

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
FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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, February 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

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

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

Chairman Leon Inman called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

INVOCATION

Chairman Inman invited those who wished to join in the invocation to please do so.

Commissioner Lankford delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Inman invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the February 22, 2016 Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the February 22nd Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- Received a very sincere voicemail from a gentlemen who wanted to commend the work of one of our telecommunicators and to personally thank them for their service
 - He had called #911 in hopes to be able to connect to #911 in Florida where there was a medical emergency (possible suicide)
 - Telecommunicators do not have the capability to connect to #911 in Florida, so our telecommunicator looked up the number and provided it to the caller
 - Would like to recognize the superior performance of our telecommunicators
- League of Governments Meeting is this Thursday, February 25th hosted by the Town of Walnut Cove at 6:30 pm
- Weather Spotter Training to be Offered in Stokes County
 - The National Weather Service in Blacksburg in partnership with Stokes County Emergency Management will conduct a free storm spotting and weather safety presentation for citizens on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 pm in the Ronald Reagan Building (third floor) located at 1014 Main Street, Danbury
 - This informative two-hour presentation is open to the public and geared toward anyone interested in weather and/or anyone seeking to become an official storm spotter
 - All ages are welcome to attend and no pre-registration is required
 - This entertaining and informative presentation will discuss the following topics:
 - Basics of Thunderstorm Development
 - Fundamentals of Storm Structure
 - Identifying Potential Severe Weather Features
 - Information to Report
 - How to Report Information
 - Basic Severe Weather Safety
 - If you have ever wanted to be an official storm spotter, or are just interested in weather, we encourage you to attend

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Very excited about correspondence received regarding the replacement of the bridge on Sheppard Mill Road over the Dan River at Moratock Park
 - County staff and myself have attended several meetings regarding the replacement of this bridge
 - Hope there will be a walkway included when the bridge is replaced which would be a big help connecting to Moratock Park (tourism)
- Stokes Future received a \$2,500 grant
 - South Stokes High School also received a \$2,500 grant for their gardening program

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Very encouraged about the possibility of having a new bridge over the Dan River at Moratock Park
- Would like to welcome everyone attending tonight's meeting; always glad to see people attending our meetings
- Amazed at the effort being given by Riverstreet to bring broadband high speed internet access to our county
 - Been a goal of mine for several years
 - Ultimate goal is to bring high speed (affordable high speed broadband access) to all of Stokes County
 - Hope to see everyone get access if possible; hopefully, we can come to as close to that as we can possibly get
 - Making an investment in Stokes County
 - People will be able to work from home
 - Start small businesses from home

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone to tonight's meeting
- Invite everyone to Farmer Appreciation Day at North Stokes High School on Tuesday, April 12th starting at 6:00 pm
 - Event is hosted by the farm agencies in Stokes County, but is sponsored by local Stokes County businesses
 - Food and entertainment

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life – "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways" (Psalm)
- Met with Transportation Action Committee (TAC)
 - Reviewed the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) (5-year plan)
 - Appears the only thing that Stokes County will get this year is approximately four bridges – no roads
 - Next thing dealing with roads is the intersection of #311 – roundabout
 - Majority of funding is going to interstates
 - Further widening of Highway #8 is not included in the TIP

Chairman Inman commented:

- Serve on the Division Nine Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Reinforce what Commissioner Lankford stated – not much in the future for Stokes County as far as roads
 - State has changed the way funding is appropriated for unpaved roads which is very discouraging
 - Agree with Commissioner Walker – very exciting to see the work being done regarding high speed broadband in Stokes County

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Inman noted that the Board of Commissioners will hear Public Comments, but will not respond to Public Comments and that each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes.

The following spoke during Public Comments:

E.A. "Buddy" Timm

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: **America**

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

My concern is over Socialism (many of its followers cannot give a definition of it).

Socialism is the law that commits the crime that law is supposed to prevent - theft. It is a "lower stage of communism" according to Karl Marx. Its underlying principle is: "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." That is a violation of Natural Law, where just governments are instituted to protect the individual's God given unalienable Rights.

Socialism and freedom are mutually exclusive; they do not mix, since socialism is destructive to individual freedom. It is like the bait on the hook, that glistens with freebees, yet it inexorably reels in society to Communism, since even democratic socialism empowers government to take and redistribute Rights, Privilege, and Property. Lord Acton has said: "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Many a nation has fallen by the people's socialistic envy for that which another has. Unashamedly, revolutionaries within their own countries have displayed their raised fist in the air signifying their commitment to Communism, which included violence to accomplish their takeover. Sadly at the Super Bowls' debased halftime performance, the performers raised their fist in the air, just like other Communists have done with their Red Flag bannered.

All people are not endowed by our Creator with equal abilities and drives. Nor do we have the equality of moms and dads in love raising children; however, we have our Creator's Gospel in the Bible, to answer the issues of life.

"A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitious. But, it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banners openly against the city. But the traitor moves among those within the gates freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears no traitor; he speaks in the accents familiar to his victims and he wears their face and their garments, and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation; he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist," attributed to Marcus Cicero (Rome).

When election time comes for the Christians to the Atheists, we will not be innocent if we betray America's foundation on the Laws of Nature, which includes God's Moral Law, with our Creator giving Life, and the Rights of Liberty (freedom within the bounds of God's Moral Law) and Property to sustain it, for: man's Socialism of redistributing Rights, Privilege, and Property; to equalize outcomes.

Socialism is treason to freedom. It is the death of your individual freedom.

Beware of the traitors within the gates!

Horace Stimson

1931 Horseshoe Road
Westfield, NC

Re: Francisco Elementary School

Mr. Stimson presented the following comments:

- Pleased to see so many members of the community group in attendance at tonight's meeting
- Want to thank the Board of Commissioners for the site visits at Francisco School
- Very thankful for the information provided by commissioners and staff
- We are here to listen and answer questions
- We are on schedule for our written blueprint for the March 14th meeting to go out with the Agenda packet
- This will include a precise and clear statement of specific actions taken and planned through the end of June
- Will provide responses to county commissioners' questions, initial findings, steps forward, Stokes County engagement including County Commissioners' Staff Task Force, timely budget input to protect the asset, timeframe regarding a "go" or "no go" decision to set expectations, interim insured utilization and suggestions as to needs other than money during the steps where we might work together
- Should you proceed in taking on the responsibility for this school from the Stokes County Board of Education, one concern I have heard voiced is "given their tremendous understanding of the maintenance issues related to the property whether or not you would want to negotiate in the agreement with the school system to continue to oversee maintenance issues"

Melvin George

2103 Collinstown Road
Westfield, NC

Re: Francisco Elementary School

Mr. George presented the following comments:

- Want to tell you how the citizens that live in the Francisco District feel about all of this
- School Board carried the citizens along with all kinds of things that they were going to do
- School Board took every student away from Francisco School they could get – transferred to Lawsonville and Nancy Reynolds
- School Board was asked to stop the transfers; it was not stopped

- All that is in the past
- Really want to talk about the fact that you (commissioners) allocated the money to build Nancy Reynolds Elementary School
- You built Nancy Reynolds School to put Francisco School in
- It took a while to get us there but they succeeded
- They got it to a point so that people in the county would look at the school and say close the school, it is costing money – paying money that is not being used properly
- While Nancy Reynolds was being built, people just continued to say Francisco was going to be sent to Nancy Reynolds
- Nancy Reynolds was built with six (6) empty classrooms and stayed empty for about 2-3 years
- I am sure that schools on the south side could have used those classrooms, but the taxpayers were paying for empty classrooms at Nancy Reynolds
- Francisco Elementary School was built the same time as Lawsonville, Sandy Ridge, and Pine Hall
- The way I look at it is this – those schools were kept up pretty good but ours, as far as the last three years, nothing was fixed
- They were letting it go down to close, it was planned to be closed
- Sandy Ridge, Lawsonville, and Pine Hall Schools were kept up, but they let Francisco go down
- How can the County Commissioners and Board of Education look at letting a school go that was built at the same time as other schools?
- All that was needed at Francisco was to keep the school up, but the plan was to close Francisco
- Put Nancy Reynolds back where it was which is a bad location – Highway #66
- Lot of kids close to Francisco Elementary School (in hollering distance) were transferred to Nancy Reynolds
- That was not done at West Stokes High School – students outside the district requested to go to West Stokes – Board of Education said “no, you can’t go there”
- The game that is played is political; it is who wanted a school at certain places
- After Nancy Reynolds was built, Commissioner Lankford got money allocated to his school (Francisco built at the same time)
- Contractor who did the work at Lawsonville had a bunch of money left so it is being used to fix it up modern
- Francisco is going to end up as a “sore thumb”
- Taxpayers who paid for Francisco are going to lose money, but it is being said it is being closed to save money
- That is the way life goes especially when you have people who want to keep their seat; they look at the number of people in a particular place
- Hate to see the school torn down or turned into something other than a school; it meant a lot to me and to a lot of other people in Francisco
- You could have put some of the money that was used at Nancy Reynolds at Francisco
- Taxpayers are going to have to pay for that bond for a long time for Nancy Reynolds and Commissioner Lankford’s addition with us losing our school
- It will either be torn down or turned into a “sore thumb”

- Would like to know how that decision was made?
- The decision to close Francisco was made a long time before Francisco was actually closed, was that political?
- Nancy Reynolds has a financial foundation for the grounds, it can't be used for education which is the most important thing that Stokes County students need – education
- You can have plenty of money to keep the grounds looking good, but you have to have education
- Like people at Nancy Reynolds
- They got their school and we lost our school
- There should have been money put into Francisco to keep the school up and it would not had to be closed – look what you would have saved the taxpayers – a lot of money
- The decision to close Francisco was made by the people who have the power to make that decision – that is sad
- Need people who have enough integrity to tell the people the truth
- They could have come to Francisco and told us the school might have to be closed down the road, but we will look at things to possibly keep the school open
- We could have possibly worked together to have tried to keep it open
- Taxpayers are going to lose money
- Was told by an assistant superintendent that Francisco would be taken care of

Chairman Inman called time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of February 2, 2016 - Planning Meeting
- Minutes of February 8, 2016 - Regular Meeting

E911 Fund - Budget Amendment #44

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #44.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
E911 Fund				
200.4325.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$213,387.00	\$(125,000.00)	\$88,387.00
200.4325.510	Equipment	\$113,800.00	\$135,605.00	\$249,405.00
200.4325.511	Equipment Non Capitalized	<u>\$108,820.00</u>	<u>\$(10,605.00)</u>	<u>\$98,215.00</u>
	Totals	\$436,007.00	\$00.00	\$436,007.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds for the upgrade of ANI/ALI Software to Vesta Software with CenturyLink

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.

Senior Services, Social Services, and Contingency - Budget Amendment #45

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #45.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Senior Services				
100.5860.312	Transportation	\$45,400.00	\$(786.00)	\$44,614.00
100.5860.220	Food & Provisions	\$183,300.00	\$2,035.00	\$185,335.00
Contingency				
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$96,508.00	\$(588.00)	\$95,920.00
Social Services				
Professional Services -				
100.5310.184	HCCBG	<u>\$57,354.00</u>	<u>\$5,899.00</u>	<u>\$63,253.00</u>
Totals		\$382,562.00	\$6,560.00	\$389,122.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To revise appropriated funding from Home Community Block Grant (HCCBG) for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

This will result in a **net increase** of \$6,560.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.369	PTRC – Transportation	\$54,533.00	\$(786.00)	\$53,747.00
100.3301.371	PTRC – Home Delivered Meals	\$166,836.00	\$2,035.00	\$168,871.00
100.3301.412	PTRC - HCCBG	<u>\$51,616.00</u>	<u>\$5,311.00</u>	<u>\$56,927.00</u>
Totals		\$272,985.00	\$6,560.00	\$279,545.00

Emergency Medical Services, Animal Control, Social Services, and Contingency - Budget Amendment #46

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #46.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Emergency Medical Services				
100.4370.000	Salaries & Wages	\$1,252,899.00	\$2,139.00	\$1,255,038.00
Animal Control				
100.4380.000	Salaries & Wages	\$120,707.00	\$678.00	\$121,385.00
Social Services				
100.5310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$2,043,830.00	\$3,441.00	\$2,047,271.00
Contingency				
100.9910.100	Leave Cost	\$40,317.00	\$(6,258.00)	\$34,059.00
Totals		\$3,457,753.00	\$00.00	\$3,457,753.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency for the payoff of terminated, resigned, retired, and dismissed employees for February. (Holiday =\$42, Vacation = \$5,538, Compensatory time = \$678.

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.

Debt Service, New School/F. Tech Fund - Budget Amendment #47

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #47.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Debt Service				
100.9100.571	Refinancing Service Charges	\$00.00	\$104,475.00	\$104,475.00
100.9100.743	PODS Interest	\$27,961.00	\$(9,481.00)	\$18,480.00
100.9100.744	Land Interest	\$38,575.00	\$(7,804.00)	\$30,771.00
Nancy Reynolds/Community				
100.9100.745	College Interest	\$547,680.00	\$(192,680.00)	\$355,000.00
Totals		\$614,216.00	\$(105,490.00)	\$508,726.00

New School/Forsyth Tech Fund				
211.9820.000	Transfer to General Fund	\$2,101,067.00	\$(105,490.00)	\$1,995,577.00
	New School/F. Tech Debt			
211.9100.000	Service Fund Balance	<u>\$127,019.00</u>	<u>\$105,490.00</u>	<u>\$232,509.00</u>
	Totals	\$2,228,086.00	\$00.00	\$2,228,086.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To revise appropriation for the PODS, Land and Nancy Reynolds /Community College debt payment due to the refinancing of these debts.

This will result in a **net decrease** of **\$(105,490.00)** 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
	General Fund			
	Transfer from New School/			
100.6982.970	Forsyth Tech Fund	<u>\$1,890,396.00</u>	<u>\$(105,490.00)</u>	<u>\$1,784,906.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,890,396.00	\$(105,490.00)	\$1,784,906.00

Tax Administration Report – January 2016

Releases More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (January 2016) at the February 8th meeting for the Board's review and consideration at the February 22nd meeting:

Releases More Than \$100 - Real/Personal Property

Name	Bill No	Amount	
Beverly A H Seaman	307962-2015-2015	\$291.27	DWHM being rebilled to another owner as personal property
Ricky & M Beth Fulk	297912-2015-2015	\$197.34	Listed in Error
Brewer's Excavating Inc.	1313-2015-2015	\$345.80	Listed in Error
	1313-2014-2014	\$344.18	Listed in Error
	1314-2013-2013	\$347.08	Listed in Error
	1314-2012-2012	\$339.89	Listed in Error
	1313-2011-2011	<u>\$339.91</u>	Listed in Error
Total		\$2,205.47	

Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (January 2016) at the February 8th meeting for the Board's review and consideration at the February 22nd meeting:

Refunds More Than \$100 - Real/Personal Property

Name	Bill No	Amount	Reason
Larry W Brown	28344518-2015	\$207.91	Sold vehicle
Jay Middlebrook	21856110-2015	\$313.47	Sold vehicle
John Murphy Styles III	27845443-2015	<u>\$117.99</u>	Sold vehicle
Total		\$639.37	

Write Off request – EMS Billing

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write off Request – EMS Billing at the February 8th meeting for the Board's review and consideration at the February 22nd meeting:

EMS Write Off Request

January-16		Charge	
Call Number	Date	Amount	Reason
E15-03117	4/19/2015	\$ 715.00	Inmate - No Insurance
E15-09032	11/14/2015	\$ 483.00	Inmate - No Insurance
E15-09140	11/18/2015	\$ 715.00	Inmate - No Insurance
E15-09273	11/23/2015	\$ 586.20	Inmate - No Insurance
E15-09309	11/25/2015	\$1,304.00	Inmate - No Insurance*
E15-09483	12/1/2015	<u>\$ 368.00</u>	Inmate - No Insurance
Total Write Off		\$ 4,171.20	

*Inmate transported to Central
Prison in Raleigh

Advertisement of 2015 Tax Liens

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Delinquent 2015 Tax Bills as of February 1, 2016 at the February 8th meeting:

February 22, 2016

Delinquent 2015 Tax Bills	Number of bills	Principal Due
General County	4,009	\$ 1,538,059.31
Education Fund	4,009	\$ 99,235.23
Town of Danbury	12	\$ 931.75
City of King	198	\$ 111,874.37
Town of Walnut Cove	89	\$ 22,348.52
King Fire District	386	\$ 19,232.07
Rural Hall Fire District	103	\$ 4,198.64
County Service Fire District	277	\$ 108,860.54
Walnut Cove Fire District	460	\$ 18,976.78
Total Bills Delinquent	4,009	\$ 1,923,717.21

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the Board Order the Tax Office to advertise these accounts no earlier than thirty (30) days after the mailing of the past due notices (less any bills paid between the report date and the advertising date).

Commissioner Jones requested the following correction to the minutes of February 8th:

- Page 25 – Bringing this facility up to code is going to be a **physical** challenge to **fiscal** challenge

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Chairman Inman noted there were no items for the Information Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Cooperative Spay/Neuter Services Agreement

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following Cooperative Spay/Neuter Services Agreement:

NORTH CAROLINA

STOKES COUNTY

COOPERATIVE SPAY / NEUTER SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is between Stokes County, North Carolina (the "county"), party of the first part; and "Spay Stokes", a North Carolina Non-Profit organization (the "Provider"), party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

For the purpose and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the County hereby contracts for the services of the Provider, and the Provider agrees to provide the services to the County in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The purpose of this Cooperative Spay-Neuter Services Agreement is to allow the County to obtain spay-neuter funds from the State of North Carolina, through the ICARE program, and use those spay-neuter funds to engage the Provider as an independent contractor, to administer a program to provide qualified low income residents of the county with affordable spay-neuter services.

I. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The services to be performed by the Provider shall be as follows: (1) Administer a dog and cat spay/neuter financial assistance program for low income Stokes County residents; and (2) Provider will use funds paid pursuant to Section III of this Agreement to supplement Provider's existing low cost spay/neuter program. All funds payable to Provider pursuant to Section III of this Agreement must be used for the benefit of applicants residing in Stokes County.

Provider shall partner with licensed veterinarians to deliver the spay/neuter surgeries. It is understood that Provider will have the sole responsibility for location, contracting and other wise providing spay/ neuter options through veterinarians and veterinary clinics. The County shall not be required to enter into any agreements with veterinarians or veterinary clinics for the provision of spay/neuter services contemplated by this Agreement. Provider hereby represents and warrants to the County that all veterinarians performing services for clients as contemplated by this Agreement have in force veterinary medical malpractice insurance of commercially reasonable policy limits which will cover acts of veterinary medical malpractice in such amounts as to provide adequate coverage prior to allowing any such veterinarian to perform services for clients as contemplated by this Agreement. Provider shall retain evidence of such insurance for each veterinarian who performs services contemplated by this Agreement and such evidence of insurance shall be provided to the County upon request. The Provider agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County from all loss, liability, and claims or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising from the services required or contemplated herein (including the provision of animal medical services by Provider's contractors, assignees, employees and agents).

II. TERM

The services of the Provider shall begin on the 1st of January, 2016, and shall be provided until December 31st, 2016.

III. PAYMENT

A county eligible for reimbursement of spaying and neutering costs from the North Carolina Spay / Neuter Account shall apply to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by the last day of January, April, July and October of each year to receive a distribution from the Account for that quarter. The application shall be submitted in the form required by the Department and shall include an itemized listing of the costs for which reimbursement is sought. The provider shall fill out the reimbursement form and submit to the county for processing and mailing to the Department.

Provider shall then submit an invoice to the County for services provided on a quarterly basis. Payment to the Provider will be made with the funds received from the State Spay / Neuter Fund. The invoice shall contain Provider's name and federal tax identification number and shall be signed and dated by an officer of Provider. Invoices should be sent to:

Stokes County, P.O. Box 20, Danbury, North Carolina 27016

Payments made to Provider only for "Qualified Residents"

For purposes of this Agreement, a "Qualified Resident" is a person whose annual household income is under three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty level guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or an individual who qualifies for one or more of the programs of public assistance administered by the Department of Social Services. It is understood that for each spay / neuter surgery performed pursuant to the Agreement, Provider shall receive and review all submitted applications. Qualified applicants will have an appointment for services scheduled by the Provider. All qualifying documents and applications will be kept in a locked filing cabinet under the possession of Spay Stokes. All information will be kept in strictest of confidence. All appointments scheduled will be with veterinarians who have: (1) existing contracts with Provider; and (2) that have given Provider the insurance information required herein. Provider will pay the veterinarian the cost of the surgery directly, and County shall have no liability or other obligation whatsoever to any veterinarian or veterinarian clinic for payment of costs associated with surgery or other procedures performed by veterinarians for Qualified Residents whether or not the County is obligated to reimburse Provider for these same services. If ever audited and found wanting, Spay Stokes will be responsible for reimbursing the County. In the event the County is not reimbursed 100% for surgeries in any quarter, the County will seek reimbursement from Spay Stokes for the difference.

IV. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

Provider is an independent contractor of the County. Provider represents that it has or will secure, at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County. All personnel engaged in work under this Agreement shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services. It is further agreed that the Provider will obey all State and Federal statutes, rules and regulations that are applicable to provisions of the services called herein. Neither Provider nor any employee of the Provider shall be deemed an officer, employee or agent of the County.

Provider shall keep records in a manner consistent with the requirements of the NC ICARE program and provide these records to the County as needed.

V. TERMINATION

Provider may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the County, and the County may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Provider.

VI. INDEMNIFICATION

Provider agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, for all loss, liability, claims or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising from bodily injury, including death, to any person or persons or property damage caused in whole or in part by the negligence or misconduct of the Provider, except to the extent same are caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

It is the intent of this section to require the Provider to indemnify the County to the extent permitted under North Carolina law.

VII. NON-ASSIGNMENT

Provider shall not assign all or any portion of this Agreement, including rights to payments, to any other party without the prior written consent of the County.

VIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The parties have read this Agreement and agree to be bound by all its terms, and further agree that it constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the Agreement between the parties unless and until modified in writing and signed by the parties. Modifications may be evidenced by tele-facsimile signatures.

IX. GOVERNING LAW

Both parties agree that the laws of the State of North Carolina shall govern this Agreement.

Stokes County, North Carolina
By: _____
J. Leon Inman
Chairman
Stokes County Board of Commissioners

Spay Stokes
By: _____
Candis Loy
President

County Manager Morris noted:

- This is a renewal request with Candis Loy, President of Spay Stokes
- Ms. Loy runs a non-profit organization that administers a dog and cat spay/neuter financial assistance program for low income Stokes County residents
- Ms. Loy even transports the animals
- Would recommend possibly adding an automatic renewal to the agreement
- Very valuable service to helping control the animal population

- County Attorney Ty Browder has reviewed and approved the agreement
- Would request the item be placed on the March 14th Action Agenda

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Manager Morris that funding from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services reimburses Ms. Loy and that no county funds are being used for the program.

County Manager Morris responded:

- Ms. Loy only receives a certain amount from the state each quarter and that other costs are paid by the non-profit organization

Commissioner Walker confirmed with County Manager Morris that a “qualified resident” is a person whose annual household income is under three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty level guidelines published by the US Department of Health and Human Services or an individual who qualifies for one or more of the programs of public assistance administered by the Department of Social Services.

The Board agreed to insert the wording for automatic renewal but requested the agreement be placed in the Consent Agenda each year.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on March 14th Action Agenda.

Utilities Easement – Sheep Rock Road – Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a Utilities Easement for Sheep Rock Road with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC:

- Standard utilities easement that is needed to keep the Riverstreet construction project moving forward (new facility in Danbury)
- County Attorney Ty Browder has reviewed and approved the easement
- Would request the item be moved to tonight’s Action Agenda in order to keep the project moving – have already had some delays due to weather

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford questioned the amount of easement needed?

Chairman Inman responded:

- Parcel #6946-06-39-4922 contains 6.5 acres more or less
- Easement will be 30 feet wide

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

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

Scheduling of Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Meeting with Legislative Representatives

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding a meeting with Legislative Representatives:

- North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has once again requested the Board of Commissioners meet with our Representatives before the District Meetings
- The closest District Meeting this year will be in Surry County on April 14th
- The only date Senator Shirley Randleman has open is March 30th
- Representative Kyle Hall has confirmed that he can make the March 30th meeting
- Both Senator Randleman and Representative Hall noted that if something comes up in Raleigh, they may not be able to attend

Chairman Inman noted that he would not be able to attend due to a NCACC Board of Directors' meeting in Raleigh.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with scheduling the Legislative Meeting for Wednesday, March 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to schedule the Legislative Meeting for Wednesday, March 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Rescheduling of Goals/Budget Work Session

Chairman Inman presented the following information regarding the March 23rd Goals/Budget Work Session.
February 22, 2016

- Have a Mental Health Task Force Meeting on March 23rd
- Would respectfully request the Board reschedule the meeting if possible

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board discussed possible dates for rescheduling the March 23rd meeting.

The Board had no issues with rescheduling the March 23rd Goal/Budget Work Session to Tuesday, March 22nd starting at 4:00 pm

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to reschedule the March 23rd Goals/Budget Work Session to Tuesday, March 22, 2016 starting at 4:00 pm.

Appointment – Fireman’s Relief Fund Board

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following recommendations from the specific fire department listed for appointments/re-appointments for the Fireman’s Relief Fund Board for their fire departments:

Station	Department	Recommendation
Station #39	Danbury	Elmer Manual
Station #41	Double Creek	Barbara Coe
Station #34	Francisco	Ashley Pack
Station #32	Lawsonville	Cheryl Rierson
Station #36	Northeast Stokes	Bobby Dunlap
Station #31	Pinnacle	Jeremy Bowman
Station #38	Sauratown	Wayne Barneycastle
Station #40	South Stokes	Jean Young
Station #37	Stokes Rockingham	Devin Rhodes
Station #35	Walnut Cove	Brad Cheek

County Manager Morris noted:

- All recommendations are for re-appointment except for Station #32- Lawsonville (Cheryl Rierson filling a vacant appointment)
- Term is for two years and will expire 2018

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated the following:

Station	Department	Recommendation
Station #39	Danbury	Elmer Manual
Station #41	Double Creek	Barbara Coe
Station #34	Francisco	Ashley Pack
Station #32	Lawsonville	Cheryl Rierson
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Station #35	Walnut Cove	Brad Cheek

With no further nominations, Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the March 14th Action Agenda.

Appointment –Town of Walnut Cove Planning/Board of Adjustments – ETJ Alternate

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following recommendation from the Town of Walnut Cove for re-appointment to the Town of Walnut Cove Planning/Board of Adjustments ETJ Alternate:

- Kevin Webb

County Manager Morris noted:

- Mr. Webb, who currently holds the position, wishes to be considered for re-appointment
- Will be posted on the web and advertised

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Kevin Webb.

With no further nominations, Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the

nominations.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the March 14th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Revised Project Description/Budget – Pilot View RC&D/Resource Institute

Additional Sewer Work Funded by Cost Savings

Proposed Addendum – Pilot View RC&D/Resource Institute

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the following proposed Addendum with Pilot View RC&D/Resource Institute:

This Addendum to Project Agreement among Pilot View RC&D, Resource Institute and County of Stokes (referred to herein as “Sponsor”) is entered in as of February 22, 2016;

Witnesseth:

Whereas Pilot View RC&D and County of Stokes entered into a Project Agreement as of the 12th day of March 2012; and

Whereas Section IC.1.b. setting out payments to be made in the Construction Phase of the project provides that the Project Agreement shall be modified when the total amount that the County of Stokes commits to for the Construction Phase is determined; and

Whereas, the said total amount has now been determined as set forth in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes;

Now Therefore Section IC.1.b. of the Agreement is hereby modified to change the scope of work by adding an estimated 1,100 feet of sewer line per map attached and to read as follows:

b. Phase IIa – Construction – Sponsor has requested Pilot View/Resource Institute to change the scope of work to add additional sewer lines shown on the attached map. The additional sewer line is 1,100 feet in length and will use existing remaining funding from grant sources available. The Stokes County Board of Commissioners will amend the existing agreement to pay to Pilot View RC&D or Resource Institute during the Construction Phase IIa the total sum of \$135,766.00 which includes all fees and costs for engineering, project oversight, management, final reports, as-builts if required, project and financial administration, unless the sponsor adds or changes the scope of work. Pilot View has a separate contract with

Baker Engineering or other subs for all engineering costs, which shall be paid by Pilot View RC&D or Resource Institute directly to Baker Engineering or other subs out of the total sum of \$135,766.00 as stated above. This sum is fixed and will not be reduced if the County elects to construct less than the estimated 1,100 feet of sewer line. Once cost is determined for construction the county will amend its contract to Ramey, Inc. in the amount of additional dollars provided for the Phase IIa portion of the project. All payments during the construction phase shall be made based on monthly invoices for work completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Addendum to be executed under seal by their duly authorized representatives as of the date stated above.

SIGNATURE PAGE:

ATTEST:

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)

COUNTY OF STOKES

By: _____

Richard D. Morris
County Manager

ATTEST:

Debbie Dodson
Project Administrator

(SEAL)

PILOT VIEW RESOURCE CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.

By: _____

Dr. Earl Sheppard
Chairman

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

RESOURCE INSTITUTE

By: _____

Michael "Squeak" Smith
Chairman

Chairman Inman confirmed with County Manager Morris that the proposed Addendum did not include any use of taxpayers' dollars as requested by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Addendum with Pilot View RC&D/ Resource Institute for the final construction phase in the amount of \$387,766 which is totally grant

funding. Vice Chairman Booth seconded the motion for discussion.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Feel everyone knows my position of being against this because of the amount of money that is being spent on design, construction oversight, project management, administration and grant management
- When it was seen there was a surplus in the monies, when the contractor was still on site, this should have been done
- This should have been added on to Phase II instead of making another project
- Have talked to other engineering firms that agree it should have been done when there was a surplus found and not as another project
- Believe if it had been done at the end of the project, there would have been enough grant funding to complete more than 2,000 ft. instead of only 1,100 ft.
- Because of the reasons stated, I can't vote for this motion

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Don't want to share the reaction that I have received from engineers that I have discussed this with (4-5 engineers and other qualified individuals)
- \$387,766 for approximately 1,100 ft. of sewer extension is astronomical
- I think that there still may be a way to use \$116,843 (identified as Forsyth Tech funding) and \$34,532 (identified as NCDOT funding)
- Would be willing to spend the Raleigh funding and ARC (especially the way things are done in Raleigh and the way grants have turned into these days) if the other funding could be moved out
- Going to agree with Vice Chairman Booth, under the current circumstances and fairness to the people of the County and other needs of the County like Francisco School and all the other things that we are trying to do in the County, I can't justify using this much money for this little return

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am going to have the opposite stance, I believe this is an investment in our future
- I believe in the long run, it will pay for itself over and over again
- There are no tax dollars involved
- There are grant monies that can be used
- It needs to be done
- My stance will remain the same, I am for the motion

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- There have been several broad discussions on this topic
- Believe each one was told that if the money wasn't spent as designated, it would have to go back to the grant funders
- That is one of the reasons I am supporting the project
- Do not want to send the money back

- We need extra sewer lines because it will go to another project that we are getting ready to start
- Will give sewer to the Animal Adoption Center that is planned for the area
- It just makes good sense

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- I was talking about the design and engineering when I was talking with other engineers
- \$30,183 for design and engineering for approximately 1,100 ft. is high and construction oversight at \$34,245 is high
- \$2,915 for a new survey could have been done in Phase II with no redesigning
- Project Management at \$68,423, has already paid an individual to work the grants and close out the grants which are still in the works
- It is not justified to me
- If the construction comes in at \$210,000 and you figure the engineering, oversight and project management, it is 64%
- If you add the contingency of \$42,000, it is 53%
- I think that is high and that is what I am hearing from others
- That is my reasoning for not supporting

Commissioner Walker commented:

- When this project was presented, it was presented as running sewer to a housing development that could not be built because of the lack of sewer
- Now, it has evolved to where the Adoption Center has been brought into the project
- I support the Adoption Center and think it was my suggestion to the Board to put it there
- Would like to see a cost from a qualified engineer or somebody that could give an estimate (can suggest some folks if that would help) for running the sewer to just where the Adoption Center is to be located since that seems to be the main focus
- If it is a fourth of this amount, I will be surprised
- I am one person of a five-person Board, there is a variety of views on this project
- I am to the point now that I just want to move on

Chairman Inman commented:

- There has definitely been a lot of discussion about this project
- Want to clear up something
- With several members of the community from Francisco in attendance tonight, I don't want anyone leaving this meeting thinking that this funding could have been used for anything else
- These dollars could not have been used for anything else
- They were clearly designated for the sewer and for Forsyth Tech Community College, not Francisco, not any other school or anything else
- You either send the funding back or approve the motion on the floor
- Don't disagree with some of the statements being made

Vice Chairman Booth responded:

- The \$250,000 given to the County from the State was given to Forsyth Tech and not designated directly to sewer
- It could be used for other things for Forsyth Tech

Commissioner Lankford noted that funding was used upfront.

County Manager Morris noted the language regarding what the Forsyth Tech funding could be used for was presented at the last meeting which is for the Forsyth Tech site.

Vice Chairman Booth continued:

- Want to make that clear that it could be used for other things at the site other than sewer
- We are in the process of building a new community college

County Manager Morris noted the sewer is an authorized use of the funding.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Even though the Forsyth Tech money is designated for a certain purpose, money that we don't give to Forsyth Tech that is saved and can be used for other things for Forsyth Tech frees up other county money that could be used for other things
- If we are not spending this leftover money for additional sewer extension, that would leave money that could be used for other Forsyth Tech purposes that would probably have to come out of county funding at some time
- It is a complicated issue
- There are three members that are very unlikely to change their minds for reasons they consider valid and two, it seems, that are looking at it in a different way

Chairman Inman commented:

- We have to close this project out
- We contracted someone to do project
- Forsyth Tech monies were part of group monies for a total project
- You could just as easily said there was \$250,000 of Golden LEAF funding remaining

Chairman Inman confirmed with Manager Morris that the remaining funds could have been identified as other leftover monies from other funders in the project.

Commissioner Lankford added that it was a five-member vote to contract the person to do the project.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Did vote for the original project, but this is a totally different project that could have been done up front – a totally separate project
- Can't understand why it was not done when contractors were still on site

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- The fact is that it was not done then
- What did or did not happen does not make this motion/action any different at this time
- You need to ask Charles Anderson why it was not done when contractors were still on site

Vice Chairman Booth responded:

- Want it made clear that I am not against any additional sewer lines, just against the way this project was brought about

Chairman Inman called the question.

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

Reclassification – Social Services

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the reclassification request presented at the February 8th meeting for Social Services.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the reclassification of a Social Work Supervisor III grade 74 to an Income Maintenance Administrator I grade 73. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Job Description Title Change – Senior Services

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the job description title change presented at the February 8th meeting for Senior Services.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the job description title change from Walnut Cove Senior Center Director to Walnut Cove Senior Center Coordinator (no grade change).

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Conveyance of Francisco Elementary School Property

Chairman Inman noted the following regarding the Conveyance of Francisco Elementary School Property:

- This action tonight is statutorily required if the County wishes to take ownership from the Board of Education
- That is the only decision being made tonight
- In order for the County to continue to work with the committee and all the key players involved in Francisco Elementary School, this action has to happen
- This is the only action tonight
- There will be further discussion on the next Agenda – March 14th

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the Conveyance of Francisco Elementary School Property presented at the February 8th meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Conveyance of Francisco Elementary School Property from the Stokes County Board of Education to the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I have put a lot of thought into this and there has been a lot of discussion on the topic
- There has also been a lot of community involvement
- I have made a statement upfront many times that I would like to see the facility utilized in the best possible way that it could be
- Before I vote for this facility to be turned over to the County, there are some things that I would like to see done before this Board votes to take over the facility:
- Will be in agreement for the County to take over the Francisco Elementary School Property if the following things are met:
 - This Board passes a resolution that contains specific information that we as a Board can deliver to the Francisco Community Committee before we take action on the taking of the facility
 - Select two county commissioners to serve on a committee
 - Decide on a drop dead date for the community to take the facility with no additional time after the drop dead date
 - Get information from the county's insurance carrier
 - School is paying approximately \$1,400 a year
 - County will have to get insurance from a third party carrier after July 1, 2016 – would like to know cost if possible

- Need to pay expenses to maintain the facility for the time agreed upon by the Board
- The Board will not pay for expenses to maintain the facility after the drop dead date
- Let the community know upfront that there will be no more tax dollars put toward the facility after the drop dead date given to the community
- Once the date expires, the county will sell the property
- Sure other members of the Board will have other things to add to a resolution
- Would like to see the resolution passed by the total Board
- Would like to see the resolution, once approved, presented to the Francisco community
- If the community can accept these conditions, that will be fine, if not, my vote would be to let the school system keep the facility

Commissioner Jones commented:

- My thought process is much like what Commissioner Lankford just stated
- Definitely agree there must be a drop dead date
- After visiting the site, realize there is a lot of life left in the facility and would like to see it utilized in the community if possible
- Committee does have some issues that must be overcome
- The committee does need time
- Feel the timeframe needs to be reasonable, no less than a year

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- In my thinking, would like to recommend June 30, 2017

Commissioner Jones continued:

- Feel the Board should develop benchmarks with dates so that we know things are being accomplished

Commissioner Lankford noted that Commissioner Jones' suggestion of benchmarks was a very good idea.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Have supported the work of the committee from the beginning
- Part of the elementary school that I attended is now being used as a community center, still a focal point for that community
- Do agree with some of the points mentioned by Commissioner Lankford
- To me, a year would be the minimum
- Have spoken to folks in the community and they seem to be interested in a year
- I guess one difference for me would be that I don't see a year as a drop dead date
- If there is progress being made and the committee needed more time after the year, I think it should be considered and evaluated on that basis
- Would really like to see something good happen with this facility
- As one member of this Board, I will try to help make it happen

- Like the sound of the one-year timeframe
- Think there is a lot of potential for the facility
- Education such as night classes, possibly the gym for recreation
- It is an asset for the community that I do not want to see lost
- Within reasonable bounds, I would be willing from the county's perspective, one member on this five-member Board, to try to help the committee move from where you are to having a nice facility in the community
- I know there is work to be done
- When I look at the people who are interested in this project, I see enough passion and enough interest there to help move things to where they need to be
- I think these folks know how to get things done and that means a whole lot
- On board, "can't sell the farm and just say you have a blank check"
- I like the sound of some of what Commissioner Lankford and Commissioner Jones were saying
- There seems to also be interest in other Board members to at least give the community a window of opportunity
- Hope something good can come from it

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- With Commissioner Lankford's recommendation, the timeframe is sixteen (16) months which is good
- Agree with the stipulations that Commissioner Lankford spoke of and would want them in some type of an agreement
- Have been talking about taking this over for several months and feel it is the time for the County to take ownership
- Feel putting the stipulations on the Discussion Agenda for the next meeting is a good idea
- Feel the Board needs to go ahead and take ownership and then decide about the stipulations and what the County will and will not do
- Feel the community needs to know what the County is willing to do so they can continue their research
- If after the drop dead date, the committee does not have a sustainable plan, then this Board would decide what happens to the facility

Chairman Inman commented:

- It has been my belief and feeling from the beginning that Francisco Elementary School belongs to the Francisco community
- Prior to consolidation, Francisco School, Sandy Ridge School, Lawsonville School, and Nancy Reynolds School were always focal points of the community
- People went to school there and also for recreation
- It was either the church or the school in most communities
- Have said from the beginning that I think this Board believes that the school belongs to the community and for this community to have Francisco Elementary School
- Feel there are a lot of people in the community who feel like this Board has been dragging their feet

- We have been listening
- We have been doing a lot of due diligence
- Felt each Board member should visit the school before any action was taken
- Every Board member has visited the school and seen its potential
- Have been talking about things that the facility could be used for – Forsyth Tech courses, health clinic, mental health clinic, etc.
- Agree with a lot of what Commissioner Lankford is saying
- This Board agreed there would not be a quick decision made regarding the transfer of ownership of Francisco Elementary School
- There will be meetings to hear from the community
- On board with the timeframe being at least a year
- Agree that two members from this Board should serve on the committee
- Would like to see this Board approve the motion to take ownership of Francisco Elementary School and discussion at the next meeting regarding a potential resolution

Chairman Inman called the question.

The motion carried unanimously.

Director David Burge, Stokes County Schools, questioned Chairman Inman when would transfer of ownership take place?

Chairman Inman suggested possibly the first of March.

Director Burge noted there were a few things that would need to be done before ownership is transferred to the County:

- Rekey the school to remove the school from the schools master lock system
- Change out the thermostats
- A couple of pieces of kitchen equipment needs to be moved to another location
- Will leave the remaining desks, chairs, etc. that was not needed at other schools

Vice Chairman Booth questioned if the first of March would provide enough time to get everything done?

The Board discussed possible dates with Director Burge.

County Manager Morris noted that the facility and land would have to be in the County's name before it could be placed on the County's insurance.

The Board agreed to direct County Manager Morris to work with Director Burge regarding

the transfer of ownership and making sure the facility was covered by insurance by either the school or county.

Mr. Horace Stimson, community member, questioned if the community could utilize the facility/grounds once ownership is given to the County?

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed Manager Morris to check with the insurance company whether the community can utilize the facility/grounds once the ownership is transferred to the County.

Economic Development Recommendation – Economic Development Assessment Planning Committee

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the following recommendations from the Economic Development Assessment Planning Committee which were presented at the February 8th meeting:

- Delay for at least one additional year the filling of the position of Economic Development Director pending further assessment of the department
- Extend until June 30, 2017 David Sudderth's temporary reclassification as the Interim Economic Development Director at the same salary
- The other recommendations would be considered with the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the following recommendations:

- Delay for at least one additional year the filling of the position of Economic Development Director pending further assessment of the department
- Extend until June 30, 2017 David Sudderth's temporary reclassification as the Interim Economic Development Director at the same salary
- The other recommendations would be considered with the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items for Joint Meeting with Rockingham/Caswell Counties – March 2, 2016

County Manager Rick Morris presented and discussed the following information regarding the Joint Meeting with Rockingham and Caswell Counties on Wednesday, March 2, 2016:

- Items submitted from Rockingham County
 - Appreciation Presentation
 - This is something that Rockingham County wants do without giving any information prior to the meeting
 - Proposed Merger with CenterPoint Human Services and Cardinal Innovations Healthcare
 - Chairman Inman and Commissioner Keith Duncan could lead the discussion
 - Economic Development
 - Collaboration between the counties – Regionalism
 - Transportation for Elderly – TIP Program
 - Would prefer not to discuss at this time
 - Could be brought up if time permits
 - Have several topics that could take up a lot of time
- Items discussed at the February 8th meeting:
 - Broadband expansion
 - Can provide an update
 - Potential Waterline Project for a portion of HWY #311
 - Provided the Board with a map detailing the 3.9 miles between Stokes and Rockingham County that lacks water
 - Economic Development
- Caswell County did not have any topics
- Item suggested by Manager Morris:
 - Animal Control Ordinances
 - Have Animal Control Officer Kevin Webster briefly discuss the revised ordinances recently passed by the Board
- Would be glad to facilitate the meeting, introduce each topic and then turn the topic over to the three counties' commissioners

Commissioner Walker suggested it be a team effort between the manager and the Chairman.

The Board unanimously agreed to have the following on the Agenda for the Joint Meeting with Rockingham and Caswell Counties on March 2nd:

- Appreciation Presentation
- Proposed Merger with CenterPoint Human Services and Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Services
- Economic Development
- Transportation for Elderly – Rural Counties (if time)
- Broadband expansion
- Potential Waterline Project for a portion of HWY #311
- Animal Control Ordinances

County Manager Morris noted an Agenda would be provided to the Board and to

Rockingham and Caswell Counties the first of next week.

Appointments – Stokes County Aging Planning Committee

Clerk Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding the appointments to the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee:

- Recently spoke with Chairman Erma Perkins, Stokes County Aging Planning Committee
- Chairman Perkins noted that the Aging Planning Committee met on February 17th
- The Committee did not finalize their recommendation
- The Committee has invited the potential members to the March meeting in order to allow the individuals a chance to see what really goes on
- The Committee hopes to have a final recommendation for the Board's April Meeting
- Chairman Perkins is planning on giving her first update at the March 28th meeting
- Will continue to be placed on the Board Agenda until all vacancies are filled

Commissioner Walker commended the Aging Planning Committee's effort towards getting members on the Board who are interested and know what the committee is all about before recommendations are made to the County Commissioners for appointment.

Chairman Inman confirmed with Board members that there were no nominations for today's meeting.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the March 14th Action Agenda.

Utilities Easement – Sheep Rock Road – Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the Utilities Easement – Sheep Rock Road – Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Utilities Easement – Sheep Rock Road – Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman