilizers, or other chemical waste from entering streams, perennial water bodies, and groundwater
  - Oil & Hazmat Spills are referred to Division of Water Quality(DWQ)
  - Feel this is worse than mud in the road
- **(.0208) STREAM TEMPERATURE**
  - Adequate shade within SMZ's shall be retained to protect those streams from adverse temperature fluctuations.
  - Stokes County does have a lot of streams with trout
- **(.0209) REHABILITATION OF PROJECT SITE**
  - Areas having potential for accelerated erosion entering intermittent & perennial streams or water bodies shall be provided with ground cover or other adequate sedimentation control within 30 working days of leaving site.
  - Rough material to intercept water flow.  
Seed and straw disturbed areas before leaving

Assistant Regional Forester Mark Bost continued the presentation:

- **Forest Management**
- **How Requests for Forest Management Assistance are Generated?**
  - Present-use taxation valuation requirements
  - Timber harvest assistance
  - Reforestation assistance after a timber harvest
  - General management advice
  - Stand health problems
- **What is Included in the Management Plan?**
  - Landowners Objectives
  - Description of Forest Conditions
  - Recommendations/ Management Prescriptions (including why, when, how, and who)
  - Multiple - Use Returns (recreation, wildlife, aesthetics, soil and water quality, cultural resources)
  - Environmental Protection Measures (specifically related to silvicultural recommendations)
  - Financial Analysis and Tax Information
  - Management Plan Map(s) and enclosures
- **Forestry Issues**
  - **Selective Cut vs. High Grading**
    - Hardwood Selective Cut
    - High Grading
  - **When and Why does the NC Forest Service Recommend Clear Cutting?**
    - When it meets the management objectives of the landowner and it is best for the health and productivity of the forest.
  - **High Grading**
    - Unproductive and low value Virginia Pine Stand
      - Discussed different types of timber

- Insect Damage or Other Stand Health Problems
- Heavy Storm Damage: Results in loss of forest productivity and aesthetics
- Stokes County averages 16 forest establishment projects per year on 400 acres
- Stokes County personnel examine on average 40 clearcut sites per year for 900 acres of Natural Regeneration on Clearcut Sites
- **Why do we recommend harvesting in most “Tax Plans”?**
  - G.S. 105.277.2 (6) : Sound Management Program is defined as “A program of production designed to obtain the greatest net return from the land consistent with its conservation and long-term improvement.” And is otherwise described as “engaged in the commercial growing of trees.”
- **How productive can this forest be if left to grow another 30 years?**
  - Old Trees Slow Down in Growth
  - Young Trees Grow Fast
- **Challenges Stokes County Forests Face**
  - Discussed different types of challenges that Stokes County Forests face each year
- **Lack of Fire?**
  - Another major issue, could talk 2 hours just on this specific topic
- Would like to address the tourism question from Vice Chairman Walker;
  - Have worked in some other counties that were really concerned about the visual impacts of forest harvesting as related to tourism
  - Substantial forestry and agricultural can still be done in Stokes County
  - Do not need every landowner in the County wanting to grow the maximum production on every acre and cutting the trees as soon as they are merchantable for timber; we need a mixture
- Appreciate being at today’s meeting

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Appreciate the information provided today
- Sure everyone has learned some things today
- Would like to have a copy of the presentation; it has some very good information
- Would like to know if there are any local laws that a County can pass regarding buffering in areas that are particular areas for tourism?

Assistant Regional Forester Mark Bost responded:

- Not a lawyer
- Can speak from being in front of the Orange County Commissioners who had a real interest in buffers on property lines, buffers on roads, etc.
- There is a “Right to Practice Forestry Act” that protects landowners who are actively engaged in the commercial production of timber

- Orange County took a different manner after pursuing all the options; the County could not regulate or limit harvesting that could take away rights of a landowner
- Orange County developed a program to actively pursue putting conservation easements on important pieces of property and even purchased some very special pieces of property; also developed a fund to help special sites
- They gravitated away from roads and property lines and went toward streams and tied it all in with local Land Use Trusts
- Can get the Board connected with individuals in other counties such as Orange if so desired

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Forester Bost that there is no law that requires a buffer at the property line when cutting timber and timber can be cut up to the property line.

Chairman Jones expressed appreciation to Forest Ranger Young and staff for the presentation.

#### **NCACC April Update**

County Manager Rick Morris noted the NC Association of County Commissioners requested the April Update be presented to the Board of Commissioners at their first meeting in April.

The power point presentation provided the following information:

- NCACC Annual Conference – Greenville, NC
  - Key speaker will be David Mead, Leadership and Workplace Culture Expert, who is committed to a world in which people go home every day fulfilled by the work they do.
- District Meetings
  - Meetings offer county commissioners and management staff an opportunity to learn about the latest legislative developments in Raleigh, to share information from their conversations with legislators, to network with officials from other counties and to learn about the latest NCACC programs and services that benefit counties
  - District Meetings Schedule
    - March 25<sup>th</sup> – Martin County
    - April 1<sup>st</sup> – Jackson County
    - April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Iredell County
    - April 9<sup>th</sup> – Onslow County
    - April 15<sup>th</sup> – Durham County
    - April 16<sup>th</sup> – Hoke County
- County Assembly Day – May 6, 2015 – Quorum Center, Raleigh, NC
  - To meet with and hear from state legislative leaders and meet with their state legislative representatives

- National County Government Month
  - Celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government
- Risk Management
  - Human Resources Help Line became available January 1, 2015
    - Provides access to attorneys who have experience in employment law
    - No additional cost to pool members
  - Cyber Liability Risk Web Portal
    - The Hub contains technical resources that can assist the counties in the prevention of network, cyber and privacy losses as we as provide the means for timely reporting if an incident occurs
    - The Cyber Liability Section was added July 1, 2015
  - There will be no increases in base rates for Worker's Compensation and Property and Liability Insurance
    - Pool continues to grow each year

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

### **Tax Administration Report – March 2015**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the March 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   | \$18,968,978.00      |                    | \$111,410.00        |
| <b>New Schools F-Tech Fund</b><br>(Includes Prior 98-2013 Taxes)                    | \$1,272,026.00    | \$1,307,323.72       | \$35,297.72        |                     |
| <b>Prior Taxes</b><br><b>1998-2013 Tax Years</b><br>County Regular & Motor Vehicles | \$675,000.00      | \$578,834.78         |                    | \$98,165.22         |

**Collection Percentage**  
**As of March 31, 2015**  
Current 2014 Tax = 0.9942%

**New School F-Tech**  
**Fund = 1.0277%**  
**Prior 1998-2013 Tax**  
**Years (Reg and MV) = 0.8575%**

**EMS Current Collections**  
**Total Collected**  
(03-01-15/03-31-15)  
\$134,258.60

**Total Collected**  
 (07-01-14/06-30-15)  
 \$1,130,608.13  
**Percentage of Collection =**  
 75.37%  
 Balance to collect = \$369,391.87  
**Delinquent EMS Collection**  
**Report - Total Collected**  
 (03-01-15/03-31-15)  
 \$19,132.10  
 (07-01-14/06-30-15)  
 \$159,370.95  
**Percentage of Collection = 99.6%**  
**Balance to collect = \$629.05**

**Business and Personal Property Discovery**  
**Report**

| Audit Dates         | Accts | Total Value    | Taxes Due   |
|---------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
| (03-01-15/03-31-15) | 7     | \$57,839.00    | \$555.21    |
| (07-01-14/06-30-15) | 363   | \$4,330,268.00 | \$41,155.17 |

**Motor Vehicle Release Report**  
**Audit Dates**  
 Assessment through NC  
 Department of Motor Vehicles

**Garnishment Totals**

| Month                 | Total Accounts | Original Levy Amount | Collected Amount |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| (03-1-15/03-31-15)    | 251            | \$147,949.65         | \$62,492.78      |
| <b>F/Year 2014-15</b> |                |                      |                  |
| (07-1-14/6-30-15)     | 1,608          | \$500,027.35         | \$345,664.30     |

**Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection Report**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Monthly Delinquent Tax Collection  
 Report for March 2015:

| <u>County</u> | <u>Real/Personal</u> | <u>Property</u> | <u>March</u> | <u>2015</u>     |            |               |                |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Year          | Beginning Balance    | Releases        | Refunds      | Debits/ Credits | Write-offs | Payments      | Ending Balance |
| 2013          | \$ 314,477.05        | \$(53.64)       |              | \$84.91         | \$(1.04)   | \$(21,219.90) | \$ 293,287.38  |
| 2012          | \$ 165,389.42        |                 |              |                 |            | \$(9,551.13)  | \$ 155,838.29  |
| 2011          | \$ 91,048.62         |                 |              |                 |            | \$(3,606.19)  | \$ 87,442.43   |
| 2010          | \$ 61,250.36         |                 |              |                 |            | \$(1,621.58)  | \$ 59,628.78   |
| 2009          | \$ 38,814.49         |                 |              |                 |            | \$(19.32)     | \$ 38,795.17   |
| 2008          | \$ 28,769.62         |                 |              |                 |            | \$(120.94)    | \$ 28,648.68   |
| 2007          | \$ 19,703.34         |                 |              |                 |            | \$(227.43)    | \$ 19,475.91   |

|      |    |           |  |  |  |            |    |           |
|------|----|-----------|--|--|--|------------|----|-----------|
| 2006 | \$ | 12,733.30 |  |  |  | \$(226.34) | \$ | 12,506.96 |
| 2005 | \$ | 10,663.40 |  |  |  | \$(354.64) | \$ | 10,308.76 |
| 2004 | \$ | 10,849.09 |  |  |  | \$(44.91)  | \$ | 10,804.18 |
| 2003 | \$ | 8,812.23  |  |  |  |            | \$ | 8,812.23  |
| 2002 | \$ | 1,171.43  |  |  |  |            | \$ | 1,171.43  |
| 2001 | \$ | 4.58      |  |  |  |            | \$ | 4.58      |
| 2000 | \$ | 251.76    |  |  |  |            | \$ | 251.76    |
| 1999 | \$ | 313.78    |  |  |  |            | \$ | 313.78    |

| <u>County</u> | <u>Motor</u>      |          | <u>March</u> | <u>2015</u>        |            |              |    |                |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|----|----------------|
| Year          | Beginning Balance | Releases | Refunds      | Debits/<br>Credits | Write-offs | Payments     |    | Ending Balance |
| 2013          | \$ 21,882.26      |          |              | \$(1.60)           | \$(0.94)   | \$(1,576.17) | \$ | 20,303.55      |
| 2012          | \$ 3,593.37       |          |              | \$27.18            | \$(0.57)   | \$(591.15)   | \$ | 3,001.65       |
| 2011          | \$ 18,742.20      |          |              | \$15.99            | \$(0.24)   | \$(626.52)   | \$ | 18,115.44      |
| 2010          | \$ 20,854.33      |          |              | \$15.12            | \$(0.10)   | \$(231.44)   | \$ | 20,622.79      |
| 2009          | \$ 16,612.72      |          |              | \$(38.71)          |            | \$(99.20)    | \$ | 16,513.52      |
| 2008          | \$ 17,965.37      |          |              | \$(91.38)          |            | \$(220.82)   | \$ | 17,744.55      |
| 2007          | \$ 16,183.84      |          |              |                    |            | \$(56.89)    | \$ | 16,126.95      |
| 2006          | \$ 11,909.14      |          |              |                    |            | \$(135.45)   | \$ | 11,773.69      |
| 2005          | \$ 14,780.12      |          |              |                    | \$(0.04)   | \$(209.30)   | \$ | 14,570.78      |
| 2004          | \$ 12,971.32      |          |              |                    |            | \$(97.31)    | \$ | 12,874.01      |
| 2003          | \$ 13,244.55      |          |              |                    |            |              | \$ | 13,244.55      |
| 2002          |                   |          |              |                    |            |              |    |                |

| <u>New</u> | <u>Schools</u>    | <u>Forsyth</u> | <u>Tech</u> | <u>Fund</u>        | <u>March</u> | <u>2015</u>  |    |                |
|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----|----------------|
| Year       | Beginning Balance | Releases       | Refunds     | Debits/<br>Credits | Write-offs   | Payments     |    | Ending Balance |
| 2013       | \$ 23,431.97      | \$(3.57)       |             | \$5.26             | \$(0.07)     | \$(1,411.75) | \$ | 22,021.84      |
| 2012       | \$ 13,783.72      |                |             |                    |              | \$(629.00)   | \$ | 13,154.72      |
| 2011       | \$ 6,608.86       |                |             |                    |              | \$(234.38)   | \$ | 6,374.48       |

### Collection of New State Motor Vehicle Billings

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following report for the combination of County/State reporting of the collection of Motor Vehicles:

- Graph shows each month's collection per taxing codes:

February 2015

New VTS System

| Tax Code     | Levy     | Interest | Adjustment | Billing | Net       |
|--------------|----------|----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| Jurisdiction | Billed   | Paid     | Made       | Cost    | Collected |
| City of King | \$11,142 | \$72     | -\$81      | -\$825  | \$10,308  |

|                        |                  |              |                |                   |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| King Car Fee           | \$1,660          | \$11         | None           | None              | \$1,671          |
| Walnut Cove Town       | \$1,919          | \$18         | None           | -\$124            | \$1,813          |
| Danbury Town           | \$226            | None         | None           | -\$14             | \$212            |
| School Tax             | \$8,914          | \$50         | -\$30          | -\$577            | \$8,357          |
| King Fire              | \$2,623          | \$15         | -\$6           | -\$169            | \$2,463          |
| Rural Hall Fire        | \$418            | \$2          | None           | -\$27             | \$393            |
| Walnut Cove Fire       | \$1,343          | \$7          | None           | -\$86             | \$1,264          |
| General County         | \$133,703        | \$750        | -\$446         | -\$8,654          | \$125,353        |
| Service Fire           | \$8,074          | \$44         | -\$29          | -\$525            | \$7,564          |
| <b>Total Collected</b> | <b>\$170,022</b> | <b>\$969</b> | <b>(\$592)</b> | <b>(\$11,001)</b> | <b>\$159,398</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     | \$146,647.00        |
| <b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 3,755</b>          | Total Expenses           | <u>\$(7,315.00)</u> |
| <b>Average Cost per Bill = \$1.95</b>                    | Total Net Collected      | \$139,332.00        |
| <b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b> | Town of Walnut Cove      | \$20,425.00         |
| <b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 799</b>            | Total Expenses           | <u>\$(983.00)</u>   |
| <b>Average Cost per Bill = \$1.23</b>                    | Total Net Collected      | \$19,442.00         |
| <b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b> | Town of Danbury          | \$2,136.00          |
| <b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 115</b>            | Total Expenses           | <u>\$(103.00)</u>   |
| <b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.90</b>                    | Total Net Collected      | \$2,033.00          |
| <b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b> | F Tech/School Fund       | \$87,921.00         |
| <b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 33,277</b>         | Total Expenses           | <u>\$(4,320.00)</u> |
| <b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.13</b>                    | Total Net Collected      | \$83,601.00         |
| <b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b> | King Fire District       | \$22,906.00         |
| <b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 5,058</b>          | Total Expenses           | <u>\$(1,142.00)</u> |
| <b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.23</b>                    | Total Net Collected      | \$21,764.00         |
| <b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b> | Rural Hall Fire District | \$4,503.00          |
| <b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 962</b>            | Total Expenses           | <u>\$(216.00)</u>   |
| <b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.22</b>                    | Total Net Collected      | \$4,287.00          |
| <b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b> | Walnut Cove Fire Dist.   | \$14,337.00         |
| <b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 2,771</b>          | Total Expenses           | <u>\$(693.00)</u>   |

|  |                       |                      |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Average Cost per Bill = \$0.25                                     | Total Net Collected   | \$13,644.00          |
| Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system                  | General County        | \$1,318,781.00       |
| Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 33,277                          | Total Expenses        | <u>\$(64,817.00)</u> |
| Average Cost per Bill = \$1.95                                     | Total Net Collected   | \$1,253,964.00       |
| Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system                  | Service Fire District | \$77,955.00          |
| Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 19,170                          | Total Expenses        | <u>\$(3,821.00)</u>  |
| Average Cost per Bill = \$0.20                                     | Total Net Collected   | \$74,134.00          |
| Total Cumulative Collected NCVTS through February                  | \$1,695,611.00        |                      |
| Total Expenses for NCVTS through February(all tax districts)       | \$ 83,410.00          |                      |
| Total net collected for NCVTS through February (all tax districts) | \$1,612,201.00        |                      |
| Average cost per total billings through February                   | \$2.51 per bill       |                      |

Lowest cost billed = \$2.28 (County, School Fund, Service Fire based on 33,277 cars)  
Highest cost billed = \$4.03 (County, School Fund, King City based on 3,755 cars)

| Interstate Collection Report         | Collection     | Total Collected     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| March 2015                           |                |                     |
| Cumulative Total Collected to Date   | NC Debt Setoff | \$227,321.58        |
| Cumulative Total Collected (to date) | Motor Vehicles | \$131,306.08        |
| Cumulative Total Collected (to date) | Property Taxes | \$47,535.88         |
| Cumulative Total Collected (to date) | EMS            | <u>\$274,261.68</u> |
| Collected (to date)                  | All Categories | <u>\$453,103.64</u> |

### **Releases Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases less than \$100 –

Real and Personal Property (March 2015) at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review:

#### **Releases Less Than \$100 - Real/Personal Property**

| Name            | Bill No           | Amount          |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Marcos Armenta  | 14A156042888.04   | \$46.53         |
| Tony Culler     | 14A156029315.04   | \$43.33         |
|                 | 13A156029315.04   | \$41.56         |
| Thomas E. James | 14A156023322.03.1 | <u>\$17.53</u>  |
| Total           |                   | <b>\$148.95</b> |

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

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 –



Real and Personal Property (March 2015) at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review with a request for consideration at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

| Name           | Bill No         | Amount            |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Gary Lee Smith | 14A699600033045 | \$457.55          |
| Myriah Cox     | 24631874        | \$436.40          |
| Earl Falconer  | 18816739        | <u>\$176.56</u>   |
| Total          |                 | <b>\$1,070.51</b> |

**Present-Use Late Applications**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Present-Use Late Applications (March 2015) at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review with a request for consideration at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Taxpayer: Joe Troy Stapleton
  - Parcel: 598302796887
  - Acreage: 20.4
  - Reason: Has planted trees in addition to existing woodlands
- Taxpayer: Doyle Bullins
  - Parcels:
    - 695504031599
      - Acreage: 9.5
    - 695503037608
      - Acreage: 1.11
    - 695503036486
      - Acreage: 1.3
    - 695503036217
      - Acreage: 1.48
    - 695503034180
      - Acreage: 1.36
    - 692200887223
      - Acreage: 54.11
    - 694503207546
      - Acreage: 19.95
    - 69453104744
      - Acreage: 7.68

- Reason: Farmland has been qualified for many years
  - Reason: Forestland – Doyle has other land in the program
- Taxpayer: James M Hill Jr
  - Parcel: 600100064026
  - Acreage: 20
  - Reason: Forestland has been in the family for many years
- Taxpayer: Carl & Beverly Gann
  - Parcel: 597904924472
  - Acreage: 65.06
  - Reason: Full time farmers
- Taxpayer: Gretchen & Robert Gunn
  - Parcel: 698900258339
  - Acreage: 65.19
  - Reason: has other use-value land
- Taxpayer: Donald Gibson & Others
  - Parcels:
    - 698402565300
      - Acreage: 76
    - 698300518097
      - Acreage: 10
    - 698300523310
      - Acreage: 66
    - 698300529437
      - Acreage: 14
  - Reason: Forested land has been in the family many years

### **Write Off Request – EMS Services**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write off Request for EMS Services (March 2015) at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review with a request for consideration at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

| <b>Date of Service</b> | <b>Charge Amount</b> | <b>Reason</b>        |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 7/18/2014              | \$ 366.00            | Inmate- No insurance |
| 11/29/2014             | \$ 480.60            | Inmate- No insurance |
| 12/13/2014             | \$ 358.00            | Inmate- No insurance |
| 12/13/2014             | \$ <u>598.80</u>     | Inmate- No insurance |
|                        | <b>\$ 1,803.40</b>   |                      |

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

Agenda:

April 13, 2015

- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100
- Present-Use Late Applications
- Write off Request – EMS Services

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that the Tax Department receives a copy of the Forestry Plan for tax deferment after it is approved by the Forestry Services.

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- County is mandated by law to review 1/8 of the Deferment and Forestry Management Plans each year

The Board had no issues with the March report presented by Tax Administrator Oakley.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100
- Present-Use Late Applications
- Write off Request – EMS Services

### **North Carolina PTS Data Migration**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the migration of the Tax Office Data to the new NCPTS Tax Software:

#### **Billing/Collection**

##### **Process**

- Business Process Alignment
  - 100% complete
- System Administration Introduction and Workshops
  - 100% complete
- Data Migration
  - 69% complete
- Data Validation
  - 67% complete
- Training
  - 50% complete

#### **Land Records/Denali CAMA**

##### **Process**

- Business Process Alignment
  - 100% complete

- Data Migration
  - 34% complete
- Other processed, relating to the migration of data in each area listed above, are scheduled to begin within the next few weeks
- Overall project status is on time with “Go-Live” dates of June 8<sup>th</sup> for Billing/Collections and around August 1<sup>st</sup> for Land Records Denali CAMA
- Stokes County is scheduled to be the first county in the State displaying new NCPTS (Farragut Software) tax data on a web page with a link to the new GIS website hosted by ROK Technologies
- Things going well at this point

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues at the present time.

### **ROK Technologies Update**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following update regarding ROK

Technologies:

- Conversion to the new ROK Technologies website is on time and we are progressing as scheduled
- GIS Specialist Greg Hunsucker provided a presentation showing the Board of Commissioners the new website containing Stokes County current data
- Around May 1<sup>st</sup>, the new ROK Technologies webpage will be set up to view as a “Beta” site allowing individuals to begin learning how to navigate the website
- We will be working with IT to establish a permanent link with our current GIS, hopefully to be fully functional around July 1, 2015
- Upon completion of this project, the new webpage will become our actual GIS site and the old site will be removed
- Will work on smart phones
- Has google maps accessibility
- Feel the taxpayer will be pleased once they know how to get around on the site
- Want this to be a very useful tool for the citizens of Stokes County

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues.

Vice Chairman Walker requested an update once the site is up and running for individuals to experiment on.

Chairman Jones expressed the Board’s appreciation for the presentation.

## **Social Services Monthly Report**

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

- Child Support Enforcement On-Site Visit
  - Child Support was monitored on March 2, 2015
  - Incentive statistics were available through January 2015
    - The unit is above the State Average in all incentive areas with the exception of Total Collection, Current Collections, and Arrears Collection
    - The unit is currently at 53.17% for Total Collections with the State Average being 56.36%
    - The unit is only slightly below the state average in the area of Current Collections and are close to the 2104-15 goal in this area at 66.80%
    - Collections continue to be down across the State
    - The unit continues to exceed the 2014-15 goal for Cases Under Order at 92.07%
  - Self-assessment area scores are available through December 2014
    - The unit is in substantial compliance in all areas of self-assessment with the exception of Enforcement, Interstate and Review and Adjustment Needed
    - These areas continue to decline but management is aware of the barriers in these area
  - In all other areas of self-assessment, the unit has a compliance of 77%
- Stokes has an overall quality review score of 87.65% and A DRA score of 88.75% with a passing score for Overall quality being 90% and a passing score for DRA items being 95%
- The Federal Data Reliability Audit is currently underway
- Services Report (Social Work, Family Support Services, Administration)
  - Report was provided in detail to the Board
- NCFAS FNS/SNAP Pending Applications – Report Date 04-01-2015
  - Total pending Apps = 95
  - Totally untimely = 2
- NCFAS FNS Recertification Workload
  - Total Re-certifications in Progress = 28
- NCFAS Application Processing – Tradition MAD Pending = 143
- NCFAS Application Processing – Traditional Total Pending Applications
  - Medical Assistance = 62
  - Medical Forced Eligibility = 3
  - Retroactive Medical Assistance = 55
- NCFAS MAGI Pending
  - Insurance Affordability = 127
  - Insurance Affordability Pregnancy = 23
- NCFAS is moving along

## Metrics

- As of March 2015:
  - Income Maintenance
    - NC FAST – In compliance – System issues with payments; system has been slow several days this month.
    - WorkFirst – Needs improvement – System issues with payments; workers having to learn program.
    - FNS – In compliance
    - Adult Medicaid – Needs improvement – Workload numbers continue to be high
    - Family and Children’s Medicaid – Workload numbers continue to be high
    - Child Support – In compliance
    - Program Integrity – In compliance
    - Appeal Hearings and Fraud Hearings – In compliance
  - Day Care – In compliance
  - Foster Care
    - Foster Care Services – Needs improvement
      - Continue taking children into custody
      - Reunification plans aren’t working and children are staying in care longer
    - Foster Care Home Licensing – In compliance
      - MAPP class started on 03-23-15 with 21 participants (11 families)
    - Adoptions – In compliance –
  - Child Protective Services
    - Investigations – Needs improvement
      - Getting cases closed promptly and closed cases to supervisor
    - Case Management – Needs improvement
    - Adult Services
      - Adult Protective Services– In compliance
      - Guardianship– In compliance
      - SSBG/HCCBG/Payee/Adult Day– In compliance
      - Family/Monitoring– In compliance
      - SA IH/MAC– In compliance
      - CAP DA/CAP C– In compliance
      - Intake– In compliance
      - Caseloads– In compliance
  - Supervision (Staff/Supervisor Ratio)- Needs Improvement
    - Continue to have two supervisors who supervise more than the state recommends/mandates
  - Staffing (Years of Service) – In compliance
  - Medicaid Transportation – In compliance
  - Clerical – In compliance
- Provided the Board with an article from the New York Times “Working, but Needing Public Assistance Anyway”

- Article noted that even though individuals are working, they are still on public assistance relying on Food Stamps, Medicaid, or other stretches of the safety net to help cover basic expenses when their paycheck come up short
- Director Elmes noted that she had not been including the number of children, not in the department's custody, that the department is monitoring
  - At the end of March, there were 68 children in Foster Care with 13 additional children being monitored
  - There is no longer a waiting list for day care services
  - Low Income Energy Assistance Program for FY 2014-15
    - Served 732 families
    - Program ended March 31, 2015

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Director Elmes that the training for NCFAST is an ongoing process with workers having to learn NCFAST and policy; it will take time.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Director Elmes approximately 11 families are attending the MAPP Classes for foster parenting.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Director Elmes that a single parent could be a foster parent.

Vice Chairman Walker requested Director Elmes to provide the Board with a single snapshot of how things are going, in general?

Director Elmes responded:

- Feel things are going well at the current time with the amount of work that has to be done
- Feel the state will start monitoring very closely for errors; quality assurance is extremely important
- Struggle to get the work done by the end of the day

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Director Elmes that DSS does have a staffing issue.

Chairman Jones confirmed that four foster children were returned to their homes this month.

Director Elmes spoke briefly about what happens to a foster child who turns 18; foster children can enroll in the Links Program until 21.

Chairman Jones expressed appreciation to DSS Director Elmes for the monthly report.

**Proposed Audit Contract – Martin\*Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. – Fiscal Year 2014-15**

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following information regarding the proposed Audit Contract Renewal with Martin\*Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. for Fiscal Year 2014-15:

- The renewal contract for FY 2014-15 Audit is \$46,350 which is an increase of \$1,350.00 over FY 2013-14
- Martin\*Starnes has worked several years with no increase
- This year's increase is due to:
  - Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) requiring the account of our pension plans which will require additional work for our auditors
  - Plus, there are new requirements that the State Auditor is now requiring
- It is too late to go out for bids for the FY 2014-15 audit, but can prepare to bid out the service next year if so desired by the Board
- Other counties are doing five-year contracts
- Martin\*Starnes has agreed to a price of \$46,350 for FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16
- Would request to place the item on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Walker questioned what triggers the County to bid audit services?

County Manager Morris responded:

- No one thing triggers the County to bid out the services
- Staff feels if the County did go out for bids, it would be much higher than the \$46,350
- Can bid next year if it is the desire of the Board
- The scope of the work continues to increase with the mandates from the state government

It was the consensus of the Board to consider approving the amount of \$46,350 for audit services with Martin\*Starnes for FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16.

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

**Health Director Vacancy**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the health director's vacancy:



- Health Director Scott Lenhart will be leaving on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- First thought was to hire an interim director
- Also thought of taking on the position as Acting Health Director
- But after talking with staff, they prefer either the manager becomes the Acting Health Director or appoint Administrative Officer Wanda East if allowable by the State
- Attorney for Public Health has noted that the Acting Health Director does not have to have the requirements of a Public Health Director, but they would prefer to have someone who is qualified such as having college degrees
- Have requested County Attorney Browder research this issue
- My preference is appointing Wanda East with all the other projects currently in process
- If Public Health Association provides an interim health director, it would be an hourly rate along with 33% administrative fee
- Staff feels with the accreditation coming up, it would be easier to just do it themselves without an interim director

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Inman confirmed with Manager Morris that County Attorney Browder is reviewing the statutes and will be providing the Board with an answer regarding the appointment of an individual who does not have the requirements for a health director.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Wanda East has been in the department a long time
- I can see where bringing in an outside interim for a period of time would end up with Wanda educating the individual
- My goal is to get that position advertised and get a full time health director in the shortest period of time possible

Commissioner Booth commented:

- While serving on the Board of Health, the Board of Health appointed Doris Petree who was a Registered Nurse
- Think it will work using an in-house interim

Chairman Jones commented:

- Had the same thoughts as the county manager about hiring an interim director
- Do not want the manager taking on any more projects right now, feel he has his hands full
- After doing some investigation, feel we are on the right track to use an in-house interim
- Wanda does an excellent job and has been in her position with the Health Department for a very long time

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Feel the right track is to keep things running as properly as we can
- Bringing in someone new will just tie up the staff and will not accomplish anything

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Concur with moving forward with placing Wanda East in the position until a director is found with this exception, hiring/firing and contracting authority should be only with the concurrence of the manager

County Manager Morris suggested some type of stipend for assuming the duties.

The Board agreed to have Manager Morris bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

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

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Spoke to Health Director Lenhart about a possible interim director
- Director Lenhart stated to the best of his knowledge, there is no specific requirements or qualifications for an interim director

#### **Jail Expansion – Architectural/Engineering Services**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding

Architectural/Engineering Services for the possible jail expansion:

- Board has already approved for county staff to enter negotiations with Moseley Architects; those negotiations have started
- Moseley submitted a letter of proposal
- Moseley has been asked to resubmit the letter of proposal with only a simple schematic design, potential floor plan along with an estimated construction budget amount
- County only wants enough information for the Board to be able to make a decision on the proposed jail expansion
- County should receive the new letter of proposal this week and will be placed in the April 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda packet
- Also requested, if the Board does not approve the jail expansion, the information (schematic design, floor plan, etc.) could be used at a later time
- Would request this item be placed on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda.

### Proposed Bids – Animal Shelter Repairs

County Manager Rick Morris turned the presentation of the proposed Bids for the Animal Shelter Repairs over to Support Supervisor Danny Stovall. Manager Morris requested the item be moved to today's Action Agenda as this is a very time sensitive item.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following information regarding the proposed bids for the mandated floor repairs for the Animal Shelter:

- This has been a finding noted on several past State inspections reports. Concrete floor/walls inside the kennel area must be impervious to moisture per Lindsey Lloyd, State Inspector
- Have received the following bids:
  - **Resource Painting & Sand Blasting** **\$16,695.00**
    - Sand blast floor and walls five (5) blocks high to remove delaminated epoxy finish
    - Apply a skim coat to block walls five (5) blocks high to produce a non-porous finish
    - Apply deep penetrating concrete sealer to floor and to walls five (5) blocks high
    - Apply a top coat of concrete sealer to floor and to walls five (5) blocks high
    - Prep and repaint remaining block walls seven (7) blocks high with epoxy paint
    - Two (2) weeks to complete work – animals will have to be removed from shelter
    - No Warranty
  - Routine Floor/Wall Maintenance:
    - Yearly or earlier if needed: Animal Shelter or Public Buildings staff will need to clean/degrease area and re-apply a top coat of Ever-Crete concrete sealer to floor and walls five (5) blocks high to ensure a water tight bond.
    - As needed: Animal Shelter or Public Buildings staff will need to re-paint remaining walls seven (7) blocks high to ensure a water tight bond
- **James T. Matthews GC** **\$17,743.00**
  - Sand blast walls and floors to remove delaminated epoxy finish
  - Apply clear concrete sealer to floors and walls five (5) block high
  - Prep and paint remaining block wall seven (7) block high with epoxy paint
  - Three (3) weeks to complete work – animals will have to be removed from shelter
  - No warranty
  - Routine Floor/Wall Maintenance:

- Yearly or earlier if needed: Animal Shelter or Public Buildings staff will need to clean/degrease area and re-apply a top coat of concrete sealer to floor and walls five (5) blocks high to ensure a water tight bond.
- As needed: Animal Shelter or Public Buildings staff will need to re-paint remaining walls seven (7) blocks high to ensure a water tight bond.

○ **Surface Concepts**

**23,513.00**

- Concrete Floor \$14,513.00
  - Remove existing delaminated epoxy floor coating by utilizing diamond grinding equipment
  - Patch any necessary damaged areas
  - Install Dur-A-Flex's Poly Crete SL at 1/8" thick
  - Install 2" 45 degree cove base to perimeter of block walls
  - Install Dur-A-Flex Dur-A-Glaze pigmented epoxy
  - Install Dur-A-Flex ArmorTop pigmented Urethane leaving desired color, non-skid texture and durability
  - Two weeks to complete work – all animals will have to be removed from shelter
  - 1 year warranty
- Guilford County and Wilkes County animal shelters have this product installed. Phil and I went to Guilford County to look at their floors. This product is nice but will require repairs. At the Guilford County shelter floor repairs have been completed in the past due to dogs creating holes in the flooring system.
- Block Walls \$9,000.00
- Remove existing delaminated paint from walls five (5) blocks high by utilizing diamond grinding equipment
  - Patch and necessary damaged areas
  - Apply two (2) coats of Acrylon Epoxy paint

Other options that were discussed but no quotes were secured are as follows:

- Install stainless steel panels on the kennel inner walls – Guilford County Animal Shelter had stainless steel panels installed but removed them after being in place for short time-frame due to the dog cutting themselves.
- Installing tile on the floor and kennel inner walls – downside would be keeping water from entering in behind the tile on the walls, keeping the grout water tight and cost.
- Funding Sources: \$4,500.00 from Capital Reserve Animal Shelter and the remaining \$12,195.00 from contingency.
- Chief Animal Control Officer Phil Handy and I recommend that we move forward with having the floors and walls repaired by Resource Painting at a cost of \$16,695.00.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Walker questioned Mr. Stovall if there was any facility nearby that currently

used the same process that is being recommended today and if so, what type of results have they gotten from the process?

Mr. Stovall responded:

- No one place is doing exactly what is being recommended; some have done similar things
- County original had sealer before putting the epoxy paint down
- Ongoing maintenance has to be a big part in these repairs
- Staff will have to clean/degrease the areas and re-apply a top coat of concrete sealer to floor and walls (five (5) blocks) high to ensure a water tight bond

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Mr. Stovall that staff has talked to the inspector about this process and they have seen good success in other places.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Mr. Stovall that the low bid from Resource Painting and Sand Blasting is a turnkey job.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Mr. Stovall that there could be additional costs for housing animals while the repairs are being done.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Mr. Stovall that the block walls could not be replaced with chain link fencing

Mr. Stovall commented:

- At one time, the runs were all chain link fencing
- State mandated the replacement of chain link fencing with the block walls, dogs can't have any interaction with other dogs

Commissioner Lankford requested staff check to see if chain link fencing could be used in the new adoption facility if placed far enough apart to keep dogs from interacting with each other.

Mr. Stovall reiterated Manager Morris' request to move the item to today's Action Agenda.

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

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

### **Proposed Bids – Solid Waste – Landfill Erosion Repairs**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding proposed bids for Landfill Erosion Repairs:

- This is a discovery that has been found at the landfill and must be corrected
- So far it has not done any damage to adjoining properties
- Want to get it repaired before DENR inspection is done
- Quotes were received to repair soil erosion on the north-slope of cell #2 at the County Landfill.
- Request for quotes were sent to:
  - Neal Grading
  - East Grading
  - Barry Edwards Grading
  - Plant-it-Earth
  - Ramey
  - R. E. Griffin
  - Stewarts Grading
  - Kent Fulp.
- The following quotes were received before the 5:00 pm Tuesday March 31, 2015 deadline:

|               |                     |                          |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ○ \$34,500.00 | William V Fulp Inc. | 30 days to complete work |
| ○ \$45,000.00 | Ramey Inc.          | 30 days to complete work |
| ○ \$46,500.00 | Neal Grading        | 45 days to complete work |
| ○ \$49,760.00 | East Landscaping    | 30 days to complete work |
| ○ \$55,684.00 | Stewarts Grading    | 30 days to complete work |
- The following did not respond:
  - Barry Edwards Grading
  - Plant-It-Earth
  - R.E. Griffin
- Funding Source: Contingency Fund
- Public Works Director Mark Delehant and Danny Stovall recommend to move forward with the low bidder, William V Fulp, at a cost of \$34,500.00
- These repairs need to be completed as soon as possible.
- Manager Morris provided the following information from a post closure letter with post closure conditions of a landfill:
  - Final Cover System: The integrity and effectiveness of the final cover system and any permanent erosion control devices must be maintained. This could include making repairs to the cover as necessary to correct the effects of settlement, subsidence, erosion, or other events

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with information provided by Manager Morris and agreed to place the item along with a Budget Amendment on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

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

**Proposed Resolution – In Support of Reallocating the Distribution of Sales Tax From Point-of-Sale to Per-Capita Basis**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed resolution in Support Of Reallocating the Distribution of Sales Tax from Point-of Sale to Per-Capita Basis for the Board's consideration:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REALLOCATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SALES TAX FROM POINT-OF-SALE TO PER-CAPITA BASIS**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 369 is currently pending in the legislature, and is entitled "An Act to Phase-In the Conversion of the Local Sales and Use Taxes Authorized Under Articles 39, 40, and 42 to a State Sales and Use Tax that is Allocated to the Counties and Cities on a Per Capita Basis as a Local Revenue Source"; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill #369 would result in approximately 80 of the 100 counties in North Carolina receiving increased sales tax revenue compared to the current allocation method; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's current method of distributing sales tax is based on each county's share of where sales occur. This point-of-sale collection results in greater distribution of sales tax revenue to the more populated and urban counties that have a greater number of retail outlets, and results in fewer proceeds to rural counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the projected impact of the change proposed in Senate Bill 369 for Stokes County would result in an increase of approximately \$6 million annually by Fiscal Year 2018-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners believes the per capita method of sales tax distribution, which was used earlier in North Carolina, is still the fairest method for a majority of North Carolina Counties, though minor concerns do exist over language in the bill removing all local sales tax authority making these revenues subject the state's annual appropriations process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners that it supports a change in the allocation of local sales and use taxes from the point-of-sale method to the per capita method.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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**Chairman Ronda Jones**

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**Commissioner J. Leon Inman**

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**Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker**

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**Commissioner Ernest Lankford**

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**Commissioner James D. Booth**

Attest:

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

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following:

- The proposed resolution is similar to one approved in Rockingham County
- This is a very time sensitive item that needs immediately action today
- Request the item be moved to today's Action Agenda

Chairman Ronda Jones opened the floor for discussion.

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

Commissioner Inman noted that this was a very hot topic at the NCACC District Meetings recently attended by Commissioner Booth, Commissioner Lankford, County Manager Morris and myself.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Recently spoke to another commissioner from another county who was very concerned about the message from NCACC regarding this bill
- Would like to know if anyone knows if this has been taken care of yet?
- The other commissioner had stated that if NCACC is opposing this action, they would probably drop out of NCACC

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Don't think the NCACC wanted to come out and say it, but offered many suggestions for the reason not to do it

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Feel the Association is trying to be politically correct
- NCACC represents all 100 counties

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Hope NCACC can find a way to not step on the toes of the rural counties

County Manager Morris noted the need for the false narratives to be fixed.

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

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



### **External Posting – Health Department and Emergency Medical Services**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following requests to post externally:

- Health Department
  - Public Health Nurse II – Prenatal Nurse/Clinic Nurse
  - There are no qualified employees that will meet the state requirements
  - Would like to get this vacancy filled before Director Lenhart's leaving if possible
- Emergency Medical Services
  - EMS Paramedic/Intermediate
  - Currently vacant position is being advertised internally
  - Do not know if there will be a qualified applicant to apply
  - Would request approval to post externally if no qualified applicant applies/qualifies
- Request to move to today's Action Agenda in order to expedite the hiring process
- Both departments are revenue departments for the County

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

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

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

### **Meadows Community Water System – Ground Water Exploration**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding Ground Water Exploration:

- Water and Sewer Task Force met on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential options regarding water to the Meadows Area (second meeting to discuss the closeout of the current sewer project and possible future water project)
- County funded Phase I which included the design for a water system to come from South Stokes Fire Department area
- Water is provided by a well to the Early College and will be available for the community college
- Does not provide water to the Meadows intersection where economic development may occur
- The Task Force was provided an initial option in the amount of \$6,109,787 which includes the finding of water:
  - Task Force was not pleased with the initial option – too expensive

- The Task Force was then provided with the following other two options which puts the responsibility of finding the water in the hands of the County:
  - Option A at a cost of \$3,871,800
    - Provides water for economic development at the Meadows intersection and 4 miles of line extension toward South Stokes Fire Department
    - Would use a ground tank versus an elevated tank
  - Option B at a cost of \$2,536,640
    - Provides water for economic development at the Meadows intersection and only does 1.25 miles of line extension
    - Would also use a ground tank
- The Board must first decide if they wish to continue with the water project to address possible economic development needs in the Meadows area at the intersection
- The Task Force unanimously agreed to direct the manager to request funding approval from the Board of Commissioners for Ground Water Exploration
- As part of a first phase of a community water system to support economic development in the Meadows Community and in particular, the intersection of Dodgetown Road and NC \* HWY, I am requesting funding not to exceed \$30,000 to locate two wells suitable for being utilized as public water supply wells
- With near completion of a waste water system in the area, this would be the next step to provide improved infrastructure to the area
- The goal would be to get some or all of the \$30,000 reimbursed from grants if the project goes forward
- The funding would be used to draft a legal binding “offer to purchase” document, dig a minimum of two wells and perform necessary laboratory analysis to confirm the absence of contaminants
- The agreed upon purchase price for any property where a suitable well is found will be no more than 5% above the county tax value which would be returned to the Board for approval
- Would invite the Task Force members to add any additional information

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Jones confirmed with Manager Morris that the basic difference between Option A and B is the amount of line extension.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- First questioned, when was the Task Force was formed?

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- Task Force was formed by the Board of Commissioners approximately two years ago

Commissioner Inman responded:

- The Board of Commissioners made a decision to do a break away project – do the sewer project and put the water project on hold

- There has been no further authorizations since that decision
- That is why this is back to this Board today, to make a decision

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- Started this sewer project with adequate water at the community college site
- Had a similar situation at the crossroads of Mountainview and HWY #66 where a new school was built (approximately 800 students)
- Don't see businesses exactly "bursting at the seams" at that intersection; commercial property has been for sale there for a long time
- For the Board to proceed and wait for the businesses to come is a little bit of a risky concept
- No county funds are supposed to be involved in these projects
- Board did agree to guarantee a grant, but the Board agreed to do the water and sewer projects with grant funding
- This is all new information and a lot of information to absorb
- Don't like surprises
- Need time to process the information
- My information regarding enterprise funds is that anything done for the fund has to be paid for from the fund
- So the funding needed for finding the water would have to come from the enterprise fund
- Has anything been done to figure a way to recover the cost of locating the two wells, if paid for by the County?

Commissioner Inman commented:

- This is not a surprise, this is information that this entire Board needed to know about
- Task Force wanted to make sure all members of Board of Commissioners knew all the information
- There is plenty of water for the community college
- This county does not have to spend any funding for water for the community college except to hook it up
- This Board authorized Charles Anderson to look at the possibility of bringing water from South Stokes Fire Department with an elevated tank to the Meadows area as opposed to taking the water along the sewer route from Danbury
- When it came back, estimated cost \$6 million
- My feeling is that most people along the route will not hook up as they prefer to keep well water instead of paying for water
- Charles Anderson requested the second meeting to look at other possible options:
  - Option A – would be for economic development to the Meadows intersection with 4 miles of line extension down HWY#8 towards South Stokes Fire Department possibly picking up some residential customers and a ground tank
  - Option B – would be for economic development at the Meadows intersection with 1.5 miles of line extension and a ground tank

Chairman Jones commented:

- Agree there will probably not be a lot of residential customers with the 4 mile extension, most do prefer well water
- Option B can always be added too – additional line extensions

Commissioner Booth commented:

- County funds paid for the initial design for the water and sewer project
- Talking about \$30,000 to do two wells
- Wish Public Works Director Mark Delehant had been able to attend today's meeting
- The well at the college site is estimated at 40 gallons a minute
- Required to put a fire suppression tank for the community college
- Would like to know if the 40 gallon a minute well will provide enough water to serve the Meadows intersection?

County Manager Morris responded:

- Director Delehant has been in all the meetings and he states that the well at the community college site will not serve the Meadows intersection

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Would like to know the number of gallons the well that was recently drilled for the Danbury Water System is getting?
- That well is serving the Town of Danbury, Governmental Center, and Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes
- At one time, we discussed taking the water from Danbury to the community college site
- That would mean we would have enough water to do the Town, Government Center, Pioneer, and the new community college
- Would like to compare the two wells
- Would like to know if the existing well on the community college site would serve the college and possibly 3-4 businesses at the Meadows intersection?
- Must consider, it may take 2-3 years to get additional businesses in that area, it is not a guarantee
- Not ready to make any decision right now
- Don't want to even look at the \$6 million option
- Option A has \$426,800 for Grant Project Management Costs along with \$450,000 for Design/Engineering/Construction Management Costs
- Option B has \$328,640 for Grant Project Management Costs along with \$593,000 for Design/Engineering/Construction Management Costs
- Wonder if there could be a well drilled and connected to a 100,000 gallon tank in the area similar to the recent tank installed – saving all the design fees?

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Talked a lot about both options in our meetings
- Committee would not consider anything but Option B

- If you have sufficient wells, you would have the option to go after the grant funding for the project
- Right now, the Task Force is recommending to drill two wells to at least know there is available water
- After that, can consider going after the grant funding for the full project
- Calculations have been done to verify that there is not enough water to furnish businesses at the Meadows Intersection

Chairman Jones commented:

- When I saw using PilotView to obtain grant funding, I knew it would be more money
- Is there no way to find our own funding for this project?

Vice Chairman Walker suggested putting the engineering services out for bids.

County Manager Morris responded:

- Have already talked to two other engineering firms that have stated there is no grant funding available
- Do not have the enough internal staff to hunt for the money
- Lot of engineering firms will seek funding if you hire them, reiterated that two individual firms have been approached and do not have any interest in seeking funding due to no grant funding available
- Have one guy who thinks he can get funding and that is Charles Anderson
- Charles thinks there is a high probability of getting the \$2 million within the next two years

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Charles may can find grant funding, but feel that some of the grants for the sewer project the County could have obtained themselves

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Having the available water could possibly give the county a better chance to receive grant funding

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Still need to know what the existing well on the community college site can do

County Manager Morris responded:

- This has already been discussed in the meetings and the well will not provide enough water

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Would like to discuss that with Director Delehant and some other engineers

Chairman Jones commented:

- The one thing we have got to have is enough water for economic development in the Meadows area, otherwise all this discussion is a waste

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that property owners would be allowed to hook up if either project was approved.

Vice Chairman Walker noted that he was in the information phase, not approving phase.

Commissioner Inman noted that is why the information is being provided to the Board today.

Chairman Jones confirmed with Task Force Members Inman and Lankford that today's Agenda item is for discussion regarding the drilling of two wells.

County Manager Morris noted:

- With the two new wells, the county would know the availability of water and how much
- Wells could be capped and used when funding was available for the project
- Identifying the water source would not be a wasted issue.

County Manager Morris noted the other issue is whether you want to continue the project with Charles Anderson seeking the grant funding, if not, I am sure they have other projects to work on.

County Manager Morris noted that every time you do a project, you have to have dollars in the project just as you did in the sewer project approximately \$300,000; don't believe there are any grants out there that don't require some type of match.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that there is no grant funding in the sewer project to repay the County the amount that was spent for the design.

Vice Chairman Walker questioned:

- Is there any information regarding any type of business that has expressed interest in locating at the Meadows intersection?

County Manager Morris responded:

- No, there is no infrastructure there for a business

Vice Chairman Walker referred back to his earlier comments regarding the crossroads in King where there has been available land for years.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Not sure there will be businesses wanting to come to that area
- Does anyone know the traffic count in that particular area?

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- You already have the Early College and with the community college, you have a projection of having at least 1,000 people in and out of those schools everyday
- Believe there would be a food vendor who might want to locate there

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Thought we wanted to do economic development in Stokes County, if not, let's just say no and be done with it

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- We don't have an extravagant amount of funds in Stokes County
- We have to make every dollar we spend count
- We couldn't even put anyone in the Economic Development office, we closed that department
- We have to watch every dollar we spend for economic development, so we have to make it count
- This all maybe well and good
- No one has been able to give me the information that this is not a "pipe dream"
- It may be viable, it may not be
- Can someone help me get more of the pieces together?

Chairman Jones stated this is only for discussion today.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- If you spend \$30,000 for wells, then you are committing to one of these projects
- Have a Dollar General that is already there with septic and water
- Another business could mostly likely get water and put in septic

County Manager Morris responded:

- When you are trying to get grant funding, most funding organizations want to be guaranteed there are new jobs being created
- When most businesses are looking for location, the first question pertains to water and sewer
- Most look somewhere else since we only have sewer to offer

Chairman Jones commented:

- When looking at economic development, we have to consider the quality of life – lighting, signage, etc.

- Would hate for that intersection to look like every other place else

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Would like to thank Commissioner Inman and Lankford for presenting the information

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda.

County Manager Morris requested commissioners to send any questions they may have about the information presented today.

### **Fiscal Year 2015-16 Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance – Contract Renewal**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the contract renewal for FY 2015-16 Health, Dental and Vision Insurance:

- Have received the quotes from NC League of Municipalities which is a 20% increase
- Looking at some other options
- Claims experience is a big factor with the renewal rate
- Claims experience has not been very good this past year
- There was no increase for FY 2014-15
- Will have final figures at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Will plan for competition next year
- If no changes made will result in approximately \$300,000 increase for FY 2015-16
- There is a small minimal increase for dental approximately \$.25 per employee per month
- Will need to make a decision by the end of April

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- There is going to be savings on the property/liability and workers compensation insurance

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Reiterated that there was no increase last year
- Have actually saved during the past two years

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the April 27<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda.



### **Appointment – Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the mandatory Sheriff's Department appointment to the Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council:

- Sheriff's Department appointee, Debbie Tuttle, is no longer able to attend the Animal Control Advisory Council's meeting
- Sheriff Mike Marshall has recommended Terry Dalton to replace Debbie Tuttle
- With this being an internal appointment recommended by the Sheriff, request the item be moved to today's Action Agenda for appointment
- There is an upcoming scheduled meeting

Chairman Jones opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Terry Dalton.

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Commissioner Lankford moved to place the item on today's Action Agenda. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

#### **U.S. Motto Action Committee – Facility Signage Request**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion regarding the request to place "In God We Trust" on the county facilities which was requested at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to place the National Motto on the Government Center Courthouse. Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for any further discussion.

Chairman Jones commented:

- Want to make this clear, this is not the county's initiative, it is the US Motto Action Committee's initiative
- We are not clear of having a lawsuit, but this group has assured me that they will fund anything that comes up
- I am not willing to spend any taxpayers' dollars to defend it
- Have no personal problem with it
- Hope I live to see the day when we start doing things that are all inclusive of all people
- To protect our freedoms, we have to allow others to have theirs

Commissioner Booth commented:

- This is our national motto

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointments – Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**

Chairman Jones noted the following was nominated at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to serve as a "commissioner appointment" on the Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

- Robin Riddlebarger, Hanging Rock State Park Superintendent

Chairman Jones opened the floor for any further nominations.

There were no further nominations.

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

Chairman Jones polled the Board:

Commissioner Lankford: Robin Riddlebarger

Commissioner Inman: Robin Riddlebarger

Chairman Jones: Robin Riddlebarger

Vice Chairman Walker: Robin Riddlebarger

Commissioner Booth: Robin Riddlebarger

Chairman Jones noted that Robin Riddlebarger was unanimously appointed as a "commissioner appointment" to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

### **Appointments – Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the following were nominated at the March 23<sup>rd</sup>

meeting to serve on the Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council:

- Citizen Appointment (two vacancies)
  - Ted Kitzmiller
  - Leslie Staples
  - Sarah Johnson
- Animal Advocacy Organization (one vacancy)
  - Candis Loy

Clerk Bullins noted that county staff had received two applications for the citizen appointments:

- Sue Tuttle
- Shirley Weatherman

Commissioner Inman confirmed with Clerk Bullins that Ted Kitzmiller and Leslie Staples had requested to be considered for reappointment.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for any further nominations for the citizen appointments.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Jones polled the Board:

Commissioner Booth: Ted Kitzmiller, Leslie Staples

Vice Chairman Walker: Ted Kitzmiller, Leslie Staples

Chairman Jones: Ted Kitzmiller, Leslie Staples

Commissioner Inman: Ted Kitzmiller, Leslie Staples

Commissioner Lankford: Ted Kitzmiller, Leslie Staples

Chairman Jones noted that Ted Kitzmiller and Leslie Staples were unanimously re-appointed to serve on Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council as citizen appointees.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for any further nominations for the Animal Advocacy Organization appointment.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Booth moved to close the nominations. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones polled the Board:

Commissioner Lankford: Candis Loy  
Commissioner Inman: Candis Loy  
Chairman Jones: Candis Loy  
Vice Chairman Walker: Candis Loy  
Commissioner Booth: Candis Loy

Chairman Jones noted that Candis Loy was unanimously re-appointed to serve on Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council as an Animal Advocacy appointee.

#### **Stokes County Economic Development Commission**

Chairman Jones noted the following were nominated at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to serve on the Stokes Economic Development Commission (filling the unexpired term of Sam Hill):

- Kathy Loveday
- Larry Snyder

Chairman Jones noted that county staff had received one application for the vacancy:

- Joe McKenzie

Chairman Jones opened the floor for any further nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Commissioner Booth moved to close the nominations. Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion.

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Reviewed Mr. McKenzie application and suggested his application be kept on file for further appointments

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones polled the Board:

Commissioner Inman: Kathy Loveday  
Commissioner Lankford: Larry Snyder  
Commissioner Booth: Larry Snyder  
Vice Chairman Walker: Kathy Loveday  
Chairman Jones: Larry Snyder

Chairman Jones noted that Larry Snyder was appointed by a majority to serve on the Stokes County Economic Development Commission.

**Proposed Bids – Animal Shelter Repairs**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion regarding the proposed bids for Animal Shelter Repairs submitted at today's meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to accept the bid in the amount of \$16,695 from Resource Painting and Sand Blasting for the Animal Shelter floor repairs. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Proposed Resolution – In Support of Reallocating the Distribution of Sales Tax from Point-of-Sale to Per-Capita Basis**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion regarding the proposed Resolution in Support of Reallocating the Distribution of Sales Tax from Point-of Sale to Per-Capita presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Resolution in Support of Reallocating the Distribution of Sales Tax from Point-of Sale to Per-Capita presented at today's meeting. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**External Posting – Health Department and Emergency Medical Services**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion regarding the requested at today's meeting to externally post vacant Public Health Nurse II and EMS Paramedic/Intermediate positions.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the motion to post externally vacant Public Health

Nurse II and EMS Paramedic/Intermediate positions. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment – Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council**

Chairman Jones polled the Board regarding the appointment of Terry Dalton, recommendation of Sheriff Mike Marshall, to the Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford: Terry Dalton  
Commissioner Inman: Terry Dalton  
Chairman Jones: Terry Dalton  
Vice Chairman Walker: Terry Dalton  
Commissioner Booth: Terry Dalton

Chairman Jones noted the Board unanimously appointed Terry Dalton to serve on the Stokes County Animal Control Advisory Council.

**Adjournment**

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

Vice Chairman Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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**Ronda Jones**  
**Chairman**