

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
JUNE 13, 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, June 13, 2016 at 1:30 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
County Attorney Tyrone Browder
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

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

INVOCATION

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

Chairman Inman delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Chairman Inman noted that Commissioner Walker would be a little late for today's meeting due to vehicle mechanical problems.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the June 13, 2016 Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the June 13th Agenda as submitted.

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Walker absent.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget
 - Budget Work Session – Joint Meeting with the Board of Education scheduled for tomorrow (June 14th) at 10:00 am
 - Received notification from the Local Government Commission that the County's application for financing for the community college (\$6,100,00.00) has been approved
 - Loan has already closed and money is in the bank

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life “Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, wait on the Lord” (Psalm)
- Attended the NC Association of County Commissioners’ Insurance Pool Insurance Meeting last week
 - The pool is very financially stable
 - County's liability and worker's compensation saw a slight decrease for Fiscal Year 2016-17
 - Pool currently has between 1,100 and 1,400 claims a year with approximately 550 from Sheriffs’ Departments
 - Very good meeting
- Lawsonville Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary yesterday

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone today

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Stokes Future Farmers’ Market will be hosting a huge festival this Friday in the lawn at the hospital (2:00-4:00pm)
 - The market is very diverse, it is not just all about vegetables, it is all about trying to help entrepreneurs – whether it tourism, economic development, etc.
 - Will be a great community event

Chairman Inman commented:

- CenterPoint Human Services is completing its merger with Cardinal Innovations
- Not having a board meeting this month
- There will be an open house at CenterPoint, located at 4045 University Parkway in Winston Salem on Wednesday, June 15th (5:00 – 6:30pm)
 - Everyone is invited
 - Continue to struggle in this country with mental health and guns
 - Saw a classic example recently in Orlando, Florida
 - Governor McCrory, through the Governor's TaskForce, has allocated an additional \$30 million for mental health in North Carolina
 - Attended the NC Association of County Commissioners Board of Directors Meeting this past weekend in Asheville
 - Mental Health TaskForce has been completed and done some great work, but still have a long way to go

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:

Frank L. James

Town of Rural Hall

7290 Broad Street

Rural Hall, NC 27045

Re: **County Budget – Rural Hall**

Town of Rural Hall Manager Frank James presented the following comments:

- Pleasure to visit Stokes County, home for me for many years
- One thing I have always said is that in order to be fiscally responsible and grow, you have must have infrastructure that attracts such
- Attended Town Hall Day in Raleigh last week, read an article regarding Raleigh being wide open for the millenniums to intervene and come into
- Believe Stokes County has that same opportunity
- In order for those opportunities to arise, there is a certain amount of infrastructure that must go on, not only roads, but the educational aspect of it
- I served on the Board of Trustees for Forsyth Tech and promoted getting the community college for Stokes County which will be a tremendous asset
- I want to thank Manager Rick Morris and his staff for the hard work that goes into the budget process; understand that process as being a manager for 43 years
- I know we all have different desires and needs, but there are things that we all must do in order to reach that plateau
- Just want to take this opportunity to thank the commissioners for the years past with what we have been able to accomplish

- The Town of Rural Hall Fire Department is honored to serve a part of Stokes County
- We are honored to protect your citizens and we feel we can do that in a most efficient manner
- I encourage you to consider the budgets as you move forward
- I realize that this is a very difficult time for you
- We are all in difficult times as far as budgets are concerned, but do believe that with us all working together, we can make a difference
- I working alone can do nothing, but if we all work together, we can make a difference
- I encourage all of us to continue to work together
- Appreciate the opportunity to speak today

Commissioner Walker entered the meeting at 1:42 pm.

William Sparks

1215 Singletree Road

Westfield, NC

Re: **HB2**

Mr. Sparks presented the following comments:

- Here today to speak today against the Resolution in Support of HB2
- Yet again, the North Carolina General Assembly, in the dark of night, has passed a law that negatively impacts the lives of all Stokes County citizens
- The only thing that I want to say about the transgender part of the law is that we have had laws on the books for 150 years that make it a crime to molest or sexually assault a child or an adult
- In a 100 years of North Carolina jurist prudence, there is no case of someone being assaulted or molested by a transgender person in a public bathroom in North Carolina
- Seventeen (17) states and 200 communities have passed the exact same ordinance as Charlotte did, really liberal places like:
 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 - El Paso, Texas
 - Boise, Idaho
 - Dallas, Texas
 - Kansas City, Kansas
 - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
 - Indianapolis, Indiana
 - And ironically, the city we all pray for today, the City of Orlando, Florida
- From these locations, there is not one incident or report of attack, people fear for no good reason
- Now for the really terrible part of this bill
- The most important building in this County is located across the parking lot -- courthouse
- This is where, when all else fails, our citizens can go to seek justice from a judge and a jury of their peers
- HB 2 sold the right of every single Stokes County citizen to seek justice in a North Carolina court to seek discrimination in employment, a right that we have had since 1982

- If your mother, wife, daughter or sister is demoted or terminated because they are a woman, they can't sue in a North Carolina Court
- If you get terminated for the color of your skin, you cannot sue in a North Carolina court
- If you get demoted or terminated for being old and get replaced by someone half your age at half the salary, you cannot sue in a North Carolina Court
- If you get demoted, terminated, or transferred for expressing your Christian beliefs at work, you cannot sue in a North Carolina Court
- Yes, fired for being a Christian, no rights in a Court
- This my friends is tyranny
- You can take your case to a federal court
- My attorney says it would cost \$25,000 just to start that conversation
- Forty-eight (48) other states have the right to sue for discrimination in employment in their state court system – 48 states
- By voting for this resolution, you are supporting North Carolina joining Mississippi as the only two (2) states that deny this right to their people
- Please vote against this resolution and go further - support the appeal of this law and restore our access to the North Carolina Courts
- This concludes my remarks on this topic
- On a personal note to Chairman Inman, Johannah Sterns joins me in thanking you for your public service for these many years as you prepare to exit the public stage; we appreciate your service to Stokes County

Jeff Beckelhimer

1174 Lundsford Drive
King, NC
Re: **HB2**

Mr. Beckelhimer presented the following comments:

- Would like to thank the commissioners for the opportunity to speak here today
- I, too, am here today to speak to you against any resolution that may be put forth by the county that supports House Bill 2
- I am going to start by saying I am going to overlook Part 3 of House Bill 2 that basically says that any one of us could lose our jobs simply because we are a man, a woman, we are African American, we are Hispanic, we are White, or we believe in God and we have no recourse in the State of North Carolina
- I want to overlook Part 2 of House Bill 2 that takes away the ability of any municipality to set its own guidelines and regulations to employment wages and benefit levels even if those benefit levels and guidelines supersede those of the state
- I am going to overlook Part 1 of House Bill 2, the only one that anyone seems to be talking about
- That is the part that requires citizens to use the bathroom in accordance to the gender stated on their birth certificate even though there are no documented cases in North Carolina of any wrong doing
- It is just a solution looking for a problem

- Instead I am going to ask the commissioners one question - "Why in the world would you draft a resolution that supports a law that takes away the rights any local municipality to govern themselves?"
- If this resolution is passed, businesses will not come here; people will not come here; they will not spend money here; they will not move here; they will not buy real estate here
- As a small business owner myself, I can tell you that 80% of my business comes from outside of Stokes County
- If this resolution is passed, I am going to lose 40% of that and I put that squarely on your shoulders
- The majority of the people do not support this law and if anyone doesn't believe that then they are truly disconnected from their public and the masses
- This is a very discriminatory law
- It was written and shoved down our throats in the midnight hours by a bunch of overweight white guys that are terrified by anything different from themselves
- To put your voice and your signature behind House Bill 2, is putting your voice and signature behind hatred and bigotry
- If a resolution is passed and written, I would like to ask that the youth of this County and the people of this County who want a future for this County that promotes economic reform and growth, one that is forward thinking and not backward thinking, and brings promise and hope to everyone in this County, I call on these people to rise up, take over and take control because it is time for a social and political revolution in this County
- I am not talking about party versus party or Republican versus Democrat versus Independent
- I am talking about love versus hate, promise versus discouragement, and hope versus hopelessness
- As much as this County has a past, more importantly, it needs a future
- And to quote Dolly Parton, "if I have to pee, I'm gonna pee"

David Dalton

1220 Wells Creek Road
Madison, NC

Re: **HB2**

Mr. Dalton presented the following comments:

- Have a Madison address, but do live in Stokes County
- Would like to read this statement released from Governor McCrory's Office: "The shooting that occurred in Orlando was a tragedy and something that should never take place in our country. Those who died were innocent victims of an inexcusable act of violence. My prayers go out to the victims' families as well as to Mayor Buddy Dyer and the City of Orlando as they try to comprehend this tragic event. I have reached out to Florida Governor Rick Scott offering my condolences and any assistance we as a state can provide."
- In light of events this past weekend in Orlando, I would like to ask this Board to table the Resolution on HB2 that is on the Agenda for today
- I think that many of us will agree that under the circumstances, any action on such a Resolution today would send the wrong message about the good people of Stokes County

- In fact, if this Board takes any action today, I think that many of us would agree that it would be far more appropriate to approve a Resolution concurring with the statement that Governor McCrory released yesterday

Johannah Stern
1215 Single Tree Road
Westfield, NC
Re: **HB2**

Ms. Stern presented the following comments:

- Thank you for the opportunity to speak
- I also would like to see you table any motion in support of HB2
- I was born and raised in North Carolina
- I was always taught that Christianity was a faith of love, an inclusion in support and forgiveness
- There is a reason why this bill is called Hate Bill 2
- I don't think it espouses anything that Stokes County wants to put out that we support
- Particularly in light of what happen in Orlando, I certainly don't think we are going to line ourselves with ISIS
- I would hope that you would table the vote on HB2

Ellen Peric
1095 Wheeler Smith Road
Lawsonville, NC
Re: **HB2**

Ms. Peric presented the following comments:

- I am here to voice my opinion on the commissioners proposing a Resolution in Support of HB2 or the Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act
- This is not a bathroom bill
- It is not a protect the women and young girls act
- The supporters of the measure have been unable to appoint to a single case that justifies the need to legislate where people should be allowed to use the toilet
- The bill does not speak to enforcement nor penalty, so how is the bill protecting your loved ones when there is no enforcement?
- If it wanted to protect you, it would include a prescription for officers to be placed outside of bathrooms and it would mandate that all citizens carry with them a copy of their birth certificates
- It would mandate the penalty that a person charged with using the wrong bathroom would face, but it does none of these, so it is meaningless unless you consider the intent to protect our women and children from people "who are not like us", "to protect us from people we don't understand"
- The Legislature had to convene a Special Session because the issue was so critical, life or death, really
- They proceeded to run the bill through
- The House allowed for thirty (30) minutes of debating, limiting speakers to two (2) minutes

- The Governor signed it twelve (12) hours start to finish and we thought government works slowly
- What does it say about legislation that needs this approach?
- What were they scared of? Discussion, clarity, consequences?
- It seems they had all the information that they needed
- Passage of this law aimed at a nonexistent threat would do nothing to improve public safety, but there is abundant evidence that has hurt and will continue to hurt all North Carolinians
- Finally, the Stokes News quoted Commissioner Booth as saying "The Stokes County Board of Commissioners believe this Resolution is very representative of the beliefs and views of the overwhelming majority of our citizenry"
- Well, I believe in the fifties and sixties discrimination against African Americans was representative of the beliefs and views of the overwhelming majority of our citizenry; it did not make it right then and it doesn't make it right now
- Discrimination is wrong and hate will never win

Michael Hylton

1767 Frank Joyce Road
Sandy Ridge, NC
Re: **HB2**

Mr. Hylton presented the following comments:

- First, would like to thank you all for your servitude to all the citizens of Stokes County
- Want to speak in response to the possible support of House Bill 2
- Would like to ask you all to please not support House Bill 2
- We all have one love that lives in all of us , deep down inside of all of us and that is the same love, the same love
- There is too much divisiveness in the world today as it is and what we need more of is love and understanding
- When you all took an oath to serve the best interest of all Stokes County citizens, all of them, not just the majority
- So I ask you to please, please not do anything to create more divide and separation between people
- Kindness and understanding is what brings people together
- Hatred and discrimination tears people apart
- I ask that you search deep in your hearts and you find that one love that we all share and bring forth that love and kindness toward all and leave the hatred, discrimination, and pain out of it
- Move this County forward, not backward
- Very grateful for your attention today and opportunity to speak with you

E. A. "Buddy" Timm

708 Summit Street
Walnut Cove, NC
Re: **HB2**

Mr. Timm read and presented the following comments:

June 13, 2016

I appreciate this opportunity to encourage you to pass the Stokes County Resolution supporting HB2, since it promotes morality and safety.

HB2 keeps making the news since the left disagrees with the right to discriminate in law against the immoral Transgender behavior, which compromises bathroom safety. Our Creator's character and virtue commands discrimination between the immoral and moral behaviors; therefore, our trust and position should identify with God's position.

Ignorant or not, the pimps of immorality use that vice to destroy people; thus making people dependent on government – the goal of Socialism and Communism.

As a Vietnam Vet, the 58 thousand names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in DC reminds me of those who gave their lives in war against the spread of Communism. Does it not seem strange, we have not been allowed to win a war against the Communists- from the Korean War, the Cuban Bay of Pigs Invasion, to the Vietnam War? A Vietnamese officer, who had made a perilous escape from the View Cong's Custody, after the VC took over the South, told me: If you sign an agreement to help us, don't betray us! We never should have betrayed them, yet, even we were not allowed to win. Could Jane Fonda and John Kerry, picture with honors in Vietnam's War Memorial Museum in Saigon, have something to do with our loss?

Back in the States the Communist were gaining power in the Civil Rights movement and many front organizations. Within the Civil Rights movement was, my favorite hero of that era- Julia Brown. She was a black woman who wanted to get out of the Communist Party when she realized they were out to harm America. After contacting the FBI, they persuaded her to stay in the Community Party, and be an informant. Dealing with danger was her forte. Her testimony before Congress in 1962, put eleven communists behind bars.

Divide and conquer is the Communist's tool to accomplish their goal. It is their tactics of "Jim Crow" practices, their "in your face" divide which has been successful, with accompanying threats. Their messengers have been contradictions of common sense; the phony Preachers, the phony Christians, and the phony Patriots that support immorality.

It is the traitor that appeals to the base nature of man, who rots the soul of a Nation, and undermines its pillars, spoke Cicero. George Washington concurred in his Farewell Address: "In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars" – Religion and morality.

The divide is clear, along with the main players.

Your Resolution supporting HB2 reveals the side you chose, and gives hope to morality in America. Its passage will strengthen trust.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

June 13, 2016

- Minutes of May 19, 2106 – Emergency Meeting
- Minutes of May 23, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes of May 31, 2016 – Emergency Meeting
- Minutes of May 31, 2016 – Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 2, 2016 – Public Hearing
- Minutes of June 7, 2016 – Planning Meeting

Sheriff's Department, EMS, Natural Resources, and Contingency- Budget Amendment #77

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #77.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$1,706,452.00	\$5,393.00	\$1,711,845.00
Emergency Medical Services				
100.4370.000	Salaries & Wages	\$1,151,038.00	\$2,887.00	\$1,153,925.00
Natural Resources				
100.4960.000	Salaries & Wages	\$107,968.00	\$705.00	\$108,673.00
Contingency				
100.9910.100	Leave Cost	\$5,849.00	\$(5,849.00)	\$00.00
100.9910.300	Personnel Cost	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$(3,136.00)</u>	<u>\$46,864.00</u>
Totals		\$3,021,307.00	\$00.00	\$3,021,307.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency for the payoff of terminated, resigned, retired, dismissed and compensatory time over limit employees for May. (holiday for \$192, vacation \$8,169 and compensatory time \$624).

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.

Register of Deeds - Budget Amendment #78

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #78.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Register of Deeds				
100.4180.430	Rental of Equipment	\$32,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$42,000.00
Contingency				
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$85,920.00</u>	<u>\$(10,000.00)</u>	<u>\$75,920.00</u>
Totals		\$117,920.00	\$00.00	\$117,920.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The transfer funds from Contingency to Rental of Equipment due to transferred funds out in error on the quarterly review budget amendment. These funds are for the scanning of old records

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.

Jail - Budget Amendment #79

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #79.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Jail				
100.4320.000	Salaries & Wages	\$682,533.00	\$(20,000.00)	\$662,533.00
100.4320.020	Salaries & Wages – Part time	<u>\$180,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
Totals		\$862,533.00	\$00.00	\$862,533.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The transfer funds for part time salaries due to worker's compensation claims

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.

Sheriff's Department- Budget Amendment #80

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #80.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	<u>\$96,012.00</u>	<u>\$2,936.00</u>	<u>\$98,948.00</u>
	Totals	\$96,012.00	\$2,936.00	\$98,948.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The appropriate funds from insurance claim due to accident.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$2,936.00** 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
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	<u>\$53,458.00</u>	<u>\$2,936.00</u>	<u>\$56,394.00</u>
	Totals	\$53,458.00	\$2,936.00	\$56,394.00

Emergency Medical Services, Transfers, and Contingency - Budget Amendment #81

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #81.

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				
100.4370.510	Equipment	\$183,995.00	\$39,875.00	\$223,870.00
Transfers				
100.9820.960	Transfer to Capital Reserve	<u>\$124,521.00</u>	<u>\$50,358.00</u>	<u>\$174,879.00</u>
	Totals	\$308,516.00	\$90,233.00	\$398,749.00
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.4370.010	Emergency Medical Services	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$50,358.00</u>	<u>\$50,358.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$50,358.00	\$50,358.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The appropriate funds from insurance claim due to accident and to transfer funds to Capital Reserve Fund for repairs in next fiscal year.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$90,232.00** 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				
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	<u>\$56,394.00</u>	<u>\$90,233.00</u>	<u>\$146,627.00</u>
	Totals	\$56,394.00	\$90,233.00	\$146,627.00
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$124,521.00</u>	<u>\$50,358.00</u>	<u>\$174,879.00</u>
	Totals	\$124,521.00	\$50,358.00	\$174,879.00

Special Appropriation - Budget Amendment #82

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #82.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Special Appropriation				
100.5830.695	SCAN	<u>\$28,522.00</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	<u>\$30,822.00</u>
	Totals	\$28,522.00	\$2,300.00	\$30,822.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The appropriate additional funding from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$2,300.00** 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
100.3301.361	Juvenile Crime Pre. Council	<u>\$136,010.00</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	<u>\$138,310.00</u>
	Totals	\$136,010.00	\$2,300.00	\$138,310.00

Legal and Contingency - Budget Amendment #83

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #83.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Legal			
100.4150.180	Professional Services	\$90,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$110,000.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$75,920.00</u>	<u>\$(20,000.00)</u>	<u>\$55,920.00</u>
	Totals	\$165,920.00	\$00.00	\$165,920.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The transfer funds from Contingency for possible outside counsel fees.

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 #84

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #84.

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			
100.4370.311	Training	\$13,100.00	\$(7,000.00)	\$6,100.00
100.4370.260	Departmental Supplies	\$16,625.00	\$(1,500.00)	\$15,125.00
100.4370.510	Equipment	<u>\$183,995.00</u>	<u>\$8,500.00</u>	<u>\$192,495.00</u>
	Totals	\$213,720.00	\$00.00	\$213,720.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The appropriate funds to purchase a training mannequin.

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.

Application – East Coast Pyrotechnics – Fireworks Display - Vineyard

Fire Marshal Brian Booe submitted the annual application from East Coast Pyrotechnics for a Fireworks Display at the Vineyard on July 9, 2016 for the Board's review and consideration for approval. Fire Marshal Booe has reviewed the application and recommends approval of the June 13, 2016

application by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Booth seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Manager Morris that the County's Insurance had to make up the difference for the repairs of the wrecked ambulance due to the driver at fault having minimum coverage amount (Budget Amendment #81).

The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Jail Inspection Report – May 2016

Chairman Inman introduced Jail Captain Debbie Tuttle, Stokes County Sheriff's Department, who would be submitting the May 2016 Jail Inspection Report.

Jail Captain Debbie Tuttle commented:

- Jail Inspection was done by Jail Inspectors Garrick Starck and Roger McCoy on May 26, 2016
- There were minor mechanical deficiencies (such as a clogged drain, leaky cold water valve, etc.) that have all been repaired
- Submission to the state referencing repairs have been completed has been done
- The deficiency involving the supervision rounds was because the time system and the computer system was off by three minutes which made it look like a round was off but it was not
- Currently, the jail is running at full capacity

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the jail inspection report.

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Jail Captain Tuttle that she did not feel the inspectors were being picky with noting very small issues such as a clogged drain.

Jail Captain Tuttle responded that staff understands that they are just doing their job and very pleased that there were only minor deficiencies to be found.

Chairman Inman noted that anytime a state inspection is done, they are always going to find

something.

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation to Capital Tuttle and the jail staff for another great report and their continued dedication.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Tax Administration Report – May 2016

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the May 2016 Report:

Fiscal Year 2015-16	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
Current 2015 Taxes Percentage = 100.06%	\$20,083,177.00	\$20,094,287.13	\$11,110.13	
New Schools F-Tech Fund Percentage = 103.11%	\$1,295,689.00	\$1,335,957.96	\$40,268.96	
Prior Taxes County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$675,000.00	\$467,951.75		\$207,048.25

Refunds Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (May 2016) at the June 13th meeting for the Board's review:

Refunds Less Than \$100 - Real/Personal Property

Name	Bill No	Amount
Louis & Mary Wrenn	1173-2015-2015	\$34.79
	1173-2014-2014	\$30.21
	1173-2013-2013	\$30.96
	1173-2012-2012	\$28.43
	1173-2011-2011	<u>\$28.56</u>
Total		\$152.95

Releases Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Release less than \$100 –
Real and Personal Property (May 2016) at the June 13th meeting for the Board's review:

Releases Less Than \$100 - Real/Personal Property

Name	Bill No	Amount
Mark Anthony Cole	320306-2015-2015	<u>\$56.75</u>
Total		\$56.75

Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refund more than \$100 –
Real and Personal Property (May 2016) at the June 13th meeting for the Board's review
with consideration at the June 27th meeting:

Refund More Than \$100 - Real/Personal Property

Name	Bill No	Amount	Reason
Niteshkuma Patel	16525625	<u>\$133.52</u>	Vehicle sold
Total		\$133.52	

Releases More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 –
Real and Personal Property (May 2016) at the June 13th meeting for the Board's review
with consideration at the June 27th meeting:

Release More Than \$100 - Real/Personal Property

Name	Bill No	Amount	Reason
Virginia Gunnell (deceased)	303135-2015	\$203.67	Assessment Correction
	303135-2014	\$196.70	Will not Perk

	303135-2013	\$196.70
	303135-2012	\$196.70
	303135-2010	\$419.62
	303135-2009	<u>\$410.15</u>
Total		\$1,623.54

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- This is the first time for the new Agenda format

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the May Report.

Commissioner Lankford confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that May's collections are slightly lower than April and that was normal for this time of year.

Chairman Inman noted that with collections through May, the Tax Department has already exceeded the budget collection amount by \$11,110.13 for Fiscal Year 2015-16 with another month to go.

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- Department has collected approximately 97% of what was actually billed

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the following be placed on the June 27th Consent Agenda for consideration for approval:

- Release More Than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Proposed Agreement – Law Enforcement Services – Town of Walnut Cove

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Agreement with the Town of Walnut Cove for Law Enforcement Services that was presented to the Board at the May 23rd meeting:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF STOKES

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this the 1st day of **July 2016**, by and among **THE TOWN OF WALNUT COVE**, hereinafter referred to as "**THE TOWN**" and **THE COUNTY OF STOKES**, hereinafter referred to as "**THE COUNTY**," on behalf of the **STOKES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, hereinafter referred to as "**SCSO**" as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, THE TOWN has a desire and a need to provide law enforcement officers within its corporate boundaries in order to keep the peace, to enforce the criminal laws of the State of North Carolina, to enforce the ordinances established by **THE COUNTY** and **THE TOWN** and to maintain order in their **TOWN**; and

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY is authorized to provide the services outlined herein pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S 160A-461, et.seq; and

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY acting through the **SCSO** is willing and agreeable to hire, to employ, to train, to assign and to supervise law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Office to be assigned to **THE TOWN**;

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE as follows:

I. THE TOWN AGREES:

- A. Beginning on July 1, 2016, the annual payment due from **THE TOWN** will be \$142,526.00 and will increase by an amount equal to the latest available and published Consumer Price Index each year thereafter. The adjustment amount, if any, shall be determined by mutual agreement on or before April 1st of the preceding year. The annual payments will be paid by **THE TOWN** in four equal payments, with the payments due on September 30th, December 30th, March 30th and June 30th of each Fiscal Year.
- B. To provide office space within the town limits of Walnut Cove for use by the **SCSO** during the period of this agreement. The **SCSO** shall use this office space solely in connection with law enforcement services and activities being performed within the town limits of Walnut Cove.

II. THE COUNTY AGREES:

- A. To provide dedicated law enforcement services within the town limits of Walnut Cove. Specifically, **THE COUNTY** agrees to have at least one officer assigned and providing law enforcement services to the Town of Walnut Cove at all times, twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. **THE COUNTY**, acting through the **SCSO**, will have at least one officer present within the town limits at all times, twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, except in the case of an emergency requiring the officer to leave **THE TOWN'S** limits, whether or not such emergency is related to **THE TOWN**. Furthermore, the parties to this agreement recognize and

agree that there may be temporary instances where the Sheriff of Stokes County, in his discretion, determines that the officer assigned to **THE TOWN** needs to be outside of the town limits, for law enforcement services related to **THE TOWN**, for example where the officer is needed to transport an arrestee to the magistrate and/or jail. During any such instances, other officers of the **SCSO** will be available to provide law enforcement services to **THE TOWN**, although those officers may not be located within the town limits. The **SCSO** agrees to use best efforts to keep such instances to a minimum and, furthermore, to minimize the time of any such instance. If it is determined, by the **SCSO**, that the assigned officer will be outside of the town limits for an extended period of time, then the **SCSO** will assign another officer to be present within the town limits. Furthermore, **THE COUNTY**, acting through the **SCSO**, will provide adequate law enforcement services to ensure safety and security for various special events in **THE TOWN**, including but not limited to **THE TOWN'S** annual Halloween Celebration, **THE TOWN'S** annual Christmas parade, **THE TOWN'S** annual July 3rd fireworks and concert event, and other events as requested by **THE TOWN'S** Mayor, Town Manager and/or Board of Commissioners.

- B. That the **SCSO** will provide all law enforcement services in **THE TOWN**, including but not limited to patrol work, investigative services and local ordinance enforcement. This agreement does not, in any manner, limit the services which would otherwise be provided within the town limits of **THE TOWN** by the **SCSO**, if there were not an agreement. This agreement, and the payments made pursuant to this agreement, are solely for the purpose of contracting for services in addition to those already required of the **SCSO**.
- C. The **SCSO** will take the necessary steps and actions to ensure that at least one officer is educated, trained, and qualified to investigate traffic accidents. The **SCSO** will make officers who are so trained available to investigate traffic accidents which occur within the limits of **THE TOWN**. The **SCSO** may, in its discretion, contact the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and request the assistance of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol in investigating and otherwise handling any traffic accident, as the **SCSO** deems necessary and appropriate.
- D. To provide the necessary Police Professional Liability Insurance to protect Stokes County and the Stokes County Sheriff's Office

III. **THE PARTIES AGREE:**

That the law enforcement officers assigned to **THE TOWN** pursuant to this Agreement remain employees of the Stokes County Sheriff's Office at all times during the term of this Agreement. Under the general concept of community-based policing, these officers will be responsible for performing law enforcement duties within **THE TOWN** to include, but not be limited to: patrolling within **THE TOWN**; answering calls for service within **THE TOWN**; conducting general security checks within **THE TOWN** and otherwise interacting with residents and visitors within **THE TOWN**. The **TOWN** agrees to obtain prior written approval

from the Sheriff or his designee before assigning an officer provided under this Agreement to perform other or additional duties.

Notwithstanding the above, the parties understand and agree that the Stokes County Sheriff's primary responsibility at all times is law enforcement and safety within all of Stokes County and that circumstances may arise wherein the Sheriff determines it is necessary to reassign one or more officers from **THE TOWN** for a given period of time in order to meet that primary responsibility. In the event that any officer is reassigned from **THE TOWN** for a given period of time, the **SCSO** will assign another officer to **THE TOWN** for that given period of time, in order to fulfill the obligations set forth above in paragraph II (A).

IV. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- A. The annual payments will be paid by **THE TOWN** in four equal payments, with the payments due on September 30th, December 30th, March 30th and June 30th of each fiscal year. Payment may be made by either hand delivering or mailing the payment to **THE COUNTY**.
- B. **THE TOWN** shall be considered in default on the payments if any payment is more than thirty (30) days past due and **THE COUNTY** has made a written request to **THE TOWN** for payment. In the event that **THE TOWN** is in default on any payment, the **SCSO** will immediately be relieved of the obligations of this agreement set forth above in paragraph II(A). However, all other law enforcement services required of the **SCSO** to **THE TOWN** and/or within the town limits of **THE TOWN** shall continue, as set forth above in paragraph II(B).

V. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- A. This agreement shall be effective for three years: **Fiscal Years 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.**
- B. The Agreement may be extended for additional and successive terms upon agreement of the parties and the execution of the appropriate amendment to the agreement.

VI. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

The Agreement may be amended or modified only by agreement of both parties in writing.

VII. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Agreement may be terminated by any party upon giving Notice of Termination in writing to the other parties to the Agreement. Notice shall be in writing and provided as follows: to the Town Manager of Walnut Cove at P.O. Box 130, Walnut Cove, North Carolina 27052; to the County Manager, c/o The County Of Stokes, P.O. Box 20, Danbury, North Carolina 27016. The Notice must be given by the party desiring to terminate this agreement six months prior to the termination date.

In the event of termination of this agreement by either party, any payments due from **THE TOWN** to **THE COUNTY** shall be prorated and due immediately upon the effective termination date. Furthermore, in the event of termination of this agreement by either party, any remaining useable property transferred from **THE TOWN** to **THE COUNTY** and/or the **SCSO** during the term of the agreement will be immediately returned to **THE TOWN**. If necessary, the parties to this agreement agree to then take all necessary steps to transfer title to any of the remaining original equipment to **THE TOWN**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the hereto parties have executed this Agreement the date and year first written above.

COUNTY OF STOKES

By: _____
County Manager

Date: _____

STOKES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

By: _____
Sheriff

Date: _____

TOWN OF WALNUT COVE

By: _____
Town Manager

Date: _____

County Manager Morris noted that Sheriff Mike Marshall was in attendance for today's meeting in case there were any questions.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- I spoke with Sheriff Marshall regarding my questions in concern at the last meeting
- The only concern that I still have is the Consumer Price Index being used to determine the annual increase which has only increased approximately \$2,000 during the past three (3) years
- The County's actual costs has increased more than that over the three (3) years
- Would like to possibly change the wording to "actual county costs" instead of "Consumer Price Index"
- For example, Sheriff's Department and EMS were given a three-step salary increase last year which amounted to approximately 10% and health insurance premiums increasing this year by 15%
- Would like to see this changed before being considered for approval

County Manager Morris questioned what formula would the Board like to use for the calculation (personnel, supplies)?

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Need to include all the increases and take it on a percentage basis instead of the Consumer Price Index

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Needs to include all increases such as salaries, insurance premiums, supplies, equipment, etc.
- Know that in the last three (3) years, there has been increases with this amount and not increasing but approximately \$2,500
- Health Insurance alone is approximately \$6,000 for FY 2016-17 (paid by the County)

County Manager Morris confirmed with Commissioner Lankford and Vice Chairman Booth the following should be included in the formula:

- Salaries
- Insurance premiums
- Vehicle usage
- Any increase incurred by the department
- Actual cost incurred by the department to deliver the services

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Would like input from Sheriff Mike Marshall
- Would like the Sheriff's thought as to whether the amount of \$142,526 which is included in the proposed agreement is sufficient to cover his costs to provide the service to the Town of Walnut Cove

Sheriff Mike Marshall responded:

- The amount of \$142,526 is sufficient to cover the costs for Fiscal Year 2016-17
- Have had discussions and done the math, believe we can get by with that amount for the Fiscal Year 2016-17
- Do not have any issues with changing the wording in the proposed agreement to adjust as needed when it comes up for review each year
- County Manager Morris and I met with the Town Manager of Walnut Cove back in April as required by the agreement
- The amount of \$142,526 is what we agreed on at that time - \$142,526

Commissioner Jones commented:

- When this agreement was originally formulated three (3) years, we have two choices – be grateful for the agreement or take over because we are mandated by state statutes to take care of these folks

- I am sure we can't account for every dime, but these people have to have service and this is the proposed agreement
- I think we should abide by it and move on

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I certainly agree with the Sheriff as far as FY 2016-17 and do not have any issues with FY 2016-17, but starting with FY 2017-18, actual costs must be looked at and at least breakeven
- I am only looking for breakeven, I am not looking for making money for the Sheriff providing their services
- Don't think it is fair to the rest of the County for a specific entity to get services that is going to cost everyone
- Want it to be reviewed
- Want the wording discussed to be included in this three (3) year agreement
- As far as FY 2016-17, that has already been agreed upon, that should remain the same
- When it comes next April for discussions, another formula has to be looked at which is a true cost of the service being provided by the Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Marshall stated that he had no issues with looking at another formula which is a true cost of the service being provided by his department.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Also agree with Commissioner Lankford's comments about looking at another formula that is a true cost of the service being provided by the Sheriff's Department
- This has been a great service to the citizens of Walnut Cove
- Also agree with Commissioner Lankford that there must be a breakeven
- When you look at salary increases, insurance premium increases, it goes beyond the Consumer Price Index
- Appreciate Sheriff Marshall's comments

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Rely heavily on the folks on the front line
- If the Sheriff looks at the numbers and he is comfortable with the numbers, that is good with me
- Confirmed with Sheriff Marshall that the agreement is for three (3) years, but the cost index is reviewed yearly – next review would be April 2017

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Sounds like we can approve the agreement and review the costs next April 2017

Sheriff Marshall noted the wording in the agreement will need to be changed if desired by the Board before approval in order to be able to use something other than the Consumer Price Index

next year in April 2017.

Sheriff Mike Marshall commented:

- Reiterated that his department can provide the service this year (FY 2016-17) for the amount of \$142,526
- Do not have any issues with the wording being changed in the agreement

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Want to be fair to the people of Walnut Cove
- Do not want them to think we are just increasing the cost, but the County has incurred increased costs such as health insurance premiums, salaries, etc.

County Manager Morris commented:

- Consumer Price Index is based on inflation
- Currently, we are not experiencing inflation and have zero interest rates
- If inflation takes off, the Consumer Price Index could be higher than the actual costs
- Might want the wording to include the actual costs or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is higher
- Consumer Price Index should make you breakeven

Commissioner Walker commented:

- After hearing all the discussion, would like to hear the manager's recommendation

County Manager Morris responded:

- Would include wording such as "the actual county costs or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is higher"
- Most important is to keep the agreement with the Town of Walnut Cove

Chairman Inman commented:

- Have spoken with Sheriff Marshall about the agreement
- Confirmed with Sheriff Marshall that if \$142,526 is not enough to cover the costs to provide the service, that he would find a way to make it work for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Sheriff Mike Marshall responded:

- \$142,526 will work for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Chairman Inman continued:

- Believe wording can be added that the annual payment will be based on "the actual county costs incurred or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater"
- Believe the Town of Walnut Cove knows the County is not trying to make money, but trying to provide the needed services

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Agree, it is the time to include the wording recommended by Chairman Inman
- There is no question in the service being provided by the Sheriff's Department

- Have talked to many people in Walnut Cove who are very happy with the service
- Just asking to have wording added to ensure there is enough money in the agreement to provide the service at a breakeven cost
- Confirmed with Sheriff Marshall that he had no issues with adding wording as discussed today

Chairman Inman directed Manager Morris to include the wording “the actual county costs incurred or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater” for the Board’s review at the next meeting.

County Manager Morris noted that Sheriff Marshall and he would communicate this change with the Walnut Cove Town Manager before the next meeting.

Sheriff Mike Marshall confirmed with the Board that the annual payment from the Town of Walnut Cove would remain the same for FY 2016-17 which is \$142,526.00.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on June 27th Action Agenda.

Proposed Bid – Arts Council Surplus Window Pane

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a proposed bid for a surplus window pane:

- County has received a bid from Donna Petree in the amount of \$50.00 for the purchase of a surplus glass window pane that was removed from the Art Market building during the renovation
- Would request consensus from the Board to start the upset bid process as outlined in the NC General Statute 160A-269

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the request.

It was consensus of the Board to proceed with the upset bid process for the surplus glass window pane.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed Manager Morris to direct Danny Stovall to start the upset bid process regarding the Arts Council Surplus window pane.

Proposed Bids – Senior Meals for Fiscal Year 2016-17

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the proposed bids for Senior Meals for Fiscal Year 2016-17:

- Request for bids to provide meals to Senior Services was advertised in the Stokes News and on the County's web page
- On June 7, 2016, the following bid was opened:
 - Golden Corral - \$3.85 per meal
 - Home Delivered Meals (33,750 x \$3.85) = \$129,937.50
 - Congregate Meals (13,500.00 x \$3.85) = \$51,975.00
 - Total Meal Program Cost = \$181,912.50
- Bid includes a five (5) cent increase per meal (\$3.80 to \$3.85) over last year
- Request action at the June 27th meeting

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the proposed bid.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to put the item on the June 27th Action Agenda.

Proposed Bids – Transportation for Fiscal Year 2016-17

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the proposed bids for Transportation for Fiscal Year 2016-17:

- Received bids from YVEDDI and JD Cruises Transportation Services for providing transportation services for Social Services and Senior Services for Fiscal Year 2016-17
- There was a major change in transportation billing rates in Fiscal Year 2014-15 due to the following Medicaid guideline
 - Empty Trips – miles to or from a transportation vendor's office/home/garage to or from the Medicaid recipient's residence is not compensated by Medicaid. Medicaid only pays from point of pickup to point of drop off. The cost of empty trips should be factored in the total cost in settling mileage rates.
- Changing to direct in-van mileage billing for Medicaid transportation eliminates dead head mileage billing along with reducing the risk of Medicaid audit finding for non-compensated mileage
- YVEDDI
 - Rates are the same as Fiscal Year 2015-16
 - \$3.30 per in-van mile for Medicaid billable transportation

- \$3.30 per in-van mile for non-Medicaid billable transportation
- \$4.86 per in-van mile for Senior Services Nutrition Route
- No additional charge will be applied for no-shows, cancellations along with fuel surcharges
- JD Cruises Transportation Services
 - Rates are the same as Fiscal Year 2015-16
 - \$2.55 per direct in-van mile for Medicaid billable transportation plus fuel surcharge, short trips, no shows, and cancellations as outlined below
 - \$1.42 per mile for non-Medicaid transportation (billing starts when vehicle leaves Walnut Cove base location) (dead head miles back to base location will not be billed) plus fuel surcharge, short trips, no shows, and cancellations as outlined below
 - Fuel Surcharge – For each ten cents (\$0.10) above the \$2.46 per gallon average cost at three (3) agreed upon area gasoline retainers, a charge of one cent (\$0.01) per mile will be added. Fuel surcharge will be calculated no more than once per month
 - Short trips that generate less than \$15.00 in trip billing will be billed at a flat rate of \$15.00
 - No shows and after business hours cancellations being billed both ways
- Would request approval at the June 27th meeting

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the proposed bids.

Commissioner Walker, who serves on the YVEDDI Board, commented:

- Several years ago, YVEDDI could not even breakeven with their rates
- These rates reflect the amount needed to make it work

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Glad rates are not increasing, hope they are not forgetting that gas rates are starting to increase again

Commissioner Walker responded:

- YVEDDI is currently experimenting with propane which is working well

Chairman Inman confirmed with Manager Morris that the percentage breakout does leave YVEDDI the lead transportation agency as required for state funding.

County Manager Morris commented:

- Need both providers to handle the transportation in the County, one could not do it all

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on June 27th Action Agenda.

Proposed Ordinance – An Act to Prohibit the Possession or Consumption of Alcohol on the Rivers in Stokes County

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Ordinance – An Act to Prohibit the Possession or Consumption of Alcohol on the Rivers in Stokes County for the Board's consideration:

STOKES COUNTY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON RIVERS IN STOKES COUNTY.

SECTION 1. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND INTENT

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly as set forth in _____, authorizing Stokes County to enact an ordinance prohibiting the possession or consumption of alcohol on rivers in Stokes County. The intent and purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public using the rivers of Stokes County.

SECTION 2. POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON STOKES COUNTY RIVERS PROHIBITED

It is unlawful to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage on the waters of any navigable river in Stokes County or within 50 feet of the banks of any river in Stokes County unless consumption is in a venue licensed and approved by the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS TO ORDINANCE

This Ordinance does not apply to a landowner, the landowner's tenant, or the landowner's or tenant's guests on the landowner's property, if that property is adjacent to a river. This Ordinance also does not apply to the waters in Stokes County that have been impounded to form Belews Lake, which is owned by Duke Energy.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES

Violation of this Ordinance is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This Ordinance is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, by officers of the Stokes County Sheriffs Department, and by all other law enforcement officers having jurisdiction within the boundaries of Stokes County.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act becomes effective on _____, and applies to offenses committed on or after this date.

Enacted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

J. LEON INMAN

Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners

DARLENE M. BULLINS

Clerk to the Board

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- This is what is needed once the General Assembly approves the request from the County to Prohibit the Possession or Consumption of Alcohol on the Rivers of Stokes County
- Proposed Ordinance was prepared by County Attorney Browder and is ready for approval once the Legislature passes the law
- General Assembly will be giving the County the local authority to adopt a local ordinance
- Can bring the proposed Ordinance back to the Board once the law is passed by the Legislature

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Have some concerns about Section #3 regarding the ordinance does not apply to a landowner

County Manager Morris commented:

- Would be glad to work with Attorney Browder to try to change the wording if possible
- Requested Board members to send concerns to him

Vice Chairman Booth had no issues with the proposed Ordinance.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Had some concerns over a flat \$50 fine plus courts costs – have seen other ordinances that have a minimum and a maximum
- Confirmed with Sheriff Mike Marshall that with the \$50 and court costs, it would total about \$300
- Confirmed with Sheriff Mike Marshall some ordinances do have increased fines as the number of incidents increase
- Happy to say there have not been any complaints this year so far
- Confirmed with Sheriff Marshall that he had no issues with increasing fines as the number of incidents increase

County Manager Morris commented:

- Would need to see what actual authority is given to the County
- It is already in the works and too late to change now
- Can always amend the Ordinance later

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Do want to see signage in place as previously discussed
- Need to move forward and clean up the river
- Sorry it has had to come to this
- Feel this will get the major offenders off the river

Chairman Inman commented:

- In regards to Section 3 – Exceptions to Ordinance, changing this would get into property rights

The Board agreed to place the proposed Ordinance back on the Agenda once the Legislature has approved the authority.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed Manager Morris to place the proposed Ordinance back on the Agenda once the General Assembly had approved the County's request.

Proposed Ordinance – Regulate Door to Door Solicitation

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Ordinance – Regulate Door to Door Solicitation for the Board's review and consideration:

NORTH CAROLINA
STOKES COUNTY

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply:

- A. Solicit – use of the spoken, written, or printed word, or other acts as are conducted with the purpose of immediately collecting contributions for the use of one's self or others.
- B. Door-to-door commercial solicitation - attempting to make personal contact with a resident at his or her residence, without prior specific invitation or appointment with the resident, for the primary purpose of:
 - 1. Attempting to sell, for present or future delivery, any goods, wares or merchandise, or any services to be performed immediately or in the future, whether or not the person has a fixed place of business in

the County or elsewhere and whether or not the person carries or exposes a sample of such good, wares or merchandise, and whether or not he or she is collecting advance payments for such sales; and/or

2. Personally delivering to a resident a handbill or flyer advertising a commercial event, activity, good or service that is offered to the resident for purchase away from the residence or at a future time.
- C. Door-to-door noncommercial solicitation - attempting to make personal contact with a resident at his or her residence, without prior specific invitation or appointment with the resident, for the primary purpose of:
1. Seeking or asking for a gift or donation for a public entity or nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3);
 2. Soliciting the sale of goods, wares or merchandise for present or future delivery, or the sale of services to be performed immediately or in the future, with the entire proceeds of such sale to be paid directly to, or used exclusively for the benefit of, a public entity or nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3);
 3. Personally delivering to the resident a handbill or flyer advertising a future, not-for-profit event, activity, good or service;
 4. Proselytizing on behalf of a religious organization;
 5. Soliciting support for a political candidate or organization, or ballot measure or ideology; and/or
 6. Soliciting the sales of newspapers.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY

- A. Permit Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in door-to-door commercial solicitation, in the unincorporated areas of Stokes County without obtaining a permit from the Stokes County Sheriff's Department. A permit shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance. In the event a holder violates any provision of this chapter, Stokes County Sheriff's Department may revoke the holder's permit.
- B. Eligibility. A person is not eligible for a permit or for renewal of a permit, as required by this ordinance if, within the two-year period prior to application for a permit or renewal:
1. The Stokes County Sheriff's Department has received information that the applicant or any person authorized to solicit under a permit held by a permit holder has violated any of the requirements of this ordinance; or
 2. That person has been convicted of an offense under the law of any jurisdiction which involved either misdemeanor or felony assault, communicating threats, the illegal use of weapons, larceny, embezzlement, breaking and entering or other crimes relating to theft, or crimes deemed by the Sheriff's Department, in their discretion, to prevent issuance of this permit; or
 3. A permit held by that person has been revoked under this ordinance or the identification badge of any person authorized to solicit under that person's permit has been revoked under this ordinance.

C. Standards of Conduct and Prohibited Acts.

1. Enforcement of "no solicitation," "no commercial solicitation" or "no trespassing" signs.

- (a) No person engaged in door-to-door commercial or noncommercial solicitation, shall enter or remain upon any private premises in the County if a "no solicitation" or "no trespassing" sign is posted at or near the entrance(s) to such premises. For purposes of enforcement of this provision, if a multi-family housing complex is not otherwise posted with regard to solicitation and an individual occupant of such multi-family housing complexes wishes to prohibit some or all door-to-door solicitation at their individual residence, that individual occupant may do so by the posting of a sign prohibiting solicitation or commercial solicitation at or near the entrance(s) to the occupant's individual residence.
- (b) This provision shall apply to all solicitation, including, without limitation, all activities that are religious, charitable, or political in nature and all solicitation of newspaper subscriptions.

2. No person engaged in door-to-door commercial or noncommercial solicitation shall:

- (a) Attempt to sell, for present or future delivery, any goods, wares or merchandise, or any services to be performed immediately or in the future (for purposes of this ordinance, hereinafter referred to collectively as "sell" or "selling") by means of statements which are known, or should have been known, by the person making them to be false or misleading;
- (b) Obstruct the free flow of traffic, either vehicular or pedestrian, on any street, alley, sidewalk or other public right-of-way;
- (c) Sell in a way as creates a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of any specific individual or the public;
- (d) Solicit before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. or sunset, whichever occurs first;
- (e) Remain on the property of another person after having been requested to leave;
- (f) State or imply that the holding of a permit issued by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department constitutes an endorsement of the solicitor's goods, services and/or position by Stokes County;
- (g) Fail to display the identification badge required by this ordinance;
- (h) Use or present a revoked, expired or otherwise invalid permit and/or identification badge required by this ordinance; or
- (i) Otherwise sell or conduct commercial solicitation in any manner that a reasonable person would find obscene, threatening, intimidating, or abusive.

3. Duty to display permit/identification badge; report of lost or stolen permit or badge.

- (a) Any person engaging in door-to-door commercial solicitation under a permit issued pursuant to this ordinance shall conspicuously display an identification badge issued or approved by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department containing the photograph of the person on the front of his/her person by the use of a lanyard or on the outside of his/her clothing at all times.

- (b) Whenever requested by any law enforcement officer or by any customer or prospective customer, any person engaged in door-to-door commercial solicitation shall exhibit his/her copy of the permit issued by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department.
 - (c) A permit holder is required, without undue delay, to report any lost or stolen permit, copy of a permit and/or identification badge to the Stokes County Sheriff's Department.
4. Except for Section 2(c) above, the regulation of soliciting under this ordinance shall not apply to:
- (a) The lawful solicitation of contributions from the public for personal or charitable purposes if in areas and in a manner otherwise permitted by law;
 - (b) The promotion or expression of views concerning political, social, religious, and other like matters if in areas and in a manner otherwise permitted by law;
 - (c) Campaigning for political office or on a candidates behalf or on behalf of or against any upcoming ballot measure;
 - (d) Licensees, employees, or contractors of the Department of Transportation or of any municipality engaged in construction, maintenance, or in making traffic or engineering surveys; or
 - (e) Distribution of newspapers on the non-traveled portion of any street or highway except when those distribution activities impede the normal traffic on the street or highway.
 - (f) Employees of Stokes County engaged in official County business.

SECTION 3. PERMIT ISSUANCE AND REVOCATION

- A. **Timeliness of Application.** An application for a solicitation permit shall be made at least 15 business days before the applicant desires to conduct door-to-door commercial solicitation within Stokes County.
- B. **Permit Application Procedure:** A criminal background check is required and will be reviewed by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department to determine eligibility of the applicant. Application shall be on a form issued by the Sheriff's Department, signed by the applicant in the presence of the employee accepting the application, and shall set forth the following information:
 - A. The name, permanent address (or if no permanent address a temporary address in the vicinity of Stokes County), a phone number (if available), and emergency contact of/for the applicant;
 - B. Picture identification of the applicant through a valid state-issued photo identification, or if picture identification is impractical, the applicant shall provide other documentation that reasonably establishes identity; and
 - C. A brief description of the activity to be conducted, including if applicable, any items or services to be sold or offered for sale.
- D. Applicants to engage in door-to-door commercial solicitation shall also provide:
 - A. A complete list of all persons authorized to solicit under the requested permit and all supervising staff;

- B. Name, address and telephone number where applicant or supervising staff can be reached while conducting business in Stokes County;
 - C. A photograph taken no more than six months prior to the application, which photograph fairly depicts the appearance of each person authorized to solicit under the permit as of the date of the application and which, in the judgment of the Stokes County Sheriff's Department, is suitable for reproduction on the identification badge(s) to be issued by the County; and
 - D. Immediate notification of any change to the information provided in the application to the Stokes County Sheriff's Department.
- C. Permit Application Fee. An application fee of \$25.00 shall be required to be submitted together with the application.
- D. Permit Issuance, Denial, And Appeal.
- 1. Procedure for application review. Within 5 business days of receipt of an application, the Stokes County Sheriff's Department shall issue a permit unless the applicant:
 - (a) Has not submitted a complete application.
 - (b) Has submitted false information.
 - (c) Is less than 18 years of age.
 - (d) Has been convicted of one or more offenses which involve either misdemeanor or felony assault, communicating threats, illegal use of weapons, or other violent crime; or
 - (e) Has been convicted of one or more offenses which involve either misdemeanor or felony crimes relating to or in the nature of larceny, embezzlement, breaking and entering or other crimes relating to theft or crimes deemed by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department, in its discretion, to justify denial of the permit.
 - 2. Possession of permit. Any person authorized by permit to engage in door-to-door solicitation shall keep the issued permit in his or her possession and exhibit his or her permit when requested to do so by any solicited individual or law enforcement officer.
 - 3. Denial of permit. In the case of denial, the reasons for denial shall be noted on the application, and the applicant shall be notified that his or her application is denied and no permit shall be issued. Notice shall be mailed to the applicant at the last known address shown on the application form, if given.
- E. Permit Revocation
- 1. A permit may be revoked or suspended by the Stokes County Sheriff's Department for the following reasons:
 - (a) Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement contained in the permit application;
 - (b) Soliciting door-to-door in a manner inconsistent with the provisions in the issued permit;

- (c) Conducting solicitation in such a manner as to create a breach of the peace or endanger the health, safety or general welfare of the public; or
- (d) The failure of an applicant, or any person working on behalf of or with the applicant, to comply with any provision or requirement of this ordinance or other applicable law.
2. Upon revocation, the permit issued must be immediately surrendered to the Stokes County Sheriff's Department.
- F. Appeal of Denial or Revocation. Any applicant who has been denied issuance of a permit under Section C or who has had a permit revoked under Section D of this ordinance may appeal such action within 10 days of the date of denial or revocation by delivering a written notice of appeal, specifying with particularity the ground(s) for the appeal to the Stokes County Manager.
- G. Penalties. A violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days for each separate violation. Each day any violation of this ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the penalties previously stated, a violation of this ordinance may be enforced by any one or more of the remedies authorized by G.S. §153A-123.
- H. Severability. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This the _____ day of _____, 2016.

STOKES COUNTY

BY: _____
J. Leon Inman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

I, Darlene Bullins, Clerk of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the governing body of Stokes County after lawful public notice and at a regular meeting thereof, a quorum being present.

ATTEST:

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

County Manager Morris commented:

- Have been talking with Sheriff Marshall about this proposed ordinance
- County Attorney' office has prepared this proposed ordinance for your review and comments

- One reason for the proposed ordinance in talking with Sheriff Marshall is to try to stop individuals pretending to be selling something like paper towels while casing out the property, then returning to the home and breaking in
- This will provide the Sheriff's Department with information regarding who is actually in the County
- Does have provisions that allow for the promotion or expression concerning political, social, religious, and other like matters if in areas and in a manner otherwise permitted by law
- Ordinance is a draft that can be changed
- Sheriff Mike Marshall is in attendance for questions

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Sheriff Mike Marshall commented:

- Have had people in the County selling paper towels, toilet paper, soap, etc.
- They will go into a house, ask to use the bathroom, then clean out the medicine cabinet – prescription drugs
- Recently had an area where someone was selling paper towels, two weeks later, houses in the same area were broken into
- Can't say it was the sellers, but the one who had visitors, had their homes broken into
- This is not only happening in Stokes, it is happening all over the Piedmont
- This will enable his department to provide information when calls come in about someone selling in Stokes County
- My job is to protect the citizens of Stokes County
- Have reviewed the proposed Ordinance prepared by County Attorney Browder's staff and see no issues

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Want to be sure the public is educated about asking to see the permit
- Feel this is good for the county

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Questioned Section 1 – C4 – Proselytizing on behalf of a religious organization?

Sheriff Marshall responded:

- Had a situation a couple of years ago where individuals were selling Bibles on behalf of a religious group, the ones who bought the Bibles never received the product
- The proposed Ordinance does not prohibit someone from selling, but does provide the department with information if someone does not receive the product

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Do not want see anything in an ordinance that would make it complicated for a church member to visit citizens
- Confirmed with Sheriff Marshall the proposed ordinance is designed to protect any home consumer in Stokes County, mainly the elderly

Sheriff Mike Marshall commented:

- Have no issues with anyone going door to door regarding religion
- My main issues are selling and citizens receiving the product they order

County Manager Morris commented:

- Section C -4 takes care of the concerns mentioned by Commissioner Walker regarding political, social, religious and other like matters

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Don't see any issues at this point

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Have an issue with door-to-door noncommercial solicitation having to get a permit
- Believe that needs to have some more thought put in that section
- Feel good about the proposed ordinance and that it will help citizens

Chairman Inman requested input from Attorney Browder.

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Proposed ordinance was prepared by Attorney Nick Overby
- Have reviewed the proposed ordinance and will be a good way to keep track of who is selling in the county

Sheriff Mike Marshall commented:

- Have had numerous situations where someone buys a particular item, but then when it arrives, it is not what they bought
- Just want to keep up with who is in Stokes County selling and what they are selling
- Individuals can always request someone to leave their property

Commissioner Lankford noted he would talk to Attorney Browder about a few issues of concern before consideration for approval.

The Board agreed to place the proposed ordinance back on the Discussion Agenda at the next meeting.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the June 27th Discussion Agenda.

Proposed Grant Funding Agreement for Expansion of Broadband in Stokes County

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Grant Funding Agreement

for Expansion of Broadband in Stokes County for the Board's review and consideration:

Grant Funding Agreement for Expansion of Broadband in Stokes County

Customer Information

Name: Stokes County

Street Address: 1014 North Main St.

City: Danbury

State: NC

Zip: 27016

Site Contact: Rick Morris

Site Contact Phone: 336-593-

2811

This Grant Funding Agreement dated **July 1, 2016**, is between **Stokes County ("Stokes")** and **Wilkes Communications, Inc. d/b/a RiverStreet Networks ("RiverStreet")** and sets forth the terms and conditions for the payment of the agreed grant from Stokes to RiverStreet for Broadband expansion to unserved residents pursuant to the response to the RFP provided by RiverStreet which is authorized by N.C. General Statute 153A-349.60 - Authorization to provide grants.

RiverStreet, subject to the subsequent grant funding from Stokes, commits to a minimum infrastructure investment of \$9,000,000.00 and up to a maximum of \$12,900,000 .00 over the next three to five years for broadband expansion to pass unserved residents in Stokes County with broadband services. During this period an estimated 2,700 residents and or structures will be passed with broadband services per the RFP.

Grant payments to be made by **Stokes**, pursuant to the conditions set forth by Stokes in the RFP shall be:

Year 1	Fiscal Year July 01 - June 30	2016/2017	\$600,000.00
Year 2	Fiscal Year July 01 - June 30	2017/2018	\$600,000.00
Year 3	Fiscal Year July 01 - June 30	2018/2019	\$600,000.00
Total	Three Year Cumulative		\$1,800,000.00

Conditions of Agreement:

Subject to RiverStreet complying with the performance representations set forth in its RFP
Stokes agrees to make grant funding available in the amount of \$1,800,000.00 in three equal payments of \$600,000.00 to be paid in the first month of its Fiscal Years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019. Payment by Stokes shall be due by July 20 of each fiscal year as set out in the table above. Failure of RiverStreet to comply with the representations set forth in the RFP will result in delay of grant funding until said performance representations are complied with.

RiverStreet shall continue the construction and providing of broadband services as described in the RFP upon timely receipt of each grant payment and will continue as set forth in the RFP upon each payment received on time and in full.

A facsimile of an executed agreement signed by both authorized parties shall be valid on the latter date signed by both parties and each party may use such copy as if it were the original.

WHEREFORE, the Parties have caused this Grant Funding Agreement to be executed by its respective authorized representatives.

Wilkes Communications, Inc.
dba RiverStreet Networks

Stokes County Government

By: _____

By: _____

Name _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- Completes the solicitation for providing grant funding for expansion of Broadband in Stokes County
- RiverStreet, of course, won the solicitation
- County Attorney Browder has reviewed and is good to go with the proposed agreement
- Request the item be placed on the June 27th Action Agenda

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Have some concerns with the wording about the "minimum infrastructure investment of \$9,000,000.00 and up to a maximum of \$12,900,000.00 over the next three to five years"

- Does the wording have to be that vague?
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the estimated 2,700 residents and or structures remains the same even with the increase

County Manager Morris responded:

- It is actually already up to the \$12,900,000 (30% cost overrun) due to delays, cost of materials, weather, rock, etc.
- The \$9,000,000 is what we started with before the grant funding
- RiverStreet is committed to keep this phase of the project moving
- Underserved, by default, will benefit from the expansion of Broadband
- Hope to get the network cranked up this fall

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that he is planning to meet with Surry Telephone regarding expansion of coverage in that area

County Manager Morris commented:

- This network connects through Surry Telephone and they have a program already underway for their area

Commissioner Jones stated she had no issues.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Had the same concern mentioned by Vice Chairman Booth regarding the \$9 million
- If the project is already at \$12.9 million, why does the minimum \$9 million have to be included in the proposed agreement?

County Manager Morris confirmed with Attorney Browder the change regarding the \$9 million mentioned by both Commissioner Lankford and Vice Chairman Booth could be eliminated.

County Manager Morris noted he would bring a corrected copy back to the Board at the June 27th meeting.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- The Senate is coming out this year with a grant application format for possible funding for expansion of Broadband

Chairman Inman commented:

- Have heard there will be \$1 million available for the entire state

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the June 27th Action Agenda.

Appointments – Stokes County Planning Board

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following recommendations for re-appointment to the Stokes County Planning Board:

- Nominations
 - Tommy White – Peters Creek Township
 - Ted Hairston – Beaver Island Township
 - Ronnie Tilley – Big Creek Township
 - Lewis Wood – Danbury Township
 - Patrick Flinchum – Meadows Township
- All wish to be considered for re-appointment
- David Sudderth noted that this is an excellent Planning Board with all members having good attendance and being active in discussion of county issues

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated the following for re-appointment:

- Tommy White – Peters Creek Township
- Ted Hairston – Beaver Island Township
- Ronnie Tilley – Big Creek Township
- Lewis Wood – Danbury Township
- Patrick Flinchum – Meadows Township

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 June 27th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Proposed Property, Liability, and Worker's Compensation Insurance Bids

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve the following property, liability, and worker's compensation insurance bids for Fiscal Year 2016-17 presented at the May 23rd meeting:

- Worker's Compensation = \$359,267.00
- Liability, Property, Auto = \$210,479.00
- Multi Pool Discounts = (\$10,255.00)
- Total Premium for FY 2016-17 = \$559,491.00

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the following insurance rates:

- Worker's Compensation = \$359,267.00
- Liability, Property, Auto = \$210,479.00
- Multi Pool Discounts = (\$10,255.00)
- Total Premium for FY 2016-17 = \$559,491.00

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution – Support of House Bill 2 (HB2)

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the following proposed Resolution -

Support of House Bill 2 (HB2) submitted at the May 23rd meeting:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 2 (HB2)

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council voted on February 22, 2016 to amend their Non-Discrimination Ordinance to add protections for gender identity and gender expression and allow individuals to choose the restroom and locker rooms that matches their preferred gender identity; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2016, Governor Pat McCrory signed HB2, the Public Facilities Privacy Act, that sets a statewide policy prohibiting people from using public restrooms and locker rooms that do not correspond to their biological sex stated on their legally recorded birth certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners believes HB 2 provides a uniform set of statutes for all levels of government in North Carolina to have clarity in regards to public facilities, private businesses, local government, schools and local jails in accordance with the constitution of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners believes our citizens should have the expectation of privacy, in particular women and young girls in the use of restrooms and school showers; and

WHEREAS, Stokes County is grateful and in full support of Governor Pat McCrory and the North Carolina Legislature and their steadfast leadership concerning this issue and standing strongly against the intolerance of political correctness; and

WHEREAS, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners believe this resolution is very representative of the beliefs and views of the overwhelming majority of our citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners support the action taken by Governor Pat McCrory in signing HB 2 as well as the legal action taken against the United States Department of Justice in this regard.

Adopted this the __ day of May, 2016.

Chairman J. Leon Inman

Vice Chairman James D. Booth

Commissioner Jimmy Walker

Commissioner Ernest Lankford

Commissioner Ronda Jones

Attest:

Darlene Bullins, Clerk to the Board

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Resolution in Support of House Bill 2 (HB2). Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried (3-2) with Chairman Inman and Commissioner Jones voting against the motion.

Appointments – Stokes County Aging Planning Committee

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the County received the following application which has also been recommended by the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee for appointment (two vacancies):

- Brad Tuttle

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Brad Tuttle.

Commissioner Walker nominated Dennis Robinson.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman polled the Board

Commissioner Lankford: Brad Tuttle and Dennis Robinson

Chairman Inman: Brad Tuttle and Dennis Robinson
Vice Chairman Booth: Brad Tuttle and Dennis Robinson
Commissioner Walker: Brad Tuttle and Dennis Robinson
Commissioner Jones: Brad Tuttle and Dennis Robinson

Chairman Inman noted that Brad Tuttle and Dennis Robinson were unanimously appointed to the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee and that should complete appointments to the Committee.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(6).
- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Commissioner Lankford moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(6).
- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Commissioners Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board reentered the opened session of the June 13th meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman