

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  
AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 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  
DSS Director Stacey Elmes  
EMS Director Greg Collins  
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall  
Public Works Director Mark Delehant  
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

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

Commissioner Booth 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 August 10, 2015 Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the August 10<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:

- 4H State President
  - Stokes County 4H Member Killian Davis has been elected as the State 4H Vice President for upcoming year
  - Brandon Hartman just finished his term as State 4H Secretary/Treasurer
  - These folks are doing very well in 4H and representing Stokes County
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  - Assistant Medical Directors
    - EMS has two new Assistant Medical Directors at no cost to the County
    - These Assistant Medical Directors are part of the Emergency Physicians Fellowship led by Dr. Darrell Nelson – Stokes County Medical Director
    - For one year, the following will be named as Assistant Medical Directors for Stokes County EMS:
      - Dr. Bryan Beaver
      - Dr. Kevin Ryan
    - This is a rotation program with Stokes getting new Assistant Medical Directors each year
  - American Heart Association 2015 Bronze Award for Heart Attack Care
    - Stokes EMS has received the American Heart Association 2015 Bronze Award for Heart Attack Care
  - Regional EMS Competition
    - Paramedics Tim Settle and Chris Chandler recently won the regional competition of the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Competition
    - Settle and Chandler will compete at the State Paramedic Competition held in Greensboro on Sunday, October 4, 2015
  - Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
    - The Stokes County Sheriff's Department and Stokes County EMS just completed a CIT 40-hour course and are now better trained to serve our behavioral health clients
    - EMS received a \$5,000 Grant from the NC Department of Health and Human Services to pay the attendees
    - In the near future, those paramedics who are CIT trained will be able to bring in a small amount of revenue for assessments completed on clients in the event they are not transported
    - EMS will be able to provide assessments and referrals with the assistance of CenterPoint

- CenterPoint will be billed \$200 for each assessment
- Emergency Management
  - Mass Shelter
    - The electric transfer switch, approved in the FY 2015-16 budget, has been installed at London Elementary (Gym) which will enable the school to be the First Mass Shelter in Stokes County to have power capabilities with our generator in the event of power failure
  - American Red Cross
    - American Red Cross has completed their emergency shelter inspections and determined Stokes County has (11) eleven sites pre-designated as shelters

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life – “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light to my path” Psalm
- Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC)
  - Attended the meeting last week
  - PTRC announced several grants with one being a \$30,000 grant from The Women’s Foundation
  - PTRC approved the League of Municipalities for their Worker’s Compensation
    - Was discussed looking into the NC Association of County Commissioners’ Insurance Pool next year

Commissioner Inman commented:

- Good to see everyone here today
- Good to see people attending the meetings and getting involved in what is going on in the County
- Your voices do make a difference
- Your voices are being heard every time you speak, I can assure you of that
- Chaired the last meeting of the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Mental Health TaskForce on July 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Will be presenting the final report at the NCACC Annual Conference next week

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Welcome everyone here today
- Must have enjoyed the previous meeting, you came back
- Very encouraged with the news regarding EMS – Bronze Award and winners of the Regional EMS Paramedic Competition
  - Briefly spoke about when EMS started the 12 Lead EKG System which transfers information about the patient to the emergency room; staff then can be prepared for the patient upon arrival at the emergency room
  - We are a rural county that does not have a hospital on every corner; EMS is very important to the citizens in Stokes County
  - Try to provide the necessary equipment for EMS if possible, do not believe we currently have a frontline ambulance more than three years old

- This is a service that Stokes County can be proud of
- Try to attend all 4H Programs if possible
  - Have and will always be a firm believer and supporter of 4H and what it does for our young people
  - Very proud to see our folks achieving good things for our county
  - It is a blessing to me when I hear Stokes County folks doing good in this area
  - Brings positive attention to Stokes County

Chairman Jones commented:

- Will be attending the NCACC Conference next week also, along with several other meetings scheduled

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone today
- Commissioner Lankford and I attended a news conference sponsored by Senator Brown in Raleigh about two weeks ago regarding the Fair Sales Tax Bill
- That bill is very important to Stokes County and other rural counties (approximately 80 rural counties in NC)
- Planning on attending another meeting this Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Hope this bill is approved – sales tax revenue will be calculated per capita instead of point of sale
- Most of our citizens are going out of the county for purchases

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following spoke during Public Comments:

Chairman Jones noted that each speaker had three minutes to speak.

**Matthew F. Poston**

2591 Dodgetown Road

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: **Environmental Concern**

Mr. Poston presented the following comments:

- This is my first time speaking to the commission and there is a reason as to why I am here today
- I am a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in an adjoining county
- I am a 13-year resident of Stokes County
- I relocated to Stokes County for its innate beauty and peacefulness and to be close to other family that had relocated to Stokes
- My children, the ones I educate, for I have none of my own, are the reason I am here today
- I have been mute long enough on the issue of fracking
- I have educated many children over the years
- Education has transformed in many ways in the past years which I believe is for the better; many think it is not

- Where I was shielded from many social issues when I was younger, students today are far more socially aware of current events due to their use of social media
- For example, during a weekly round table discussion, the students and I take a portion of our class period on Friday to discuss any science related issue which encompasses almost anything, since life is science
- I started off by recognizing a hand and a student stated, “Mr. Poston, I was on Twitter where I follow National Geographic and they stated the sun would eventually burn us up”
- I knew what this student was referring to, but I asked for clarification just to be sure
- She stated, “that stars (she reminded all us that the sun is a star), as they grow older, start to die, become larger and larger and eventually die in an explosion
- The sun will eventually get so big, it will be so close to earth, everything will burn up
- She followed up with, “I do not want to burn up”
- Noticing the fear in the students’ eyes, I reassured them this is scientifically true, but will not happen in your lifetime, our children’s children’s lifetime, or for many millions of years, which calmed the worry in their faces
- But as a teacher, I lack the superpower to see into their heart
- As all teachers should, one superpower I do possess is the ability to acknowledge teachable moments
- I informed by students, people that inhabit the earth will destroy nature and everything provided to us for our survival long before the sun perishes

Chairman Jones called time

Mr. Poston questioned Chairman Jones regarding the 30-minute time on the Agenda.

Chairman Jones noted each speaker has three minutes and would request if he could have additional time from the other Board members at the end of Public Comments.

At the end of the Public Comments, it was the consensus of the Board to allow Mr. Poston to have an additional three minutes to continue his comments as this being his first time and did not understand the three-minute time limit.

Chairman Jones noted this was a one-time exception.

Mr. Poston continued:

- This time, blank faces appeared, so I elaborated
- We, as a society, have dumped a tremendous amount of policies and laws that have detrimental effect on our earth
- I just ask that you educate yourselves concerning what you can achieve to continue being good stewards of the Earth
- Many more clarifications were made and many more questions were asked
- I will not burden you with the full synopsis due to time constraints
- Therefore, this leads me full circle
- Without being partisan and pushing any agenda, I informed my students there are much more grave dangers in store for us than worrying when the sun was going to “burn them up”
- Just as I asked my students to educate themselves, I am asking you to educate yourselves further on the detriments of fracking

- Spend time touring the tortured landscape in Ohio and Pennsylvania that have deposits of Marcellus and Black Shale and West Virginia which is almost completely underlain with Marcellus Shale
- I can't ask my students to make a conscious statement of fact or state a hypothesis is correct without investigating factual evidence
- Otherwise, I can hold no one accountable but myself
- Therefore, if you fail to educate yourself on fracking and put the people of Stokes in danger of losing land rights, their right to healthy air and drinking water; you will be held accountable
- The laws related to fracking protect the fracking companies
- I ask that you push a moratorium through banning fracking in Stokes County, just as other counties have while you educate yourselves on the dangers of fracking
- There are many dangers, but no benefits
- In closing, I am not trying to scare any of you into submission or play upon pathos
- I am just simply stating that you will never be satisfied if you do not seize this moment
- Do you want to spend the rest of your years wondering if you made the right decision?
- There is no price that can be placed on peace of mind
- Mahatma Gandhi stated, "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed"
- Experiencing the fear of impending doom on the face of my students, our youth, your children (whom I love and care about deeply), your grandchildren and our future is something I never want to experience
- Think of the fear of the students in Sandy Hook, when the gunman entered their "safe place" and destroyed so many lives and scarred many others
- The fear those teachers saw on the face of their youth, I can't imagine the sorrow
- Today, each Stokes County resident is staring down the barrel of a loaded gun; one, which the fracking companies have aimed at Stokes County
- It is your move
- Together, let us allow the earth to continue to satisfy our needs, educate one another, and do what is right for Stokes County
- I ask you for a moratorium because, this is my safe place

**Tracey B. Edwards**

2271 Martin King Jr. Road

Walnut Cove, NC

**RE: Environmental Questions**

Ms. Edwards presented the following comments:

- I am here to speak about the fracking as well
- I am a citizen of the community and live between the issues of Duke Energy's coal ash pond and the fracking at Walnut Tree
- Have some questions that I would like to ask you
- The shale layer in Walnut Cove starts at 98 ft. below the surface and ends at 421 ft.
- That means the shale is in the aquifer
- What kind of plan does this Board have to provide emergency water for Walnut Cove and the Walnut Tree Community when the aquifer is poisoned by fracking into the aquifer?

- What funds and procedures are in place to test the water of the town's wells, to monitor for contamination when fracking chemicals, even though, it will be difficult to test for poisonous trade secret chemicals used when fracking?
- How will the community be informed of evacuation of the area if an emergency arises from the fracking?
- Is this County prepared to take on the cleanup cost and not pass the cleanup cost onto the citizens of this county because of a bad decision to frack here?
- We would like for you guys to think about that
- You said you listened to us
- We are representing today, this County, that we love; our communities that we love
- We just want to keep our environment clean

**Michael Kerley**  
 1150 NC 772 HWY  
 Pine Hall, NC  
 RE: **Fracking Ordinance**

Mr. Kerley presented the following comments:

- You have already heard from the citizens of Stokes County and others at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting as to why you need to enact ordinances to protect the citizens of Stokes County against the dangers of fracking
- They spoke from the heart
- They spoke not as Republicans, not as Democrats, but as citizens of Stokes
- Politics need to be put aside in this matter and you need to do what is best for Stokes County
- I served in the Air Force for twenty years, four years being in combat during Vietnam
- I voluntarily offered my life in defense of my country and its citizens, including you
- When our days on earth are done, we will be asked to explain whether or not we did everything possible to protect God's children and his creation from those who would cause them harm
- I can truthfully say that I have done my best
- What will you say to your creator?
- What will he say to you?
- "Well done, thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joyful of the Lord" or will he say to you – "I never knew you, depart from me"

**William Roughton**  
 2224 Horseshoe Road  
 Westfield, NC  
 Re: **Northwest Stokes/Francisco School**

Mr. Roughton presented the following comments:

- Following up on something that was just stated
- Everyone in this commission was elected as a Republican
- I overheard a person stating as we were moving to the Courtroom at the last meeting, "the anti-fracking and coal ash people and a lot of other issues seem to fall on party line"

- That is not the issue because many of these people here today are Republicans and Democrats
- When we come before this commission, we are not talking about party issues, we are talking about citizen issues
- As you have probably read in the newspaper, there have efforts to keep Francisco Elementary School open, but have failed
- The reason it failed was due to some decisions made several years ago that kind of made it become abandon during the past few years – too expensive to recover
- The community has come together, not just Francisco, but Francisco, Asbury, Collinstown, and other communities in the area
- Have realized that Northwest Stokes is not really getting the attention it needs to be getting probably because there are not as many voters in that area of the county
- We would like to say that we are part of the recovery of Stokes County's economics and would like for the Board to start looking at this area as a vibrant opportunity for this area
- Some of the things identified in our community meetings were health services, mental health counseling; many do not go get these services because they can't afford to go or they may not have a ride (People are told they have to go to Danbury or King for services)
- If there was a satellite office in this area, citizens could get the needed services, possibly using the former Francisco School grounds
- In that area, there are no services close by so citizens must go to Pilot Mountain, Mt. Airy, or Stuart which are easier drives
- People then spend their money there, as stated earlier in today's meeting regarding sales tax
- Need to plan to develop more economic development in that part of the County – small businesses, affordable housing, etc.
- Businesses in the area often struggle
- There things like the YMCA that would like to open in the area
- Keep thinking about the fact that we have a large facility in the northern part of the county that could be utilized by the County to help the northern part of the county
- My final point is that the commission is going to be offered that facility
- Would request that you do not make a quick decision, but make a deliberate thinking decision about what this facility could be used for in that area to help develop that part of the county and help the entire county

Chairman Jones called time

**Peggy Wert**

1440 Peewee Cromer Road

Danbury, NC

RE: **Fracking**

Ms. Wert presented the following comments:

- Fracking is in the same zone as your groundwater, fracking on or near a fault line, and fracking near a monstrous coal ash dam is felony stupid
- At the last meeting, we asked this commission to protect Stokes County with a moratorium and ordinances



- Understand the wheels of government don't turn too quickly, but know this, we are not going away until protections for our citizens, environment and way of life are put in place

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of June 4, 2015 – Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 19, 2015 – Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 22, 2015 – Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 29, 2015 – Budget Work Session
- Minutes of July 27, 2015 – Regular Meeting

### Register of Deeds - Budget Amendment #9

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #9.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>General Fund Transfer</b>				
100.9820.960	Transfer to Capital Reserve	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,603.00</u>	<u>\$102,603.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,603.00</b>	<b>\$102,603.00</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>				
201.4180.025	Register of Deeds	<u>\$34,547.00</u>	<u>\$2,603.00</u>	<u>\$37,150.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$34,547.00</b>	<b>\$2,603.00</b>	<b>\$37,150.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund for Register of Deeds Technology per General Statute 161-11.3.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$2,603.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>General Fund</b>				
100.3991.000	Fund Balance	<u>\$2,241,843.00</u>	<u>\$2,603.00</u>	<u>\$2,244,446.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,241,843.00</b>	<b>\$2,603.00</b>	<b>\$2,244,446.00</b>

201.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,603.00</u>	<u>\$102,603.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,603.00</b>	<b>\$102,603.00</b>

### **Register of Deeds - Budget Amendment #10**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #10.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
	<b>General Fund Transfer</b>			
100.9820.960	Transfer to Capital Reserve	<u>\$102,603.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$103,603.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$102,603.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$103,603.00</b>
	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>			
201.4180.025	Register of Deeds	<u>\$37,150.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$38,150.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$37,150.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$38,150.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund for donation to the Register of Deeds Technology Funds for the scanning of old records

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$1,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>			
100.3839.100	Register of Deeds-Misc.	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
201.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$102,603.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$103,603.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$102,603.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$103,603.00</b>

### **GIS/Mapping - Budget Amendment #11**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #11.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	<b>GIS/Mapping</b>			
100.4141.511	Equipment	\$00.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
	<b>Revaluation</b>			
100.4142.440	Misc. Contractual Services	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$(6,000.00)</u>	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds to purchase a server for the Mapping information to interface with the new tax software

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$00.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

#### **Tax Administration - Budget Amendment #12**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #12.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	<b>Tax Department</b>			
100.4140.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$183,000.00	\$(6,500.00)	\$176,500.00
100.4340.511	Equipment – Non Capitalized	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$6,500.00</u>	<u>\$6,500.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$183,000.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$183,000.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds to upgrade EMS software to a Cloud version and to purchase a computer

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$00.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

#### **E911 - Budget Amendment #13**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #13.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>E911 Fund</b>				
200.4325.350	Maint. & Repairs – Equipment	\$171,800.00	\$(6,000.00)	\$165,800.00
200.4325.510	Equipment	<u>\$107,800.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$113,800.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$279,600.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$279,600.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds to purchase a server for the new ProQA Paramont software.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$00.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

#### **Emergency Medical Services - Budget Amendment #14**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #14.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>				
100.4370.511	Equipment Non-Capital	\$00.00	\$6,120.00	\$6,120.00
<b>Contingency</b>				
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$125,000.00</u>	<u>\$(6,120.00)</u>	<u>\$118,880.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency to purchase rearview cameras for the EMS Vehicles for safety.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$00.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

#### **Finance - Budget Amendment #15**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #15.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	<b>Finance</b>			
100.4130.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$66,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$78,050.00
	<b>Revaluation</b>			
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$118,880.00	\$(11,500.00)	\$107,330.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$118,880.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$185,380.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds Contingency for the setup of the new finance server. Funds were in Fiscal Year 2014-15 and the work was delayed due to the software company was not ready for Windows 12. The funds were not transferred to Capital Reserve.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$00.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

**Proposed Resolution – Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails**

Commissioner Inman presented the following proposed Resolution “Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails” to the Board for review at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for consideration at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails**

**WHEREAS**, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jails each year; and

**WHEREAS**, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in confinement facilities are three to six times higher than for the general population, with statistics showing that almost 13% of North Carolina's prison population requires some type of intervention due to mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

**WHEREAS**, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses can continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals, their families, and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, county jails are generally an unsafe environment for those with mental health treatment needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has undertaken a serious effort to address the local service needs of those with mental illnesses through the appointment of a special Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, Stokes County, like all counties, takes pride in our responsibilities to protect and enhance the health, wealth, and safety of our residents in efficient, safe, and socially just ways; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Stepping Up Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging counties to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the **Board of Commissioners, Stokes County**,

1. That the Board of Commissioners does hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail and commits to sharing lessons learned with other counties in North Carolina and across the country to support the Stepping Up Initiative; and
2. That the Board of Commissioners will utilize resources available through the Stepping Up Initiative and other resources provided by the Council of State Governments Justice Center to convene a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies who are committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and
3. That this team will utilize the comprehensive resources available through the Stepping Up Initiative to develop a plan to reduce the number of people with mental illness in the county jail for 2016-2020, consistent with the Council of State Governments Justice Center report and recommendations, to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at its first meeting in December 2015.

Passed and Approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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Ronda Jones - Chairman

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Jimmy Walker – Vice Chairman

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J. Leon Inman - Commissioner

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Ernest Lankford- Commissioner

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James D. Booth – Commissioner

Attest:

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Darlene M. Bullins – Clerk to the Board

August 10, 2015

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

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

Chairman Jones noted there were no items for today's Information Agenda.

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

### **Tax Administration Report – July 2015**

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

<b>Fiscal Year 2015-16</b>	<b>Budget Amt</b>	<b>Collected Amt</b>	<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>Under Budget</b>
<b>Current 2015 Taxes</b>	\$20,083,177.00	\$171,085.604		\$19,912,091.40
<b>New Schools F-Tech Fund</b>	\$1,295,689.00	\$16,487.80		\$1,279,201.20
<b>Prior Taxes</b>				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$675,000.00	\$55,035.09		\$619,964.91

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

<b>Audit Dates</b>	<b>Accts</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Taxes Due</b>
(07-01-15/07-31-15)	4	\$15,804.00	\$134.07
(07-01-15/06-30-16)	4	\$15,804.00	\$134.07

#### **Motor Vehicle Release Report**

**Audit Dates**  
Assessment through NC  
Department of Motor Vehicles

#### **Garnishment Totals**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Accounts</b>	<b>Original Levy Amount</b>	<b>Collected Amount</b>
(07-01-15/7-31-15)	40	\$34,951.47	\$16,771.74
<b>F/Year 2015-16</b>			
(07-1-15/6-30-16)	40	\$34,951.47	\$16,771.74

#### **Interstate Collection Report**

<b>July 2015</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Total Collected</b>
Cumulative Total Collected to Date	NC Debt Setoff	<b>\$234,670.46</b>
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	Motor Vehicles	\$134,069.61
Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	Property Taxes	\$49,137.22

Cumulative Total Collected (to date)	EMS	<u>\$298,837.99</u>
Collected (to date)	All Categories	<u>\$482,044.82</u>

### Collection of New State Motor Vehicle Billings

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Collection of New State Motor Vehicle Billing for the Board's review:

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

**June 2015**

#### **New VTS System**

<b>Tax Code</b>	<b>Levy</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Billing</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Billed</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Made</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Collected</b>
City of King	\$19,310	\$159	None	-\$1,1013	\$18,456
King Car Fee	\$2,625	\$21	None	None	\$2,646
Walnut Cove Town	\$3,530	\$35	None	-\$160	\$3,405
Danbury Town	\$144	None	None	-\$7	\$137
School Tax	\$12,373	\$89	-\$12	-\$575	\$11,875
King Fire	\$3,488	\$19	-\$5	-\$162	\$3,340
Rural Hall Fire	\$680	\$8	None	-\$31	\$657
Walnut Cove Fire	\$2,054	\$16	-\$1	-\$95	\$1,974
General County	\$185,586	\$1,329	-\$180	-\$8,628	\$178,107
Service Fire	\$10,339	\$71	-\$14	-\$483	\$9,913
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$240,129</b>	<b>\$1,747</b>	<b>(\$212)</b>	<b>(\$11,154)</b>	<b>\$230,510</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	\$234,125.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 6,090</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(11,665.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$1.92</b>	Total Net Collected	\$222,460.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Town of Walnut Cove	\$33,971.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 1,306</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(1,612.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$1.23</b>	Total Net Collected	\$32,359.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Town of Danbury	\$3,219.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 187</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(155.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.83</b>	Total Net Collected	\$3,064.00



<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	F Tech/School Fund	\$140,610.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 54,011</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(6,846.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.13</b>	Total Net Collected	\$133,746.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	King Fire District	\$37,329.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 7,514</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(1,835.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.24</b>	Total Net Collected	\$35,494.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Rural Hall Fire District	\$7,037.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 1,558</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(336.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.22</b>	Total Net Collected	\$6,701.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Walnut Cove Fire Dist.	\$23,164.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 5,030</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(1,116.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.22</b>	Total Net Collected	\$22,048.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	General County	\$2,109,043.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 54,011</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(102,726.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$1.90</b>	Total Net Collected	\$2,006,317.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected to date (NCVTS) system</b>	Service Fire District	\$123,366.00
<b>Total Vehicles Billed Per Tax Code 31,011</b>	Total Expenses	<u>\$(5,998.00)</u>
<b>Average Cost per Bill = \$0.19</b>	Total Net Collected	\$117,368.00
<b>Total Cumulative Collected NCVTS through June (all tax districts)</b>		<b>\$2,711,864.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses for NCVTS through June (all tax districts)</b>		<b>\$ (132,289.00)</b>
<b>Total net collected for NCVTS through June (all tax districts)</b>		<b>\$2,579,575.00</b>
<b>Average cost per total billings through June</b>		<b>\$2.45 per bill</b>

**Lowest cost billed = \$2.22 (County, School Fund, Service Fire based on 54,011 cars)**  
**Highest cost billed = \$3.95 (County, School Fund, King City based on 6,090 cars)**

### **EMS Billing & Collections for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following EMS Billing & Collections Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for the Board's review:

Transports				Medicare Medicaid Non	Other Non	Collection
Month	Billed	Charged	Collected	Billable*	Billable*	Rate
Jul-15	481	\$264,725.10	\$1,419,902.31	\$44,654.00	\$5,450.71	53.02%
Aug-15						
Sep-15						
Oct-15						
Nov-15						
Dec-15						
Jan-16						
Feb-16						
Mar-16						
Apr-16						
May-16						
Jun-16						
Totals	481	\$264,725.10	\$1,419,902.31	\$44,654.00	\$5,450.71	53.02%

Non Billable are contractual obligation, amount for which the patient can't be billed

### **2012-2013 Motor Vehicles Bills**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the 2012-13

Motor Vehicles Bills:

- The Tax Office will, in the near future, be sending 2012-2013 past due motor vehicle bills to DataMax for debt collection
- These amounts cover all remaining past due motor vehicle bills processed prior to implementation of the New NCVTS Motor Vehicle Billing System
- The sending of this data base to DataMax will catch us up with all delinquent billings prior to switching to the new VTS Motor Vehicle Billing System

### **NCPTS (Farragut Supported) Data Migration Report**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding NCPTS

(Farragut Supported) Data Migration Report:

- This information concerns the migrated data between legacy Keystone System and the NCPTS Tax Software
- The data below represents the numerical totals covering migrated data that relates to all aspects of taxation (real, personal, business, and public utilities):
  - Number of Records: (years 1991-2014)
    - Legacy Keystone = 238,214

- NCPTS = 183,330
  - Difference = 54,884
- Number of Parcels
  - Legacy Keystone = 28,977
  - NCPTS = 28,977
  - Difference = 0
- Balances due: (years 1991-2014)
  - Legacy Keystone = \$1,946,369.80
  - NCPTS = \$1,945,967.19
  - Difference = \$402.61
- The difference listed above, concerning the number of records migrated, relates to motor vehicles only
- The Tax Office has worked with Farragut (NCPTS) on the above listed differences and our communications with Farragut resulted in the purging of this old data (no longer needed) if no amounts were owed
- The difference of \$402.61 listed above, concerning balances due migrated, is found in varying amounts (minor debits and credits) in 361 accounts
- These amounts relate to the method in which debits and credits were processed when a payment error was corrected in the Keystone System
- During the migration process NCPTS viewed the entry to Finance as money owed even though nothing was owed
- All of these accounts have been flagged in order that collections will know that none of these amounts showing in NCPTD are due and that none of these amount are to be collected
- The Tax Office is working with Farragut to resolve these issues
- Each account must be corrected manually by individual entries
- Once this project is completed, the balances due reflected in both Keystone and Farragut will be in agreement (Farragut is doing the work)
- The years involved are 2006-2015 and many entries relate to various tax codes that have to be corrected
- A detailed report showing all areas of Assessment (taxation, fees, penalties, and interest) can be produced for the Board of Commissioners' review at their request
- Will provide the Board with another report in November relating to progress in the migration of Land Records/Appraisal data to NCPTS
- Gradually, you will be seeing new report formats from NCPTS
- Since June 8<sup>th</sup>, (system went live with NCPTS billing/collections system) the Tax Department has been verifying listing and collections data by cross checking information in NCTPS with Keystone
- Every bill that has been paid since June 8<sup>th</sup> has been verified by figures in Keystone (systems match)
- On July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Assessment area began processing the 2015 annual tax bills
- NCPTS billing data was checked and verified to be correct and in agreement with what was listed by the tax owners in January 2015
- On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 2015 annual bills were calculated and the data base was electronically sent to South Data for processing and billing

- On July 28<sup>th</sup>, notices were mailed to taxpayers, as you are aware, for the collection of Fiscal Year 2015-16 annual Tax Bills
- Tax Office has been working with NCPTS regarding employees' access/usage permission authorizations
- On July 30<sup>th</sup>, IT staff will be responsible for making updates and/or changes to access/permanent authorization covering NCPTS

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

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (July 2015) at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review with a request for consideration at the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Weeta Alexander	300145	\$304.59	RMVD ELD Accidentally
Annie Laura H. Nelson	309374	<u>\$245.28</u>	RMVD ELD Accidentally
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$549.87</b>	

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the Releases more than \$100 (real and personal property) be placed on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

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

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (July 2015) at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review with a request for consideration at the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Gregg Boyles	16507452	\$124.09	Out of state
Johnny Davis	16505768	\$103.54	Sold
Lloyd Hicks	23935625	\$351.73	Out of State
Lloyd Hicks	27138340	\$341.12	Out of state
Dennis Robinson	24378932	<u>\$184.50</u>	Sold
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,104.98</b>	

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the Releases and Refunds more than \$100 (real and personal property) be placed on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

Tax Administrator Oakley noted:

- With the new Farragut System, will be able to run detailed reports regarding tax collection, bills, any area involving taxation, etc. at the Board's request

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with Administrator Oakley's July report.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100
- Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100

### **Social Services Monthly Report**

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

- Program Reports
  - Services Report (Social Work Services, Family Support Services, Administration, Personnel)
    - Have arranged the report slightly different, the report compares July 2015 to July 2014 which shows any growth or decline
    - Will continue this type of reporting unless directed otherwise by the Board

NCFAST Update:

- Our numbers are looking good with Medicaid and Food Stamps regarding applications and re-certifications
- NCFAST FNS/SNAP Pending Applications – Report Date 08-03-2015
  - Total pending Apps = 49
  - Totally untimely = 1
- NCFAST FNS Recertification Workload
  - Total Re-certifications in Progress = 30
- NCFAST Application Processing – Tradition MAD Pending = 99
  - NCFAST Application Processing – Traditional Medicaid Pending Applications
    - Medical Assistance = 49
    - Medical Assistance Pregnancy = 2
    - Medical Forced Eligibility = 1
    - Retroactive Medical Assistance = 24
    - Retroactive Medical Assistance Pregnancy = 3

- MAGI Pending Applications
  - Insurance Affordability = 99
  - Insurance Affordability Pregnancy = 22
- MA Re-certifications
  - MAGI – 3 past due
  - Traditional – 5 past due
- Child Support Awareness – August 2015
  - August is Child Support Awareness Month
  - State did a flyer stating “The real Heroes of the world are the men and women who take the time to make a difference in the life of a Child “
  - Provided statistical information from the Office of Child Support Enforcement regarding a comparison of 40 years
    - Child Support – Four Decades, For Children, For Families
    - Children served
      - Then – less than three million (most from previously married, traditional families)
      - Now – 16 million (more from unmarried, complex families)
    - Services Approach
      - Then – Core Functions
        - Locate parents
        - Establish paternity
        - Establish orders
        - Collect support
      - Now – Family –centered strategies
        - Child Support Prevention
        - Family Violence Collaboration
        - Health Care Coverage
        - Healthy Family Relationships
        - Economic Stability
        - Engagement of Father’s from birth
    - Number of Programs
      - Then – 54 states and territories
      - Now – 54 States and territories, 60 tribes, 25+ countries and provinces
    - Cost-Effectiveness
      - Then – \$3.25 collected for every \$1 spent
      - Now – \$5.25 collected for every \$1 spent
    - Collections
      - Then
        - Paper-based manual process
        - Cash, check, and money order
        - Less than \$1 billion collected
        - About 50% to families
      - Now
        - Fast, automated process
        - \$28 billion collected

- Debt cards, EFT
- 75% income withholding, online payments, cash, check, and money order
- In-kind contributions
- 95% to families
- Child Support is 40 years old

## Metrics

- As of July 2015:
  - Income Maintenance
    - NC FAST – In compliance
    - WorkFirst – In compliance
    - FNS – In compliance
      - Keeping this as green, but workers are having a difficult time keeping up with applications and re-certifications and general case management duties
      - Filling the new positions approved by the Board with the FY 2015-16 Budget
    - Adult Medicaid – In compliance
    - Family and Children’s Medicaid – In compliance
    - Child Support – In compliance
    - Program Integrity – In compliance
    - Appeal Hearings and Fraud Hearings – In compliance
  - Day Care – In compliance
  - Foster Care
    - Foster Care Services – Immediate Attention Required
      - Staff in training
      - Hiring new staff
      - Seeing a light at the end of the tunnel and can’t wait to get there
      - Numbers are still high
      - Load is tremendous
      - Trying to fill the positions approved by the Board with the FY 2015-16 Budget as soon as possible
      - Losing another social worker this Friday
    - Foster Care Home Licensing – In compliance
    - Adoptions – In compliance
  - Child Protective Services
    - Investigations – Needs improvement
      - Some work is not timely causing this to be yellow
      - Supervisor working on this issue
    - Case Management – In compliance
    - Adult Services
      - Adult Protective Services– In compliance
      - Guardianship– In compliance
      - SSBG/HCCBG/Payee/Adult Day– In compliance

- Family/Monitoring– In compliance
- SA IH/MAC– In compliance
- CAP DA/CAP C– In compliance
- Intake– In compliance
- Caseloads– In compliance
- Supervision (Staff/Supervisor Ratio)- Needs Improvement
  - Per state statute, CPS/Foster Care Supervisors are to supervise 1-5 Social Workers and both Social Work Supervisors have more than five Social Workers under them
- Staffing (Years of Service) – In compliance
- Medicaid Transportation – In compliance
  - Things are okay, but wanted to inform the Board that agency just had audit from the Office of Attorney General’s Office
  - First time, used to the state audit
  - It was a great learning experience
  - Have a few things to change, but all and all, it went well
- Clerical – In compliance

### **Meeting at DSS in October**

Director Elmes noted that Commissioner Lankford had requested to have a meeting in October at DSS and DSS would be happy to host a meeting.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that it sounds like progress is being made in specific areas.

Chairman Lankford confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the Agency currently has 72 children in custody, ranging from 0 to 18 years of age.

Director Elmes noted that children age out at eighteen.

Chairman Jones questioned, with the number of children continuing to increase, what was the status of foster homes in the County?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Some children have to go outside the county due to severe mental health and/or substance abuse
- Working on getting the licenses for the ones who just completed the MAPP Training; this takes anywhere from 3 to 6 months to make that happen
- A lot of times, particularly now, individuals are taking the MAPP training strictly to adopt, not to foster



The Board discussed possible dates for a meeting in October.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a meeting at Social Services (conference room) on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Clerk Bullins confirmed with the Board that this is a separate, special meeting, not to include items normally on the regular Agenda.

The Board discussed the following possible items for the Agenda:

- Information about specific departments, number of employees, duties, etc.
- Possible tour of the facility
- A brief overview of what is actually done with an income maintenance application, foster care application, CPS Investigation, etc.

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

### **Proposed Changes to Ordinance Governing the Franchising of Ambulance Services in Stokes County**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following amended “Ordinance Governing the Franchising of Ambulance Services in Stokes County”:

## **ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE FRANCHISING OF AMBULANCE SERVICES IN STOKES COUNTY**

The Board of County Commissioners of Stokes County ordain and enact:

### **Section 1. Purpose.**

In the public interest and for the promotion of public health, safety, welfare and convenience, and pursuant to statutory authority contained in N.C.G.S. §153A-250, N.C.G.S. Chapter 131E, and other applicable laws, the following ordinance provisions set forth the conditions, limitations, restrictions, and requirements under which a person as defined herein, may provide ambulance services or operate ambulance(s) in Stokes County, North Carolina.

### **Section 2. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following words, phrases, terms, abbreviations, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the past tense, words used in the past tense include present tense, words in the plural number include the singular number, words in the singular number include the plural number, and words in the masculine, feminine or neutral gender include each of the other genders.

(a). “Ambulance” shall mean any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle, aircraft, or vessel that is specifically designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended to be used for and is maintained or operated

for the transportation of patients on the streets or highways, waterways, or airways of this State, in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. §131E-155.

(b). "Ambulance Provider" shall mean an individual, firm, partnership, corporation association, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose, or organization of any kind who engage in or profess to provide the service of transporting patients in an ambulance.

(c). "Board" shall mean the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners.

(d). "Communications Center" shall mean a physical location, owned and operated by a Private Provider, that is staffed twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week for the purposes of receiving telephone requests for ambulance service directly from the general public and from Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications, and for dispatching, via radio, the appropriate Private Provider ambulance(s).

(e). "Commission" shall mean the North Carolina Medical Care Commission.

(f). "County" shall mean Stokes County, North Carolina.

(g). "Credentialed Personnel" shall mean an individual who meets the requirements set forth in the rules of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission setting forth the qualifications required for credentialing by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services that allows them to practice at any of the following: Medical Responder (MR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), EMT – Expanded Scope, EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD), and/or EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P), as defined in N.C.G.S. §131E-155 and any rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

(h). "Department" shall mean the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS).

(i). "Emergency Transportation Service" shall mean the operation of an ambulance, the equipment and personnel to provide medical care transportation of a patient who is in need of immediate medical treatment in order to prevent loss of life or further aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury.

(j). "FCC" shall mean the Federal Communications Commission.

(k). "Non-emergency Transportation Services" shall mean the operation of an ambulance for any purpose other than "Emergency Transportation Service".

(l). "Owner" shall mean any person or entity who owns an ambulance.

(m). "Patient" shall mean an individual who is sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless such that the need for some medical assistance might be anticipated, as defined in N.C.G.S §131E-155.

(n). "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, company, group of individuals acting together for a common purpose, or organization of any kind, including any governmental agency of the United States.

(o). "Private Provider" shall mean any Ambulance Provider that has been granted a franchise to operate an ambulance in Stokes County.

(p). "Shall" always describes actions that are mandatory and not merely directive.

(q). "State" shall mean the State of North Carolina.

(r). "Traffic" shall mean the response mode (i.e., Emergent (10-18), or Routine) utilized by ambulances while enroute to a call and/or while transporting a patient to a medical facility.

### **Section 3. Standards.**

(a). Credentialed Personnel shall be subject to and shall comply with the standards including, but not limited to, those developed by the Commission and those listed in the Stokes County Emergency Medical Services System Plan, which standards are incorporated herein by reference.

(b). Vehicles and Equipment shall be subject to and shall comply with the standards including, but not limited to, those developed by the Commission and those listed in the Stokes County Emergency Medical Services System Plan, which standards are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Section 4. Communications and Dispatch Requirements.**

(a). Each Private Provider ambulance shall be equipped with 800MHz two-way communications compatible with those used by Stokes County Emergency Medical Services. Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications shall assign frequencies/talk groups and record movements of the Private Provider's ambulances. This two-way communications device should include, but not limited to the following talk groups: Stokes County EMS Dispatch talk group, Stokes County Fire Dispatch talk group, Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes, and other talk groups that may be identified that would be beneficial to day to day operations.

(b). Each Private Provider-owned ambulance shall be required to render assistance to Stokes County Emergency Medical Services as assigned by Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications in the case of a major catastrophe or emergency or when Stokes County Emergency Medical Services units are unavailable to respond to emergency or non-emergency calls.

(c). Calls assigned to Private Providers by Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications under the provisions of Section 4(b) herein shall take priority over scheduled non-emergency calls.

(d). When Stokes County Emergency Medical Services units are dispatched to an emergency call and a Private Provider's ambulance is available, and closer to the scene, the Private Provider ambulance shall:

- (1). Contact Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications via 800MHz radio and advise their current location and request authorization to respond; and,
- (2). If Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications authorizes a response by the Private Provider ambulance, the said ambulance shall respond immediately utilizing the response traffic directed; and
- (3). Upon arrival, the crew of the Private Provider ambulance shall:

- (i). Establish patient contact as soon as the scene is deemed safe to do so;
- (ii). Notify Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications of the patient's condition and recommend appropriate response traffic for the responding Stokes County Emergency Medical Services unit;
- (iii). Provide appropriate patient care until arrival of the Stokes County Emergency Medical Services unit; and
- (iv). Provide assistance to the Stokes County Emergency Medical Services crew upon their arrival, and until such time as they are released by the Stokes County Emergency Medical Services crew.

(e). Each Private Provider shall establish and maintain, at its own expense, a Communications Center. The Communications Center shall:

- (1). Be accessible to the general public via a published, ten (ten) digit telephone number;
- (2). Be accessible via a secondary seven (7) digit telephone number that is only utilized for the purposes of communication with Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications and Stokes County Emergency Medical Services;
- (3). Be staffed by personnel that have successfully completed appropriate telecommunications training;
- (4). Be equipped with two-way radio communications capable of communicating with all ambulances owned and/or operated by the Private Provider via frequencies that are assigned by Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications; and
- (5). Maintain an electronic record keeping system, capable of generating reports electronically and in print, that track data points as specified by Stokes County Emergency Medical Services.

(f). Any emergency call for ambulance service received at any base, office, communications center, or other facility operated by a Private Provider shall be immediately referred to Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications.

## **Section 5. Minimum Limits of Liability Insurance for Private Providers.**

(a). No ambulance franchise shall be granted under this ordinance, nor shall such franchise be valid after granted, unless the Private Provider has at all times in force and effect liability insurance coverage issued by an insurance company licensed to transact business in this State which meets the following criteria:

(b). Liability Insurance requirements:

(1). The Private Provider shall procure and maintain liability insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property for the duration of the franchise which may arise from or in connection with the performance of services hereunder by the Private Provider, his agents, representatives, or subcontractors.

(i). Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Private Provider shall maintain occurrence version commercial general liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall be no less than two times the occurrence limit. Such insurance shall:

1. Include the County, its officials, officers, and employees as additional insureds with respect to performance of the Services. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the above listed additional insured. Additional Insured should read Stokes County Finance Department, P.O. Box 20 Danbury, NC 27101.

2. Be primary with respect to any insurance or self-insured retention programs covering Stokes County, its officials, officers and employees.

(ii). Business Automobile Liability Insurance. The Private Provider shall maintain business automobile liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles.

(iii). Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance. The Private Provider shall maintain workers' compensation insurance with North Carolina statutory limits and employers' liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident.

(iv). Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance. The Private Provider shall maintain occurrence version medical malpractice liability insurance or equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall be no less than two times the occurrence limit.

(v). Excess Liability Insurance. The Private Provider shall maintain an excess liability insurance policy in the amount of \$5,000,000. This excess liability insurance policy shall be excess over the general liability, automobile liability, workers compensation, and medical malpractice liability insurance coverage.

(2). The Private Provider shall:

(i). Prior to commencement of services, furnish the County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall clearly evidence all insurance required in this section and provide that such insurance shall not be cancelled, allowed to expire, or be materially reduced in coverage except on thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County.

(ii). Provide certified copies of endorsements and policies, if requested by the County, in lieu of or in addition to certificates of insurance.

(iii). Replace certificates, policies, and endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of the services.

(iv). Maintain such insurance from the time services commence until services are completed.

(v). Place such insurance with insurers authorized to do business in North Carolina and having A.M. Best Company ratings of not less than A:

VII. Any alternatives to this requirement shall require written approval of the County Manager.

(c). The Private Provider understands and acknowledges that these liability insurance coverage requirements are minimums and that they do not restrict or limit the hold harmless provisions of this agreement.

(d). Each liability insurance policy must list the County as a party to be notified by the insurance company in the event that the Private Provider's insurance is revoked, withdrawn, cancelled, or allowed to lapse, or in the event that there is any change whatsoever in the above-described coverage amounts.

(e). Each liability insurance policy must authorize the insurance company to release any information regarding said insurance policy and the status of said policy to the County, and specifically Stokes County Emergency Medical Services, at any time an inquiry is made.

(f). Each Private Provider shall operate as an independent contractor, and the County shall not be responsible for any of the Private Provider's acts or omissions while providing services under this ordinance. Each Private Provider shall hold the County harmless from and against any and all claims, expenses (including attorney fees), costs or liability for negligent or intentional acts or omissions, including willful or criminal conduct, of the Private Provider, its employees, agents or other representatives while providing services under this ordinance.

## **Section 6. Rates and Charges.**

(a). Each Private Provider which charges for ambulance services provided within Stokes County shall set its rates and fees in accordance with those rates and fees set for Stokes County Emergency Medical Services by the Board.

(1). A Private Provider shall charge the approved BLS (Basic Life Support) - Non-Emergency rate for all calls for services that are scheduled and/or received directly by the Private Provider.

(2). A Private Provider shall charge the approved BLS (Basic Life Support) - Emergency rate only for those calls dispatched via Stokes County 9-1-1 Communications to respond to assist or back-up Stokes County Emergency Medical Services.

(b). Rates and charges by Private Providers which provide critical care ambulance services to patients, which outside Stokes County or within Stokes County in response to a request by Stokes County Emergency Medical Services, are not regulated under this ordinance.

(c). Private Providers shall not charge administrative fees for the services provided hereunder, unless approved by the Board.

## **Section 7. Franchise Required.**

(a). It shall be unlawful for any Ambulance Provider to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise or otherwise be engaged in the operation of ambulance services in Stokes County or to operate an ambulance in the County unless such person shall have first obtained and shall currently hold a valid franchise granted pursuant to this ordinance.

(b). No ambulance franchise shall be required for:

(1). Privately owned vehicles not used in the business of transporting patients.

(2). A vehicle rendering services as an ambulance in case of a major catastrophe or emergency, when the permitted ambulances based in the locality of the catastrophe or emergency are insufficient to render the services required;

(3). Ambulances owned and operated by an agency of the United States Government;

(4). Vehicles owned and operated by rescue squads, chartered by the state as nonprofit corporations or associations or by rescue squads which are not regularly used to transport sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless persons except as a part of rescue operations.

(5). Hospitals (including, but not limited to Pioneer Community Hospitals, Forsyth Medical Center/Novant, Moses Cone Health Care System and/or Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center) desiring an ambulance franchise for point-to-point service may make application for the specific level ( i.e.Critical Care Transports) of franchise desired by making a written request to the Board of Commissioners and the proposed method and manner for offering such service. The standard application form need not be used for hospitals and/or major medical center applicants. Said hospitals would also be exempt from submitting the application fee. Any tertiary hospital that provides hospital to hospital, critical care transport or emergency Air transport shall be exempt from the requirements of this ordinance.

## **Section 8. Application.**

(a). Application for a franchise to operate an ambulance in the County shall be made by the Ambulance Provider upon such forms as may be prepared or prescribed by the County and shall contain, but not be limited to, the

following information:

- (1). The name and address of the Ambulance Provider and the owner(s) of the ambulance(s);
- (2). The corporate, partnership, trade or other assumed name, if any, under which the applicant transacts business, along with a certified copy of an assumed name certificate stating such names, or articles of incorporation stating such names;
- (3). A resume or CV of all principle owners, executives and senior managers of the entity making application;
- (4). A complete description of the type and level of service to be provided, including detailed plans stating the method of implementation and operation of service;
- (5). A list of employees, job status, copies of valid certification cards (credentials) issued by the Department, and North Carolina motor vehicle operator license numbers;
- (6). A list of ambulances, including the model, year and license numbers for each, and copies of current vehicle inspection sheets issued by the Department;
- (7). Proof of required insurance;
- (8). A copy of a valid Provider License issued by the Department;
- (9). The mailing address and physical location of all places where business is conducted; and,
- (10). A consent form authorizing the Director of Stokes County Emergency Medical Services, or his designee, to inspect the applicant's stations, vehicles, equipment, training records, attendants' state certification cards, and any other credentials and records deemed necessary at any time, without notice, during the term of the franchise.

(b). Application for a franchise to operate an ambulance in the County shall be accompanied by an application examination fee of eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$800.00). This fee is nonrefundable, and in no way obligates the County to grant a franchise to the applicant.

(c). The County reserves the right to refuse to accept applications for new franchises at its discretion. Applications and application examination fees received that are not to be considered will be returned to the applicant.

## **Section 9. Grant, Renewal and Transfer of Franchise.**

(a). The County may as the need arise from time to time accept applications for a new franchise from interested Ambulance Providers.

(b). Upon receipt of an application for a franchise, the County shall schedule a time and a place for meeting with the applicant prior to an examination. Within thirty (30) days after such meeting, the County shall cause such examination as it may deem necessary to be made of the applicant and their proposed operations.

(c). A franchise may be granted if the County finds that:

- (1). The applicant meets State standards and the standards outlined in this ordinance; and,
- (2). A need exists for the proposed services in order to assure the provision of an adequate and continuing level of ambulance services to residents of the County and to preserve, protect, and promote the public health, safety, and welfare.

(d). Any franchise hereby granted to provide ambulance services in the County is not and shall not be deemed to be an exclusive right or permission. The County expressly reserves the right to grant similar non-exclusive franchises to other Ambulance Providers at any time or for any period of time. No additional franchise granted by the County shall in any way affect the obligations of the ambulance franchise grantee hereunder.

(e). Each ambulance franchise shall be valid for two (2) years from the date of its issuance.

(f). Each ambulance franchise may be renewed, one or more times, by submission of the renewal application to the Director of Emergency Medical Services at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the ambulance franchise. Failure to submit a renewal application in a timely manner may result in the ambulance franchise not being renewed or a delay in the renewal process that prohibits the Private Provider from operating. After the approval of said renewal application by the EMS Director and grant of ambulance franchise by the Board, the franchise shall be extended for, up to, an additional two (2) years.

(g). The control or ownership of an ambulance franchise shall not be transferable without the advance written approval of the Board. Upon any change in ownership of a Private Provider, without prior written approval by the Board, the franchise is considered null and void.

## **Section 10. Suspension, Revocation, Termination.**

(a). Either party, at its option, may terminate an ambulance franchise granted under this ordinance without cause upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party. After a notice of termination is given, the Ambulance Provider may reapply for a franchise if continued service is desired.

(b). The acceptance of an ambulance franchise by an Ambulance Provider constitutes an agreement to comply with required standards and provisions of this ordinance at all times. Each Private Provider shall comply at all times with the requirements of this ordinance, the franchise granted hereby, and all applicable federal, state and local laws relating to health, sanitation, safety, equipment, and ambulance design and all other applicable laws and ordinances, including but not limited to Chapter 131E, Article 7 and Chapter 143, Article 56 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and the Emergency Medical Services System Plan adopted by Stokes County. Failure to comply with any of the foregoing requirements may result in the immediate termination, revocation or suspension of the ambulance franchise by the County.

(c). Upon suspension, revocation, or termination of an ambulance franchise granted hereby, such Ambulance Provider shall immediately cease all operations. Upon suspension, revocation, or termination of credentialed persons employed by a Private Provider or such credentialed person's driver's license or other qualifications required for credentialing, such persons shall immediately cease to drive an ambulance or to provide credentialed services for the Private Provider.

## **Section 5-11. Inspection.**

The Director of Stokes County Emergency Medical Services or his/her designee shall periodically inspect the stations, records and ambulances of the Private Providers under this ordinance in order to determine any violations of its provisions. The Private Provider and any Ambulance Provider applying for an ambulance franchise, shall allow the Stokes County Emergency Medical Services Director or his/her designee to inspect its stations, records, equipment and ambulances at any time without prior notice.

## **Section 12. Violations and Penalties.**

If any person shall violate this ordinance or chapter or any provision thereof, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day of violations shall be a separate violation.

## **Section 13. Call Reporting**

Each franchised operator shall report the number of calls and/or runs not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month to the Stokes County Emergency Services Director (or designee). The report shall be in writing and contain at a minimum the following information:

- a. The number of emergency calls with times and dates.
- b. The number of non-emergency calls with times and dates.
- c. The total number of calls with times and dates.
- d. A yearly report which provides a summary of all activities within Stokes County.

## **Section 14. Medical Direction**

Franchise applicants are required to submit the name of the physician providing Medical Direction for their service. This physician shall meet the minimum requirements outlined in the NCCEP

recommendations for Medical Directors. A letter with the original signature of the Medical Director shall be submitted to the Board upon application for franchise as well as documentation of an in force medical malpractice insurance policy.

#### **Section 15. Peer Review and Quality Improvement.**

Each franchised operator (or designee) shall attend all regularly scheduled SCEMS Peer Review and Quality Improvement meetings. Failure to attend these meetings may result in suspension and/or revocation of their franchise.

#### **Section 16. Repeal of Prior Ambulance Ordinance.**

This Ambulance Franchise Ordinance repeals all previous ambulance franchise ordinances and amendments thereto effective 12:01 am on the date this ordinance takes effect.

This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced on the \_\_\_\_\_.

Adopted by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners this the \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest:

Stokes County Board of Commissioners

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Chairman of the Board

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Clerk to the Board

County Manager Morris commented:

- EMS Director Greg Collins was in attendance for today's Agenda item
- The adoption of the FY 2015-16 Budget provided approval to contract out convalescent care to relieve some of the pressure and call volume for EMS
- The first step in completing this task was to update the County's original franchise ordinance
- EMS Director Greg Collins, County Attorney Ty Browder, and Attorney Nick Overby has worked diligently to get this accomplished once the budget was adopted
- Also provided in the Board's Agenda was the Application for Ambulance Franchise and Stokes County Operational Procedures for Private Providers

EMS Director Collins commented:

- During my budget work sessions with Manager Morris, we discussed adding a six unit to meet our demands
- Since unit five was added several years ago, the call volume has increased 31%
- Over the last nineteen months, there have been 81 transports from outside agencies
- That is an average of 4.25 transport per month that, we as a county, are not able to respond to
- A lot of those reasons why we could not respond were because of the extended convalescent calls
- It was decided, at this particular time, that the County did not have sufficient staff to operate a sixth unit



- It was decided to look into another agency handling the convalescent calls
- First thing, as County Manager Morris mentioned, was to update our ordinance
- Reviewed ordinances and programs from other counties (Yadkin, Forsyth, and Surry) who already have this type of service in operation
- Feel this amended ordinance will serve the county well

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford questioned if there was more than one agency being considered or will this go through the bid process?

EMS Director Collins responded:

- According to County Manager Morris, this is a service and does not have to go through the bid process
- If more than one convalescent service applies, will consider all qualifications reputation, deliverable services, and experience, but will choose who will be best for Stokes County

County Manager Morris responded:

- As noted during a budget work session, this will be a minimum two-year trial basis with the option to add other providers if needed

It was the consensus of the Board to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

#### **Proposed Resolution - Adoption of the Northern Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Resolution – Adoption Of the Northern Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan:

### **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NORTHERN PIEDMONT REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Stokes County is vulnerable to an array of natural hazards that can cause loss of life and damages to public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stokes County desires to seek ways to mitigate situations that may aggravate such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the development and implementation of a hazard mitigation plan can result in actions that reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to protect its citizens and property from the effects of natural hazards by preparing and maintaining a local hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to fulfill its obligation under North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 166A: North Carolina Emergency Management Act and Section 322: Mitigation Planning, of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to remain eligible to receive state and federal assistance in the event of a declared disaster affecting Stokes County; and

**WHEREAS**, Stokes County, in coordination with Caswell County, Davie County, Forsyth County, Rockingham County, Surry County, Yadkin County and the participating municipalities within those counties, has prepared a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan with input from the appropriate local and state officials;

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have reviewed the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for legislative compliance and has approved the plan pending the completion of local adoption procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Stokes County hereby:

1. Adopts the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the proposed actions of the Plan.

Adopted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

Attest:

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**Commissioner James D. Booth**

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

County Manager Rick Morris turned the meeting over to EMS Director Greg Collins who provided the following summary in the Board's Agenda packet regarding the proposed Resolution for the Adoption of the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan:

**NORTHERN PIEDMONT REGIONAL HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN  
(MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL)**

**SUMMARY**

In June of 2001, the North Carolina General Assembly passed Senate Bill 300: an Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Emergency Management, disaster recovery and mitigation funds. Among other provisions, this bill requires that local governments have a state approved hazard mitigation plan in order to receive state public assistance funds (effective for state-declared disasters following November 1, 2004).

In October of 2000, the President of the United States signed into law the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988. This new legislation reinforces the importance of pre-disaster mitigation planning, establishing a requirement that local governments adopt a mitigation plan in order to be eligible for hazard mitigation funding.

Both Senate Bill 300 and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 set forth certain requirements for local governments to have an approved hazard mitigation plan. For multi-jurisdictional plans, FEMA's Interim Rule requires that the plan documents how each of the jurisdictions participated in the planning process and describes the steps they took to involve the public in the planning process.

The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is:

1. To demonstrate local commitment to hazard mitigation planning principles;
2. To reduce natural hazard vulnerability by reducing the potential for future damages and economic losses;
3. To speed recovery and redevelopment following future natural hazard events;
4. To comply with both State and Federal legislative requirements for local hazard mitigation planning; and
5. To qualify for additional grant funding, in both pre-disaster and post-disaster situations.

Adoption resolutions by the county and each of the three jurisdictions (City of King, Town of Danbury and the Town of Walnut Cove) will ultimately be included in the plan for FEMA approval and will:

- Vest the County Emergency Management Director with the responsibility, authority, and the means to inform all concerned parties of this action and cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain or flood-related erosion areas; to cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain and/or flood-related erosion areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.
- Agree to adjust the boundaries of the municipal planning jurisdictions whenever a municipal annexation or extraterritorial jurisdiction revision results in a change whereby a municipality assumes or relinquishes the authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area in order that all Flood Hazard Boundary Maps (FHBMs) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) accurately represent the planning jurisdiction boundaries; provide notification of boundary revisions along with a map suitable for reproduction to all concerned parties.
- Appoints the County Emergency Management Director to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and in greater detail at least once every five years to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the municipal boards for consideration.
- Agree to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- You may review the entire 1,500 page document at the following website:  
<https://atkins.box.com/s/cwhv470eggt8471qnhkylewxfcg9nnk>

EMS Director Collins commented:

- Introduction of Regional Nine Coordinator Dennis Hancock
- Briefly reviewed the summary provided above
  - Adopted every five years
  - Previously, each county had their county Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - Last one done for Stokes County was done about four years ago by former EMS Director Monty Stevens
  - Process now is to get a more regional concept versus individual counties
  - There was also \$100,000 federal grant used for the development of the document
  - The document is approximately 1,500 pages
  - Region includes seven counties and thirty municipalities
  - Will assist the County in being better prepared for emergencies and to be able to receive FEMA dollars if a State of Emergency is declared
  - Mandated if the county wishes to receive any federal assistance when it is declared
- It has been about a year long process
- Several people here at the county were involved in the development of the plan

Coordinator Hancock commented:

- Presents a huge cost savings for Stokes County as well as the other six counties for the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Nothing about the plan compels the County to spend any money
- There are recommendations included in the document, some of which are quick and easy with others being expensive and time consuming
- Adoption of the plan does not compel the County to spend one dime
- Reiterated the need for the plan in order to receive state and local dollars if a State of Emergency is declared

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Coordinator Hancock that the plan originates from

FEMA – Mitigation Section which is a department of Homeland Security

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Confirmed the adoption of the Resolution will adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Stokes County

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

### **Proposed Bids – Petree Project – Pine Hall Medical/Community Center**

County Manager Rick Morris noted the bids were received for the Petree Project – Pine Hall Medical/Community Center and would ask Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall to update the Board.

Before Mr. Stovall briefed the Board, County Manager Morris made a few comments:

- This bid pushes right up against our total budget
- Danny Stovall, Architect Perry Peterson and myself will be meeting with Mr. Petree before the next Board meeting to update him
- There were some preliminary discussions regarding additional money from Mr. Petree
- Would like to make sure that Mr. Petree is kept well informed of the project

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following information regarding the Petree Project:

- Bids for general construction were opened on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm
  - Granco, Inc, Pilot Mountain, NC = \$1,245,300
    - Alternate #1 (Grilles) = \$3,200
    - Alternate #2 (Roof) = \$52,850
  - James T Meadows, Walnut Cove, NC = \$1,440,250
    - Alternate #1 (Grilles) = \$11,588
    - Alternate #2 (Roof) = \$104,400
  - Lomax Construction, Colfax, NC = \$1,278,700
    - Alternate #1 (Grilles) = \$9,200
    - Alternate #2 (Roof) = \$20,300
  - R.P. Murray Construction, Kernersville, NC = \$1,220,800
    - Alternate #1 (Grilles) = \$12,800
    - Alternate #2 (Roof) = \$78,500
  - Wishon & Carter Builders, Yadkinville, NC = \$1,287,585
    - Alternate #1 (Grilles) = \$11,471
    - Alternate #2 (Roof) = \$20,166
- R. P. Murray Construction is the apparent low bidder with a base bid of \$1,220,800
- Recommend R.P. Murray Construction for the project

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Mr. Stovall that this was a “turnkey” job except for the installation of the septic system which will go out for bids in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Stovall noted there may be dollars left from the grading that could be used if needed.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that there might be additional money from another family member in the not so near future for possibly other projects.

County Manager Morris noted that Mr. Petree is very interested in doing something other than just this project in the area; it is uncertain when the dollars from another family member would be available.

County Manager Morris noted by the next meeting, it will be a fully funded project, one way or the other.

The Board agreed to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

**Proposed Bids – Lease Purchase for Capital Equipment for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

County Manager Rick Morris noted that the County received bank bids for the lease purchase for capital equipment for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

County Manager Morris noted that Support Services Danny Stovall was in attendance for today's meeting and ask Mr. Stovall to update the Board regarding the proposed bids.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall provided the following information regarding the proposed bids for lease purchase for capital equipment:

- Request for loan quotes were sent to the following to provide capital for Fiscal Year 2015-16 vehicle purchases:
  - Capital Bank
  - NewBridge
  - PNC
  - SunTrust
  - BB&T

- The following financial institutions responded as follows:

Financial Institute	# of Payments	Fixed Rate	Annual Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Bank Charges	Payback Amount
BB&T	3	1.26%	\$219,073.54	\$16,220.62	\$0.00	\$657,220.62
SunTrust	3	2.09%	\$222,659.51	\$26,978.53	\$100.00	\$668,078.53
PNC	3	2.66%	\$225,920.19	\$36,762.19	\$250.00	\$678,012.19

- The following financial institutions did not respond:
  - NewBridge
  - Capital Bank
- BB&T's interest rate of 1.26% was the lowest rate quote and lowest payback amount
- Must approve Resolution Approving Financing Term
- Would request the Board move the item to today's Action Agenda in order to expedite financing for capital purchased

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues and commented on the great interest rate of 1.26%.

The Board agreed to place the item on today's Action Agenda.

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

**Proposed Home & Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services (Piedmont Triad Regional Council –Area Agency on Aging**

County Manager Rick Morris provided the following information regarding the proposed Home & Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Adults Agreement:

- The Agreement is based on the current county allocation of Home & Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2015-16
- The Agreement has been approved by the County's Aging Planning Committee
- The Agreement must be signed each year in order for the Area Agency on Aging to release funding
- Request to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

**Appointments – Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a vacancy on the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee:

- County staff received a resignation email from Linda Lee who is no longer able to serve on the Advisory Committee; her appointment was from the General Public with some type of experience/knowledge in Social Services
- Would ask the Board to table this item due to the fact that there might be more than one vacancy
- Committee is meeting Tuesday night and will have this item back on the Agenda once the number of vacancies is determined to save advertising dollars

Chairman Jones opened the floor for nominations.

The Board had no issues with postponing the item until the next meeting in order to advertise the vacancies all at one time.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda

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

**Proposed Offer to Purchase and Contract – Well Drilling – Meadows Area**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to approve the following proposed Offer to Purchase that has been amended since the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT**

**COUNTY OF STOKES**, as Buyer, hereby offers to purchase and **JAMES H BENNETT, JR.**, and wife **HAZEL O. BENNETT** as Sellers, upon acceptance of said offer, agree to sell and convey, all of that plot, piece or parcel of land described below, together with all improvements located thereon and such fixtures and personal property as is listed below (collectively referred to as "the Property"), upon the following terms and conditions:

**1. REAL PROPERTY:** Located in the Stokes County, NC, parcel # 6955-01-48-1194 (Well #5 - Option B 1.05 acres more or less), for a well site. Reference is hereby made to the attached Map showing the proposed well site and waterline and access easement.



**2. FIXTURES: N/A**

**3.**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY: N/A:**

**4. PURCHASE PRICE AND TERMS OF PURCHASE:** The total sales price is **\$11,500.00** per well site tract being 1.05 acres. **No earnest money deposit shall be required.**

(a)

The Buyer will have six months from the execution of this Agreement to determine if the site is acceptable for the Buyer's intended use. During said period the Buyer shall have the right of access to the property for the purpose of determining if the site is suitable for Buyer's use. If Buyer determines, within its sole uncontrolled discretion, that the site is not suitable for Buyer's use, then Buyer shall notify Seller of such prior to the expiration of the six month period. If the site is not suitable for Buyer's use, then this contract shall terminate. If the site is suitable for Buyer's use, then Buyer shall close on the purchase within 30 days after the expiration of the six month period.

(b) The Sellers will be allowed the first right of refusal to purchase the subject property if the Buyer determines that it no longer wants to use or maintain the said real property.-

(c) The Sellers are also conveying to the Buyer the right to access the property and to install and maintain utilities to the site(s) along the easements shown on the attached Map. No other rights to any of the surrounding real property are being conveyed by the Sellers.

(d) At the Buyer's discretion, the easement to the sites may include a locked gate with two sets of keys provided to the Sellers. Only authorized agencies (fire department, public works, and utility companies), and the Sellers shall have the right to use the easement roads. The Buyer shall have the sole responsibility to maintain and upkeep the entire easement.

(e) The Sellers shall have the right to tap onto the water system provided by this well site upon payment of tap-on fees. The Sellers shall not be charged an availability fee for the system crossing their property unless they actually tap onto the system.

(f) The Buyer agrees to pay all costs for the title work, deed preparation, recording fees, and revenue stamps. Title shall be delivered by the Sellers at closing by General Warranty Deed, free and clear of any encumbrances or assessments. There must be no restriction, easement, zoning or other governmental regulation that would prevent the reasonable use of the real property for intended. All deeds of trust, liens and other charges against the Property must be paid and satisfied by Sellers prior to or at closing such that cancellation may be promptly obtained following closing. Sellers shall remain obligated to obtain any such cancellations following closing. The Property must have legal access to public right-of-way.

(g) The Sellers warrant that there are no governmental special assessments, either pending or confirmed, for sidewalk, paving, water, sewer or other improvements on or adjoining the Property, and no owners association special assessments, except as follows: **None**

(h)

Unless otherwise provided, the following items shall be prorated and either adjusted between the parties or paid at closing: (a) Ad valorem taxes on real property shall be prorated on a calendar year basis through the date of closing; (b) Ad valorem taxes on personal property for the entire year shall be paid by the Seller unless the personal property is conveyed to the Buyer, in which case, the personal property taxes shall be prorated on a calendar year basis through the date of closing; (c) All late listing penalties, if any, shall be paid by Seller; (d) Rents, if any, for the Property shall be prorated through the date of closing; (e) Owners' association dues, and other like charges, shall be prorated through the date of closing.

(i) Sellers agree to use their best efforts to deliver to Buyer as soon as reasonably possible after the acceptance of this offer, copies of all title information in possession of or available to Seller, including but not limited to: title insurance policies, attorney's opinions on title, surveys, covenants, deeds, notes and deeds of trust and easements relating to the Property.

(j) Sellers will provide reasonable access to Buyer or Buyer's representatives for the purposes of appraisal, inspection, and/or evaluation. Buyer may conduct a walk-through inspection of the Property prior to closing.

(k) Closing shall be defined as the date and time of recording of the deed. All parties agree to execute any and all documents and papers necessary in connection with closing and transfer to Buyer title on or before February 15, 2016, at a site determined by the Buyer. The deed is to be made to the County of Stokes. Unless otherwise provided herein, possession shall be delivered at closing. .

(l) This contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties, i.e., Buyer and Sellers and their heirs, successors and assigns. As used herein, words in the singular include the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders, as appropriate. If any provision herein contained which by its nature and effect is required to be observed, kept or performed after the closing, it shall survive the closing and remain binding upon and for the benefit of the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

(m) This contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducements or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions hereto must be in writing and signed by all parties. This offer shall be a binding contract when signed by both Buyer and Sellers. This contract is executed under seal in signed multiple originals, all of which together constitute one and the same instrument, with a signed original being retained by each party, and the parties adopt the word ASEAL@ beside their signatures below.

Signature page follows:

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**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUYER:**

**County of Stokes**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

**SELLERS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the Offer to Purchase and Contract with James H. and Hazel O. Bennett, Jr for 1.05 acres more or lease at a sales price of \$11,500. Chairman Jones seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Questioned County Manager Morris if there was any chance of getting land in that area donated?

County Manager Rick Morris responded:

- No chance of getting the land donated
- Mr. & Mrs. Bennett have decided to only offer for purchase one parcel
- Offer to purchase is for 1.05 acres more or less for one well site
- The total sales price agreed upon is \$11,500

Vice Chairman Walker questioned where the funding would be coming from to purchase the land?

County Manager Morris responded:

- The Board has already allocated \$30,000 for the drilling of two wells
- The Board has the option of using the \$30,000 for the drilling of this well along with the purchase of the land
- The Board also has the option of funding the purchase of the land from some other source

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- That funding was approved by the other members of this Board to come from the Danbury Water Fund
- Did not agree that funding should have been allocated from the Danbury Water Fund for this particular reason
- Will the \$30,000 cover the cost of the land and drilling two wells?

County Manager Morris responded:

- If all goes well with the drilling of the first well, believe the thought now is drilling only one well and the Board having the option to modify the wording of the Budget Amendment to include the cost of the land

Vice Chairman Walker questioned if this well was a test well for the 1.25 miles of water line or was this well a backup well for the early college and the community college?

County Manager Morris responded:

- It is both
- I would say the primary use of the well would be a "risk reduction well" to back up the current well along with no reason it could not be used for a water system later on

Chairman Jones confirmed with Manager Morris that the County is not obligated to purchase the land unless acceptable water (gallons per minute, quality of water, etc.) is located.

Vice Chairman Walker confirmed with Manager Morris the location of the property is ted slightly up the road from the community college site and that it was close enough to support the community college/early college and/or a future water system in the area.

Vice Chairman Walker questioned if the Board had done a backup well for any of the schools in the county?

County Manager Morris responded:

- Not aware of a backup, but do know that a couple of the schools have had to drill additional wells

Commissioner Inman responded:

- Providing a backup well for any school would be the responsibility of the Board of Education, not this Board

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- At this point, then we are drilling a “risk reduction well” according to Manager Morris with no involvement that I am aware of from the school board or school system

Commissioner Inman responded:

- This Board does not need involvement from the Board of Education as this is a backup well for the community college, not a public school

Commissioner Lankford agreed with Commissioner Inman that the community college is a Board of Commissioners’ project, not a Board of Education project.

Vice Chairman Walker noted the early college was staffed by school employees.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that staff had looked into a site in the area that had a well that was producing 100 gallons a minute and that it was too close to existing structures to be a public water source in the future

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the decision now was to only drill one well if the well produced the needed water
- My understanding the allocation of \$30,000 was for two wells
- I also voted against the allocation of \$30,000 due to the fact it was for drilling two wells, I had stated that I would support one well

County Manager Morris thought the current path was to drill the one well and if acceptable water was achieved, go no further.

Commissioner Booth noted that his understanding from Public Works Director Delehant was that he wanted at least 30 gallons per minute.

Commissioner Lankford questioned if the entire parcel of 35.32 acres was tax valued at \$11,500 per acre.

Commissioner Inman responded:

- Feel confident that the Tax Department is valuing this the same way if anyone was separating a building lot
- Certain the entire property would not be valued at \$11,500 per acre
- The property card for a parcel with acreage breaks out a building site for one acre and its value
- If there were water and sewer, the price would be considerably more

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Have asked this before, but don't recall getting a clear answer, "has there been any wells in the area to fail because of inferior quality water or lack of water?"
- I am not aware of any issues in the area; the well on the community college site is producing approximately 60 gallons a minute
- Last time the County entered into a water project, to be best of my knowledge, it was in the Germanton area because of water problems

County Manager Morris noted that he had not looked into that issue regarding the water.

Commissioner Inman noted that would be a good question for well drillers.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Trying to understand this issue
- The original motion was \$30,000 to drill two wells
- Will that motion not have to be modified if the land is to be paid from the \$30,000?

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- My thought is that the \$30,000 should be able to drill the well and include the cost of the land

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Reiterated that he had stated that he could go with drilling one well, not two wells at that time of the motion
- Now we are only doing one

County Manager Morris responded:

- If the question is where the funding for the cost of the land is coming from, that question will come back to the Board once it is determined there is acceptable water at this particular site
- The land will not be purchased unless acceptable water is found
- At that time, the Board can then decide if the funding for the cost of the land comes from the \$30,000 already allocated or some other funding

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- There is no known need for this well that has been identified other than to see if it has water and apparently some sort of risk reduction for the future

County Manager Morris noted if you assume no future growth in the area, you would not need the well, but the well would be a water source for the community college.

Vice Chairman Walker noted that most studies show if future growth is likely to come, it will come and I not aware of any study being done on this particular area, actually know of one business loss in the area.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Know through rumors, there is a new business coming to the area
- My understanding is that loss of a business in the area is because of a new business

Chairman Jones called the question.

The motion carried (3-2) with Vice Chairman Walker and Commissioner Booth voting against the motion.

**Proposed Amendments – Stokes County Aging Planning Committee – Bylaws & HCCBG Allocation Policy**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to approve the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee Bylaws and HCCBG Allocation Policy submitted to the Board on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee Bylaws and HCCBG Allocation Policy. Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for additional discussion.

Commissioner Lankford suggested maximizing the voting membership to nine instead of nine to fifteen since there is difficulty in getting members.

Vice Chairman Walker noted that he was not prepared to vote on a totally different recommendation regarding the Bylaws than what was presented at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Clerk Bullins noted that this would need to go back to the Planning Committee and possibly the Piedmont Triad Regional Council to make sure there was no statutory requirements since the committee deals with the HCCBG Funding that comes to the County.

Chairman Jones agreed with Commissioner Lankford regarding the number of voting Members due to the difficulty of getting members.

The Board agreed to have county staff look into Commissioner Lankford's recommendation and place back on the Board for discussion.

Commissioner Booth withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Lankford withdrew his second.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda

#### **Solid Waste – Refuse Truck Purchase**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to approve purchase of a 2016 Mack/Heil Refuse Truck from Carolina Environmental Systems at the quoted price of \$250,899.24 which was submitted to the Board on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the purchase of a 2016 Mack/Heil Refuse Truck from Carolina Environmental Systems at the quoted price of \$250,899.24. Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Walker questioned Manager Morris if this was his recommendation and if there was any chance of purchasing a used truck with the fact that the County is considering changing the sites in the future with other types of trucks?

County Manager Morris commented:

- No used trucks available, most would be what we already have – issues
- Even if the County does go to a different operation at two sites in the county, there is always going to be a need for a truck of this nature for the smaller sites
- County will continue to look at those other options each budget year
- My recommendation is to purchase the refuse truck presented at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Appointments – Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council**

Chairman Jones noted the following were nominated at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to serve on the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council:

- Reappointment
  - Vicky East
  - Dr. Dana Dalton
  - Ruby Griffin
  - Polly Goolsby
  - George Hairston Jr
  - Carrol Knight
  - Judy Long
  - Louise Flynt
  - Dottie Via
  - Joe McKenzie
  - Ann McKenzie
  - Margie Bullins
  - Elwood Mabe
  - Erma Perkins
- Appointment:
  - Angie Bailey

Chairman Jones opened the floor for nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Jones entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Inman moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Lankford seconded



and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones polled the Board:

Chairman Jones, Vice Chairman Walker, Commissioner Inman, Commissioner Lankford, Commissioner Booth unanimously approved the following to serve on the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council:

Reappointment

- Vicky East
- Dr. Dana Dalton
- Ruby Griffin
- Polly Goolsby
- George Hairston Jr
- Carrol Knight
- Judy Long
- Louise Flynt
- Dottie Via
- Joe McKenzie
- Ann McKenzie
- Margie Bullins
- Elwood Mabe
- Erma Perkins

Appointment:

- Angie Bailey

Chairman Jones noted that all vacancies were filled on the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council.

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

Chairman Jones noted the vacancy from the faith community had not been filled.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for nominations.

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.

Commissioner Lankford noted that he may have a nomination for the next meeting.

Chairman Jones confirmed the Defense Attorney is usually recommended by the Council.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda

**Appointment – Stokes County Aging Planning Committee**

Chairman Jones noted that county staff had received a resignation letter from Susie Grabs. Chairman Jones noted this brought the number on the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee to six.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for any further nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Commissioner Inman moved to table the appointments to the Aging Planning Committee until research had been done regarding the number of maximum members to the Committee as previously discussed. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the August 24<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda with the Bylaws Agenda item.

**Proposed Bids – Lease Purchase for Capital Equipment for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

Chairman Jones entertained a motion regarding the proposed Resolution Lease Purchase for Capital Equipment for Fiscal Year 2015-15 presented at today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Walker moved to approve Lease Purchase with BB&T at an increase rate of 1.26% along with the Resolution Approving Financing Terms. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

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

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

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

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**Ronda Jones**  
**Chairman**