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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 27, 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 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

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

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

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

INVOCATION

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

Chairman Inman delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the June 27, 2016 Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the June 27th Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- County Auction
 - Recent County Auction held this past Saturday generated approximately \$15,000 revenue (sale of excess county equipment)
- Fiscal Year 2015-16 Audit
 - Auditors are here on site this week to start the County's Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2015-16
 - Requested Board members to complete an inquiry from the auditors that is being mailed to each commissioner

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Stokes Future Farmers Market will be at Hanging Rock State Park this Friday, July 1st
 - Invite everyone to come out
 - I will be teaching three classes starting August 18th - Horticulture, Composting, and Soil Preparation (classes will be three Fridays in a row)
 - Hope to see some of you there
- Usually, do not speak a lot, but do have something that I would like to say tonight
- I have to address something that was in the paper that said that people who did not believe in HB2 and some other social issues are contradictions of common sense, phony preachers, phony Christians, and phony patriots that support immorality
- Want to address that tonight because people look to us for leadership
- There is a lot of people out there that are not being supported because of their beliefs
- I don't want to do this tonight, but I feel that I have to do it because someone has got to have the courage to speak

Commissioner Jones read the following:

"Today I am going to speak on behalf of all the Christians that believe in love, acceptance and peace. Recently labeled as phony Christians.

Because of my respect for the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, I have tolerated being insulted as Commissioner and Christian repeatedly. But, as of today, I will be asserting my own freedom of speech. The recently classification of phony Christian is the last insult.

For those of us that believe in love, acceptance and peace, we must gain the courage to no longer allow someone else's religious view to be promoted as superior to that of our own. I encourage all "phony Christians", like myself, to look in the eyes of those who judge our religion or beliefs and say, enough, NO MORE!

I would like to apologize for all the phony Christians for allowing you, Mr. and Mrs. Timm to have your freedom of speech while we have enabled you to have ongoing toxic and dangerous rhetoric. I apologize that we phony Christians gave you a false sense with our silence that we agree with your determination to not honor the Separation of Church and State. Not to worry, it won't happen again.

The promoting of a particular religious view superior to others and used to make laws and policy is simply bullying. It is an example of why our forefathers believed in separation of church and state.

The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights clearly states:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Despite the clarity of the first sentence, there has been a trend to undermine the first amendment. Worse to use the second right listed in the First Amendment “the freedom of speech” to do so. Let me explain. If anyone uses their personal religious beliefs to execute legislation or laws devoted to their beliefs clearly it is an establishment of religion which is prohibited according to the First Amendment. Therefore, the freedom of religion for all, as well as other personal liberties, is diminished.

Here are two excerpts from the Baptist Joint Committee who promote the separation of church and state:

Baptist Heritage

Baptists have valued religious freedom and separation of church and state because they suffered the hard lessons of history. From jail cells in England to stockades in Massachusetts Bay to whipping posts in Virginia, early Baptists experienced firsthand the pain of persecution — the heartache and bloodshed caused by religious zealots armed with the coercive power of government.

Church-State Separation

The separation of church and state, or the “wall of separation” talked about by Colonial Baptist Roger Williams, early American leader Thomas Jefferson and the U.S. Supreme Court, is simply a shorthand metaphor for expressing a deeper truth: religious liberty is best protected when church and state are institutionally separated and neither tries to perform or interfere with the essential mission and work of the other. Separation has been good for both church and state.

I was invited to the Baptist Joint Committee luncheon held in Greensboro just this past Friday. The timing couldn't have been better as I wanted to get a lot of bumper stickers that say, “Separation of Church and State are good for both.” I knew these bumper sticker existed because several years ago I was invited to the Baptist Convention and was given a few. I never used them because I didn't want to offend anyone. Those days over.

It was very good that I got to go.

This is a thing that most churches, who are reasonable, understand this is so important to do.

Even more interesting is that I am not a Baptist; however, I attend a Baptist Church where the Timm's are members, but yet, I'm a phony Christian. How ironic!

I encourage all citizens to question candidates for any elected office on their position of separation of church and state.

As for myself, I will not vote for any candidate that does not or current elected official who have demonstrated disregard for separation of church and state.

Lastly, I will not support any form of legislation that places hardships or disadvantages on law abiding tax paying citizens, due to being different than myself, religion or personal beliefs.”

So if that makes me a non-patriotic, phony Christian, whatever, Mr. Timm, so be it.

Commissioner Jones respectfully requested the following Resolution be placed on the next Agenda for consideration:

Resolution Supporting Separation of Church and State

WHEREAS, all elected officials swear an oath to uphold the United States Constitution that states that all men are created equal; and

WHEREAS, all elected officials swear an oath to work for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights states that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; and

WHEREAS, elected officials recognize the importance of cohesiveness of diverse citizenry for healthy communities, national security, and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, elected officials recognize that social issues based on and driven by any particular religious doctrine undermines the First Amendment, as well as, negates the purpose of our nation’s creation.

THEREFORE, the **Stokes County Board of Commissioners** does hereby resolve to support the Separation of Church and State, and respectfully requests that the people of Stokes County honor and promote the Separation of Church and State in effort to secure peace, freedom of religion, and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens.

Commissioner Jones concluded:

- Want to make sure that everyone understand that no one knew about this, the fact they are here is just a pure coincidence

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Good to see everyone tonight
- Thankful that we live in a free country
- Each of us is entitled to have our own views
- I will defend a person’s right, whoever they are and whatever views they have, to have those views
- Sometimes, I feel like my views are being challenged
- Find myself in situations that I did not expect to be in
- I am 72 years old and grew up in a different time

- Grew up in a time, when people if there were differences of opinions, could still talk about them and hopefully work them out among themselves
- Now, we are becoming a very divided country it seems
- I think all of us are paying a progressively high price for that whether it be in our county, in our state, or in our country
- Turmoil and dissension usually stalls progress, but that again depends on the person's definition of progress
- Will stop with that, did not come prepared tonight
- What I would like, is anyone who would like to get off Facebook or social media and have a person to person conversation where we both share ideas, I would welcome it any time
- Would look forward to that
- Feel a lot of times that is how we learn and accept each other better by having one on one conversations – small group conversations
- There seems to be a mixed, kind of intertwined in social and government issues
- I have got to tell you folks that I have got to focus on the government issues for a while because this budget is one of the biggest challenges that I have taken on in years
- I am still working on the budget
- I applaud those for standing up for their beliefs, but my main focus is and will be on this budget

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone to tonight's meeting

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life – “Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious of the wicked (Proverbs)
- Kate B. Reynolds Grant
 - Application deadline is August 8, 2016
 - Four categories for healthcare :
 - Access to Primary Care
 - Community Centered Prevention
 - Diabetes
 - Behavioral Health
 - Stokes County is eligible to apply
 - Hope we can make an application for funding

Chairman Inman had no comments.

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:

Amy Conner

1025 Redbudd Lane

Lawsonville, NC

Re: Budget – School Funding

Ms. Conner presented the following comments:

- Been a resident of Stokes County for ten years
- Teach at Lawsonville Elementary School
- Would like to talk to you today about school funding
- When I arrived in Stokes County ten years ago, Lawsonville Elementary School had a Pre-K, a reading specialist, assistants in every K-2 and EC classroom, along with money for instructional supplies and textbooks
- It was like a big forest; it was full of vibrants and excitement
- I think what happened to our school is a lot like “clear cutting”
- We have been chopped off and left with stumps and piles of debris
- We have lost teachers, textbooks, assistants, instructional money, and students
- Staff of Stokes County Schools has been picking thru that field of debris for several years now and using anything and everything to provide students with the education they deserve
- But now that field is empty
- We have used all the stumps
- We have used all the scraps and you still want us to chop down trees
- There is nothing left there to chop
- Last year, I taught first grade
- I had 8 science textbooks for 23 students to use that were over 10 years old which still said that Pluto was a planet – that was changed in 2006
- We will have no math books next year - none
- They are going to try to find free resources for us on the internet to teach math with
- I will be teaching a kindergarten/first grade combination class next year
- My son is going in the second grade at Lawsonville and will have at least 25 students in his classroom and half of those are going to have special needs with no assistant
- Now, we are also losing our Pre-K Class to prepare our students for kindergarten when more is expected of them
- There is also a possibility we could lose our SROs, our teacher supplement, and possibly even our dental insurance
- We need to show these kids that they are worth it and we believe in them because sometimes we are the only ones that do
- It is past time for the hard choices
- The responsibility of providing an education lies on us, the citizens of Stokes County
- You must stop seeing the education of our children as a burden and begin to see it as our potential or at least our potential revenue
- Raising taxes might not be the most popular solution, but as I like to teach my first graders, sometimes what is popular is not always right and what is right is not always popular

- We not only need to fully fund what they have asked for this year, we need to increase the money for our schools because our children are worth it

Dwayne Young
 1387 Hart Road
 Lawsonville, NC
 Re: **EMS Funding/Staffing**

Mr. Young presented the following comments:

- I am a lifelong resident of Stokes County – Lawsonville and proud to say that
- I have invested in this county and will continue too, but you are going to have to allow me to do that by making the right decisions about increasing access to services, increasing funding to the essential services and allowing the School Board to present to you exactly what is needed to provide a sound and quality education for my son and all the other students in Stokes County
- I have watched over the years the funding remain flat if not decreased and it is time for a change
- At some point, you have to pay up
- When you live in a small rural community, the citizens bear the brunt
- I think a lot of the citizens, (I am not going to say the majority, I am not going to say the lessor), are ready to help foot the bill beginning now and over the years to come
- I am afraid if we don't start now, the bleeding is going to be too perfused to stop
- I wonder what is next
- There is talk of sourcing our EMS, decreasing funding to our schools, what department is next? What services are next?
- Summarized an article in the New York Times "When You Dial 911 and Wall Street Answers" (published yesterday)
 - Privatization of government functions has been on the increase over the last several years
 - Some in particular have been fire, EMS, and public works
 - Read the following Excerpts from the article:
 - "A Tennessee woman slipped into a coma and died after an ambulance company took so long to assemble a crew that one worker had time for a cigarette break"
 - "Paramedics in New York had to covertly swipe medical supplies from a hospital to restock their depleted ambulances after emergency runs"
 - "In each of these cases, someone dialed 911 and Wall Street answered."
 - "Private equity put a unique stamp on these businesses (EMS and Fire). Unlike other for profit companies, which often have years of experience making a product or offering a service, private equity is primarily skilled in making money. And in many of these businesses, The Times found, private equity firms applied a sophisticated moneymaking playbook: a mix of cost cuts, prices increases, lobbying and litigation."
 - "In emergency care and firefighting, this approach creates a fundamental tension: the push to turn a profit while caring for people in their most vulnerable moments."

- “For governments and their citizens, the effects have often been dire. Under private equity ownership, some ambulance response times worsened, heart monitors failed and companies slid into bankruptcy, according to a Times examination of thousands of pages of internal documents and government records, as well as interviews with dozens of former employees. In at least two cases, lawsuits contend, poor services led to patient deaths.”
- “But the Times investigation of emergency services shows that hasn’t always been the case.” (meaning “advancement in both economic and societal well-being”)
- “Of the 12 ambulance companies recently owned by private equity, three (3) filed for bankruptcy in the last three (3) years,”
- “The latest blowup came in February, when TransCare EMS, controlled by the firm Patriarch Partners filed for bankruptcy, closing its doors forever.”
- “Private equity has, in this case, threatened public safety, said Richard Thomas, the mayor of Mount Vernon, NY which relied on TransCare. It is not the way to treat the public.”
- Provided the Board with a copy of the article – it talks excessively about the perils of privatization certain areas of county government and public areas
- Ask you to consider the funding for EMS, not only what they currently do, but for the increases because if you don’t do it this year, something worse is going to happen next year

Darlene Dill

1026 Sizemore Road
Germanton, NC

Re: **Budget Funding**

Ms. Dill presented the following comments:

- I am here today to present to you a copy of a petition that I started on Friday
- The petition has been signed as of this afternoon by 328 people
- Today, I do not come alone
- I come with 328 voices that want to be heard
- The petition was compiled in haste as a last ditch effort to convey to you, the Board, that the citizens that can’t be here in person still want to have their voices heard
- This petition was originally designed and posted to my own personal Facebook page, so I believe that 328 signatures in three (3) days shared only by a personal social media page speaks volumes
- The citizens of this County are demanding that the bullet be bitten and taxes be raised to continue the services that we are accustomed to
- My petition mentions only a fraction of the problems that we feel need to be addressed, but it is enough to let you know, the citizens of this County are willing to have their taxes raised in order to fulfil the needs of the School System, to stop the idea of privatization of EMS, to go back to fully funded and staffing the Animal Shelter so that strays and owner surrenders can be accepted and in turn get these unwanted animals into loving homes
- My petition also addresses the issue of waste in this County
- Three (3) years ago, all of you were sitting on this Board when I myself was a county employee

- I was here and personally saw the waste - Department Heads not being held accountable
- To pay an employee for a full day for five minutes work is not good business
- To allow Department Heads to drive county vehicles whenever, wherever, private errands is not good business
- To allow employees to travel to conferences and conventions that are not in some form continued education is not good business
- To keep chunking hundreds of thousands of dollars into a hospital that even one of the best healthcare entities in this country could not make succeed is not good business
- It is time to do what is necessary to pull this County into 2016 and out of 1950
- Luxuries are nice, but right now this County can't afford necessities much less luxuries
- Myself and the 328 citizens that signed my petition are asking you to please fund the necessary programs and if raising our taxes without depleting our Fund Balance is the only course then we the citizens accept our responsibility
- Will you accept yours?

Johannah Stern

1215 Single Tree Road

Westfield, NC

Re: **Budget Funding**

Ms. Stern presented the following comments:

- Want to thank Darlene Hawkins Dill for writing her petition
- Look at all the people she got here
- Whether or not you agree with everything in her petition, she certainly got people talking
- You would not believe how it has blown up social media
- What a wonderful thing – democracy at work
- I know you wonder how I am going to relate this to tourism, I know you are Ernest
- One of the major complaints that we have had in tourism is lack of transparency and citizen input
- We continually feel, not only left out of the decision making process, but we feel like we are ignored
- We don't know how these decisions are made
- Evidently, a lot of people in Stokes County feel this way
- When this petition first came out, Willie said that he did not feel so alone because all these other people feel like we do
- You have got smart, talented, citizens
- A lot of them are right here
- Many of them are continually raising revenue for this County
- These people could greatly help you with their experience, their creativity, their time, and their talent
- I think we all wish for more transparency, communication, and how in hell you come up with some of your decisions

Rebecca Gibson
2624 Lynchburg Road
Westfield, NC
Re: **Budget Funding**

Ms. Gibson read and presented the following to the Board of Commissioners:

“There are a lot of things that I would like to talk to you about, but I am only going to speak about a service that we all need and that is Emergency Medical Services.

I am here tonight to speak about the proper funding of our Emergency Medical Services. If we need to pay competitive salaries, then that’s what we need to do, and whatever it takes to make that happen, in turn, needs to occur, even if it means raising taxes. These services are more important to me than a tax increase.

One of the basic functions of government is protecting people in times of need. These paramedics are vested in our community. They are knowledgeable of the community and its citizens. They know the terrain and when a call comes in that says there’s an accident at Moore’s Wall Loop, like it did yesterday, these people running those ambulances know exactly where that is and probably to some extent, what has happened up there.

Some of our current EMS employees are our friends and neighbors with whom we attend church and participate in community activities. We go to baptisms on the riverbanks with them. I would like to see these very talent and wonderful people stay employees in our wonderful Stokes County and stop losing great EMT’s to bordering counties who pay higher salaries. But even despite where they may reside, (whether it is Francisco, Lawsonville, Westfield) EMS operates out of Danbury under the watchful eye of you, our elected commissioners, not corporations.

EMS Services DO NOT need to be parceled out to private companies who are in the business to make money. These people do not know who we are or where we live.

There are just certain things that the government should be required to provide and Emergency Medical Services is one of those things. It is imperative to keep salaries competitive and I ask this Board to do whatever it takes to make OUR EMS a viable entity in our community. Part of your job is not only to take care of your residents, (us who have lived here all our lives) but also the many guests who visit our beautiful county throughout the year and stay with many of the people who are here tonight.

There is no one more qualified to take care of the people of Stokes than people FROM Stokes County.”

Debbie Vaden
3359 Moores Spring Road
Westfield, NC
Re: **Healthcare Issues/EMS/Hospital**

Ms. Vaden presented the following comments:

- I am here to talk about EMS, Healthcare, and the hospital
- Totally agree with everything Rebecca Gibson just stated
- EMS should not be privatized
- Have worked 25 years in San Diego as a healthcare manager for contract staffing for the government
- If you hire a contractor, they will have to make money
- Have to look at salaries you are paying
- Need to look at what it would cost to privatize versus a county operation
- Maybe look at counties to see what they are doing
- Do and look at salary surveys to make sure you are competitive
- A company is not going to be vested in Stokes County
- I want someone picking me up or my loved ones that knows where they are going and has an interest
- We want someone who knows the area
- There are so many little side roads in Stokes County
- A private company may hire some local employees or may just bring their own staff
- As Dwayne Young stated, there is no guarantee they will have good equipment or provide good service
- Pioneer sounded like a great idea
- If we had researched them five years ago, would we have found what they really are, I don't know
- You can google their name and find out a lot of things that they have done
- They have ruined our hospital
- They have just not done anything good for this county
- They have ruined the relationship with the patients in the community
- I am a PRN employee of Pioneer
- We need to make sure that we get out of this business deal that we are in with Pioneer
- Not sure what is really going on because you have closed meetings
- But what I read is that you are giving them money and they are still doing the billing
- I am not behind the scenes. but I have seen that billing is one of the main issues of why they are where they are at right now
- If you get control of the hospital, please do not put Pioneer in charge of the billing
- You will not succeed if you go that direction
- I have 25 years of management experience in health care and will be glad to sit at roundtables, sounding boards, attend meetings, will not charge you anything
- I am here for you
- If you don't want me, hire a consultant
- You have got to hire someone with some hospital experience
- I take it you are getting your information from the people who are at the hospital now, because none of you have medical business background – they have been there too long
- When you get in a situation where everything is negative and you feel you are in a black hole, they can't swim out of it
- They don't have innovative ideas to get that hospital back and going
- I beg you
- I want to see the hospital stay open

- We have got to have some creative ways to make it
- I do have some creative ideas that I will be glad to discuss

Brandy Davis

2054 Weldon Smith Road

Lawsonville, NC

Re: **School Funding**

Ms. Davis presented the following comments:

- I am a product of Stokes County
- I attended Lawsonville Elementary School
- I teach at Lawsonville Elementary School
- I have been a teacher at Lawsonville Elementary School for ten years
- I was a recipient of the Lawsonville Rurtian Scholarship
- I am deeply vested in my community
- I am here today to tell you that when I started teaching 10 years ago, in my classroom, I had the same reading textbooks that I used when I was a student at Lawsonville
- Those textbooks were replaced in 2007 and have not been replaced since
- As Amy Conner mentioned, we are facing no math textbooks next year which is going to be very detrimental to our students, very detrimental to our achievement, and ultimately detrimental to our county because our children are our future
- I want better for my own children than I had and that is a parent's natural concern
- We are not providing that
- Not only am I concerned for my own personal children, I am equally concerned for my students and entering students
- As the State of North Carolina continues to impose higher standards on our students, they deplete our resources year after year
- My kindergarten, five-year old students, are expected to walk out of my classroom as readers
- Since those standards have been put in place, the highest achievement that I have had is 66% and I have a Master's Degree in reading
- These are unattainable standards
- Not only are they unattainable, but the resources are being taken away to meet those standards
- This year, I had 33% reach that standard
- Next year, if our Pre-K closes at Lawsonville, you can bet the following year that percentage is going to go down even further
- I realize that the Board of Education did not ask you in their budget proposal for money to keep the Pre-K at Lawsonville operating; however, as a citizen and teacher at Lawsonville, I would like to ask you to give that some thought
- We need to fully fund our schools
- Our Pre-K Facility serves lots of children who are economically challenged
- We need those Pre-K Services to remain available, I ask that as both an educator and a parent of a four-year old who would be going into that classroom next year
- Also have a two-year old and they both deserve a quality education

- Funding our Pre-K and funding our schools fully in Stokes County is not a wish list, it is the bare minimum we are asking for
- If we are going to produce children with bare minimum educations, then they are going to become bare minimum citizens who pay bare minimum taxes and what does that leave for our future

Jo Elvis

1250 Carson Watts Road

King, NC

Re: **Budget**

Ms. Elvis presented the following comments:

- I have been a resident of Stokes County for thirty-nine (39) years
- There is nothing that has been said that I have an argument with
- I am for schools
- I am for our children being educated
- I am for our children having textbooks
- I came here tonight to be educated, to find out, thought I would be able to ask some questions
- How do we find out the information?
- I was in the dark
- I had no idea that our children in Lawsonville had no books, that is unexcusable
- We just passed a \$2 billion bond for education and citizens thinking that money is going to go to our school system
- Five (5) years ago, there was a tax increase to build new schools and we can't give them books
- That is shameful
- Another part of our economy is stagnated
- We need jobs so we can raise revenue
- I have wants and I have needs
- I know the difference between wants and needs
- I want a new car, do I need it? No
- I want our children to be educated
- Do we need books? Yes
- Do we need EMS? Yes
- Do we need twenty (20) new employees? Probably not
- Have got to bring in some kind of revenue
- People are arguing over Walmart; I hope they bring in a lot of taxes to help us
- We have got some major issues, major
- I left "sin city" Myrtle Beach to come to Stokes County
- I left "sin city" to come to where we could educate our children
- I did not want our children educated in "sin city"
- I am very proud of Stokes County
- Number one is getting our economy going and then everything else should fall in line

- Seems there are a lot of issues that are coming about at the same time and priorities need to be made
- We need to educate the children
- We need to be able to keep them here to have jobs
- Teaching them to do whatever
- We have our new community college that is getting ready to be open; we have spent money on that which was paid with the four cent tax
- Don't envy you at all
- You have some tough decisions to make because there is not one statement that anyone has made that I could disagree with
- We don't have the money
- We have seniors out here that can't afford to buy medicine
- They are land poor
- They have a farm that they have been holding on to and don't have any income coming in off of it
- They can't afford the higher taxes
- It is not going to hurt me, I will pay my share
- There are seniors out there that I have to loan \$20 so that they can get to the grocery store
- It is sad
- I am praying for you

Amos Elvis

1250 Carson Watts Road

King, NC

Re: **Budget**

Mr. Elvis presented the following comments:

- I am here tonight because I am an American citizen
- I am a citizen of Stokes County
- I am a Veteran
- I am a Christian first
- I am a husband, I am a father
- I like Stokes County
- I moved here because it had decent taxes
- This tax increase, ladies and gentlemen, is going to make our taxes go up higher than Winston Salem
- I am going to give you five reasons why you as your fiduciary responsibilities should vote against a tax increase
 - Five years ago, you raised our taxes four (4) cents for building schools and a Forsyth Tech Community College
 - You raised taxes 2.5 cents last year for giving the EMS and the Sheriff's Department a 10% increase in their pay – by giving them three (3) pay grades while other employees only got one (1) pay grade increase
 - This did not fix the problem for EMS according to them

- The County needs to remember that the taxpayers can't keep on paying higher taxes to gain more revenue for throwing money at problems that don't work
 - We are still working in a weak economy where people don't have good jobs or no job; therefore, revenue is not coming in
- Stokes County's older population has increased; therefore, more and more are on fixed incomes
 - Many are just getting by on essential shelter, food, medication, and transportation
 - Older families were depending on the little money that they were receiving from the tobacco buyout
 - This money is not being received any more and has taken away \$10 million in income in Stokes County
- Economic Development has maintained or created over 600 jobs in the last eight (8) years with very little incentive from the County
 - We need remember that we need more businesses or entrepreneurs working out of their homes to help offset the homeowner with the tax burden
 - County Commissioners have invested over \$1.8 million over the next three (3) years for broadband or high speed internet for the unserved or underserved citizens in this County
- Stokes County is a small rural county
- We are not like Mecklenburg
- We are not like Wake County
- We are not like Guilford County
- Some counties are able to have more and pay more with the large amount of industry that can offset the tax burden for the homeowner - the only counties with a large business climate that we don't have, this is the only way
- Until this becomes a reality, the commissioners need to do what can be afforded without continuing to burden the taxpayer with higher taxes
- People don't move to Stokes County for higher taxes
- It is your fiduciary responsibility to do what the people in this county want

E.A. "Buddy" Timm

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC

RE: Taxes

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

"I am aware that our county has been faced with many financial burdens that it did not expect, nor asked for; however, higher property taxes should not be the answer to balancing the budget.

Property taxes should be, alone, for securing one's Right to their property; not for the needs of others – whether for social services, social projects, nor for bailouts of bankrupt businesses.

It is not just – it violates justice, to tax one's property for the benefit or need of another. It is the perversion of law – law committing the crime that law is supposed to prevent – theft. The

redistribution of wealth is the foundation of socialism, a lower stage of Communism, which is principled for the abolition of private property.

“Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human liberty; it is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves” – spoke William Pitt.

The whole purpose of law is to protect one’s Life, Liberty, and Property.

Besides, most people have not been getting raises.

I am against higher property taxes.”

Mr. Timm responded to accusations against himself and his wife from Commissioner Jones’ comments:

- The full article will be coming out in the Stokes News on Thursday
- It is very clear that one can identify phonies when there is contradictions to common sense
- You can’t stand for right and support wrong or immorality
- It is a clear indicator
- The First Amendment – Jefferson sites that in the Kentucky Resolution
- He makes it very clear
- It is a prohibition against Congress, it is a federal government and sites the Tenth Amendment and states that those Bill of Rights are off limits to the Federal Tribunals and that is where we need to go
- Back in 1776, North Carolina had in their Constitution, Article 32, a Christian requirement to hold office
- In other words, you had to know right from wrong
- You can’t support immorality and say you are an elected official and hold any office
- That was the criteria in all offices in North Carolina
- As far as supporting morality, Cicero and George Washington identified with that as being a true patriot
- You are not, you are undermining the wholesomeness of your nation by undermining morals
- Will leave it at that - the full article will be out on Thursday

Staci McMillian-Smith

1059 Watkins Road

Lawsonville, NC

Re: **Education**

Ms. McMillian-Smith presented the following comments:

- I grew up in Lawsonville and went to Lawsonville Elementary, North Stokes High School and went on to East Carolina University
- I have a Master’s Degree in child development and have two children in the Stokes County School System
- Even years ago when I graduated from North Stokes, I felt the gap in education that I received in comparison to my peers at East Carolina

- I was surrounded by students from Wake County Schools, Mecklenburg, Forsyth, and many others that had already completed many of the assignments in high school that we were being asked to do in college
- Many of my peers never even attended class; they had already done the assignments that we were being assigned
- I was completing them for the first time
- I do not believe this gap was due to the lack of educated teachers, but lack of supplies and opportunities
- Ultimately, it was due to lack of funding
- I have always excelled in high school and continued to do so in college; however, many of my peers from Stokes County did not
- While many in Raleigh have seemed to wage war upon our school system, other counties have figured out ways to supplement the lack of funding by using local funds, as well as, business partnerships
- We are failing in this area
- Guilford County has been afforded a “Say Yes Opportunity” for every student with a certain GPA to go to a four-year school for free
- Forsyth County is creating new, innovative ways to create business partnerships to pay for more NC Pre-K classrooms
- Meanwhile, here is Stokes, we are discussing closing the Pre-K Program at Lawsonville and cutting funds to our schools
- I find it interesting that the school that we are talking about cutting the most funding from has the most supporters here today
- I don’t know about you, but I want my children to go to college, to be self-sufficient, to be successful, and yet we are not giving them the tools to do so
- I currently work full time in Winston Salem and am the PTO President at Lawsonville Elementary School
- We have spent the school year raising funds for the playground at our school which has not been updated in more than 25 years – the same playground equipment that I played on when I was in kindergarten at the school
- I don’t understand how we expect to equip our children to thrive without the necessary steps being taken
- I currently work for Smart Start of Forsyth County, the equivalent to Stokes Partnership for Children here in this County
- Research shows time and time again that an at risk child makes higher gains all the way through to the third grade when provided the opportunity to attend Pre-K Programs
- In Lawsonville, there is no child care site available
- This is often their first experience in any time of early childhood setting
- The standards of kindergarten keep getting higher and yet the ability to have a community to assist parents in getting them ready for that cutoff is being cut by cutting the Pre-K Services
- I would love to work here in Stokes County
- I don’t know a single person who loves the drive to Winston Salem every day; however, when I did work in Stokes for the County, I made less than half of my current salary
- I worked in Food and Nutrition Services and served 679 families per month that were Stokes County residents with food assistance

- However, many who worked for the County qualified for assistance themselves
- We do not need a study to inform our County employees of the low wages they are currently making, look around at job opportunities in other counties that surround us and you will quickly discover that we pay significantly less
- Why do we think so many employees from our County go to these other counties to work
- We can all sit back and wait for the State of North Carolina to make some different decisions
- We can all sit back and wait for some huge pot of money to come in from somewhere
- That is not going to happen
- We, like many of our neighboring counties, have to use our local resources to our advantage
- We have to use business partnership, tax dollars and private funds to the best of our ability to fund some of these opportunities
- The counties around us are doing it
- I fear many people in this County will start moving to other counties who have already made that shift in their thinking while we all sit back and wait for something that will never come
- We have to make some decisions on the local level to fund this county similarly to other counties surrounding us

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation to those who spoke at tonight's meeting.

Chairman Inman noted that at each regular meeting, there is Public Comments where you can come back and voice your opinion.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of June 13, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes of June 20, 2016 – Special Called Meeting
- Minutes of June 22, 2016 – Emergency Meeting

Appropriations and Transfers for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Amendment #86

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #86.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
General Fund				
	See below for detail	\$ 8,364,563.00	\$ 78,002.00	\$ 8,442,565.00
	TOTALS	\$ 8,364,563.00	\$ 78,002.00	\$ 8,442,565.00
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.5100.019	Health Department	\$ -	\$ 4,622.00	\$ 4,622.00
201.4340.000	Fire Marshal	\$ 5,241.00	\$ (787.00)	\$ 4,454.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	\$ 209,739.00	\$ 787.00	\$ 210,526.00
	TOTALS	\$ 214,980.00	\$ 4,622.00	\$ 219,602.00
E911 Fund				
	See below for detail	\$ 109,850.00	\$ -	\$ 109,850.00
	TOTALS	\$ 109,850.00	\$ -	\$ 109,850.00
Capital Projects Fund				
	See below for detail	\$ -	\$ 59,068.00	\$ 59,068.00
	TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 59,068.00	\$ 59,068.00
Health Title XIX Fund				
	See below for detail	\$ 853,526.00	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 869,676.00
	TOTALS	\$ 853,526.00	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 869,676.00
Danbury Water Fund				
	See below for detail	\$ 22,800.00	\$ -	\$ 22,800.00
	TOTALS	\$ 22,800.00	\$ -	\$ 22,800.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate and transfer Funds for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2015-16.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$157,842.00** 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				
100.3838.000	ABC Bottle Tax	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 3,215.00
100.3301.223	Medicaid Transportation	\$ 680,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 692,000.00
100.3301.208	SS Day Care	\$ 1,213,431.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 1,278,431.00
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 209,739.00 #	\$ 787.00	\$ 210,534.00
	TOTALS	\$ 2,106,170.00	\$ 78,002.00	\$ 2,184,180.00
Capital Projects Fund				
400.3831.002	Proceeds from Financing	\$ 27,603,606.00	\$ 52,100.00	\$ 27,655,706.00
400.3839.000	Sales Tax	\$ 390,682.00	\$ 6,968.00	\$ 28,053,356.00
	TOTALS	\$ 27,994,288.00	\$ 59,068.00	\$ 28,053,356.00
Health Title XIX Fund				
110.3839.000	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 25,250.00	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 41,400.00

TOTALS		\$ 25,250.00	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 41,400.00
Capital Reserve Fund				
201.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund	\$ 124,521.00	\$ 4,622.00	\$ 129,143.00
		\$ 124,521.00	\$ 4,622.00	\$ 129,143.00

		CURRENT		
Account	ACCOUNT	BUDGETED	INCREASE	AS
Number	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	(DECREASE)	AMENDED
Governing Body				
100.4110.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
100.4110.112	Retiree Insurance	\$ 88,932.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 90,182.00
100.4110.171	Term Life Insurance	\$ 269.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 314.00
100.4110.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,200.00
100.4110.451	Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 215,000.00
100.4110.450	Insurance	\$ 577,577.00	\$ (20,900.00)	\$ 556,677.00
Administration				
100.4120.321	Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
100.4120.370	Advertising	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
100.4120.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 1,200.00
Finance				
100.4130.100	Retirement	\$ 11,469.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 11,569.00
100.4130.110	Group Insurance	\$ 19,618.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 19,628.00
100.4130.320	Telephone	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,300.00
100.4130.321	Postage	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,700.00
100.4130.450	Insurance	\$ 350.00	\$ (175.00)	\$ 175.00
100.4130.180	Professional Services	\$ 61,900.00	\$ (285.00)	\$ 61,615.00
Tax Administration				
100.4140.311	Training	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,900.00
100.4140.321	Postage	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
100.4140.320	Telephone	\$ 16,500.00	\$ (9,675.00)	\$ 6,825.00
100.4140.370	Advertising	\$ 11,000.00	\$ (1,025.00)	\$ 9,975.00
100.4140.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 176,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 211,500.00
GIS/Mapping				
100.4141.320	Telephone	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,875.00
100.4141.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 38,900.00
Elections				
100.4170.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 74,650.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 74,750.00
100.4170.010	Salaries & Wages Overtime	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
100.4170.020	Salaries & Wages Part Time	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,500.00
100.4170.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 7,635.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 8,535.00
100.4170.320	Telephone	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,950.00
100.4170.321	Postage	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,000.00
100.4170.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 23,880.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 26,880.00
100.4170.370	Advertising	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,900.00
100.4170.390	Precinct Officials	\$ 46,600.00	\$ (6,200.00)	\$ 40,400.00

Register of Deeds				
100.4180.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 122,502.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 122,602.00
100.4180.110	Group Insurance	\$ 15,694.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 15,949.00
100.4180.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 999.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 699.00
100.4180.170	Other Fringe Supplemental Pension	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,050.00
100.4180.320	Telephone	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 2,655.00
100.4180.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ (285.00)	\$ 215.00
Public Buildings				
100.4190.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 271,775.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 272,275.00
100.4190.110	Group Insurance	\$ 49,958.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 49,458.00
100.4190.321	Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
100.4190.340	Printing	\$ 525.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 625.00
100.4190.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 23,500.00
100.4190.352	Maint. & Repairs Buildings	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
100.4190.490	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Information Systems				
100.4210.320	Telephone	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,700.00
100.4210.110	Group Insurance	\$ 15,694.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 15,594.00
Vehicle Maintenance				
100.4250.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,950.00
100.4250.320	Telephones	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,300.00
100.4250.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,400.00
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$1,706,452.00	\$ (9,000.00)	\$1,697,452.00
100.4310.010	Salaries & Wages Overtime	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
100.4310.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 14,985.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 15,385.00
100.4310.171	Term Life Insurance	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,124.00
Jail				
100.4320.020	Salaries & Wages Part Time	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 203,000.00
100.4320.010	Salaries & Wages Overtime	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
100.4320.102	401K 5%	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,831.00
100.4320.320	Telephone	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,600.00
100.4320.390	Misc. Expense Board of Prisoners	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
100.4320.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 93,000.00
District Resource Center				
100.4321.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,650.00
100.4321.330	Utilities	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 2,400.00
Emergency Communications				
100.4325.020	Salaries & Wages Part Time	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
100.4325.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
100.4325.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 13,700.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 3,700.00
Medical Examiner				
100.4360.000	Medical Examiner	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Emergency Medical Services				
100.4370.030	Salaries & Wages-Extra Duty	\$ 55,000.00	\$ (44,000.00)	\$ 11,000.00
100.4370.230	Medical Supplies	\$ 109,490.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 119,490.00
100.4370.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 96,145.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 102,145.00
100.4370.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 34,575.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 42,575.00
100.4370.510	Equipment	\$ 183,995.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 184,245.00

Animal Control				
100.4380.010	Salaries & Wages Overtime	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
100.4380.110	Group Insurance	\$ 20,925.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 16,925.00
100.4380.320	Telephone	\$ 5,382.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,382.00
100.4380.491	Uniforms	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,000.00
Special Appropriation				
100.4520.490	YVEDDI	\$ 168,279.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 173,279.00
Transfer from Social Services for WorkFirst Transportation				
Solid Waste				
100.4720.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
100.4720.352	Maint. & Repairs Buildings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00
Planning				
100.4910.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 4,775.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 4,475.00
100.4910.311	Training	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,900.00
100.4910.370	Advertising	\$ 2,700.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 2,000.00
100.4910.110	Group Insurance	\$ 31,387.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 32,017.00
100.4910.340	Printing	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,450.00
100.4910.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 292,563.00	\$ (880.00)	\$ 291,683.00
Economic Development				
100.4920.190	Board Reimbursement	\$ 2,520.00	\$ (2,345.00)	\$ 175.00
100.4920.260	Departmental Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,100.00
100.4920.340	Printing	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (3,600.00)	\$ 8,400.00
100.4920.370	Advertising/Marketing	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,345.00	\$ 40,345.00
Cooperative Extension				
100.4950.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 126,356.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 128,356.00
100.4950.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ -
100.4950.311	Training	\$ 1,850.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 850.00
100.4950.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 900.00
Natural Resources				
100.4960.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 107,968.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 102,968.00
Health Department				
100.5100.511	Equipment Non Capitalized	\$ 12,933.00	\$ (4,622.00)	\$ 8,311.00
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund				
Environmental Health				
100.5192.320	Telephone	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
100.5192.340	Printing	\$ 450.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 550.00
100.5192.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 2,900.00
Mental Health				
100.5200.682	ABC Bottle Tax	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 3,215.00
Revenue covers additional funding				
Social Services				
100.5310.316	DOT WorkFirst Travel	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ -
100.5310.314	WorkFirst Travel	\$ 110,000.00	\$ (98,000.00)	\$ 12,000.00
100.5310.315	Title XIX Travel	\$ 680,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 790,000.00
100.5310.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00
100.5310.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 15,500.00
WorkFirst transferred to YVEDDI and Title XIX is covered with revenue and transfer.				

Public Assistance				
100.5420.000	State/County Special Assistance	\$ 700,000.00	\$(100,000.00)	\$ 600,000.00
100.5470.001	IV B Adoption Assistance	\$ 49,319.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 64,319.00
Veteran Services				
100.5820.310	Travel	\$ 150.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 50.00
100.5820.320	Telephone	\$ 290.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 390.00
Day Care				
100.5850.002	Day Care	\$ 963,489.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$1,028,489.00
	Revenue covers additional funding			
Senior Services				
100.5860.262	Other Supplies	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,900.00
100.5860.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 2,000.00
Forsyth Tech				
100.5920.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 29,774.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 29,874.00
100.5920.261	Water Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
100.5920.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (1,100.00)	\$ 6,400.00
Parks				
100.6121.020	Salaries & Wages Part Time	\$ 5,675.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,725.00
100.6121.180	Grant Program County Parks	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 6,000.00
100.6121.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ (50.00)	\$ 350.00
	Transferring \$2,000 grant program to Capital Reserve Fund			
Revaluation				
100.4142.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
100.4142.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 1,300.00
Contingency				
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$ 55,920.00	\$ (15,270.00)	\$ 40,650.00
Transfers				
100.9820.960	Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$ 124,521.00	\$ 4,622.00	\$ 129,143.00
Special Appropriation				
100.4520.491	Stokes County Fire & Rescue Association	\$ 20,688.00	\$ 787.00	\$ 21,475.00
	Water point for Francisco Fire Department transferred from Capital Reserve Fund			
Total General Fund		\$8,364,563.00	\$ 78,002.00	\$8,442,565.00
E911 Fund				
200.4325.311	Training	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
200.4325.320	Telephone	\$ 99,850.00	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ 93,850.00
Total E911 Fund		\$ 109,850.00	\$ -	\$ 109,850.00
Capital Project Fund				
400.5916.690	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ 59,068.00	\$ 59,068.00
Cost of Financing				
Total Capital Projects Fund		\$ -	\$ 59,068.00	\$ 59,068.00
Health Title XIX Fund				
Adult Health Program				
110.5101.180	Professional Services	\$ 32,750.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 39,250.00
110.5101.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 156,149.00	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ 149,649.00

Child Health Program				
110.5102.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 88,745.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 96,745.00
110.5102.020	Salaries & Wages Part Time	\$ 8,758.00	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 758.00
110.5102.081	On Call Pay	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
110.5102.100	Retirement	\$ 6,017.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 6,617.00
110.5102.110	Group Insurance	\$ 13,863.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 13,263.00
110.5102.130	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 576.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 726.00
110.5102.180	Professional Service	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Family Planning Program				
110.5103.180	Professional Services	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
110.5103.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 145,719.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 142,719.00
General				
110.5104.230	Medical Supplies	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
110.5104.250	Auto Supplies	\$ 16,900.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 13,900.00
110.5104.340	Printing	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 6,500.00
110.5104.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 4,500.00
Prenatal Program				
110.5105.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 53,394.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 62,394.00
110.5105.081	On Call Pay	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 1,500.00
110.5105.110	Group Insurance	\$ 9,155.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 8,155.00
110.5105.180	Professional Services	\$ 90,000.00	\$ (7,500.00)	\$ 82,500.00
Total Health Title XIX Fund		\$ 853,526.00	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 869,676.00
Danbury Water Fund				
502.7140.330	Utilities	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
502.7140.340	Printing	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ -
502.7140.350	Maint. & Repairs Equipment	\$ 13,000.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 12,300.00
Total Danbury Water Fund		\$ 22,800.00	\$ -	\$ 22,800.00

Tax Administration Report – May 2016

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:

Releases 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

Refunds More Than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds 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	

External Posting – Emergency Medical Services

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following request from EMS Director Greg Collins for the consideration and approval at tonight's meeting:

- Department currently has an vacancy for an Intermediate or Paramedic
- The internal posting will soon be posted
- Would request approval to post the vacant EMS Intermediate or Paramedic position externally if no internal, qualified candidate applies

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Chairman Inman noted there were no items on tonight's Information Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Proposed Park Grant Project – East Walnut Cove Park

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the proposed

Park Grant Project – East Walnut Cove Park:

- The East Walnut Cove Park is applying for the \$2,000 Park Grant approved in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget
- Required match will be met through the purchase of materials and in-kind (labor)
- The project is to replace the announcement booth on the baseball field
- The old booth will be torn down
- All grant requirements have been met
- Funding has been moved to Capital Reserve since the project can't be completed by June 30, 2016
- Request the item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda in order for the park committee to start the project

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the Agenda item.

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

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

Proposed Utilities Easement – Petree Property

County Manager Rick Morris presented a proposed Utilities Easement from the Walter Ronald Petree Charitable Trust to Duke Energy Carolinas for the Board's review and consideration.

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information:

- Proposed utilities easement is needed for the utilities installation at the Petree Facility in Pine Hall
- Need to move to tonight's Action Agenda in order to keep the project moving forward and not impact the schedule in getting the project completed
- Easement has been approved by County Attorney Ty Browder

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the Agenda item.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on

tonight's Action Agenda.

Chairman Inman provided the audience with a brief description of Mr. Petree and his sister's donation of land and \$1.25 million to build the facility in Pine Hall.

Chairman Inman confirmed with County Manager Morris that the facility should be completed by late July or early August.

Proposed Ordinance – Regulate Door-to-Door Solicitation

County Manager Rick Morris presented the revised version of the proposed Ordinance – Regulate Door-to-Door Solicitation prepared by County Attorney Browder's staff (Attorney Nick Overby) for the Board's further review and discussion: (items revised underlined)

**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)(1) and 2(C)(2)(a)-(f) and (i)** 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.

(g) Sales of goods, merchandise and raffle or event tickets by schools, churches, scouting organizations, and civic groups.

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:

1. 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 off/for the applicant;
2. 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
3. A brief description of the activity to be conducted, including if applicable, any items or services to be sold or offered for sale.
4. 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 noted the following:

- Proposed Ordinance has been revised by Attorney Overby as requested by the Board at the June 13th meeting which are underlined and bolded
- Request the item be placed on the July 11th Action Agenda for consideration of approval

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Feels the requested language has been added
- Feels this is a good ordinance for the County

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed with County Manager Morris that Item (g) under Section 4 covers the items that were mentioned at the last meeting

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Walker that the items mentioned are covered under Item (g) Section 4

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Want to make sure that door-to-door noncommercial solicitation does not have to get a permit

The Board discussed door-to-door noncommercial solicitation not having to obtain a permit be included in the ordinance.

Commissioner Jones confirmed with Manager Morris that it could always be amended after approval, if there was something left out that needed to be in the ordinance.

The Board discussed civic groups and nonprofit organizations.

County Manager Morris noted that Section 2 C4 has exceptions listed that this ordinance does not apply to.

The Board agreed to include the wordage "or other nonprofit organizations" at the end of Item (g) under Section C4.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on July 11th Action Agenda with the added language.

Chairman Inman briefed the audience on the proposed Door-to-Door Ordinance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Proposed Agreement – Law Enforcement Services – Town of Walnut Cove

County Manager Rick Morris presented the revised version of the Proposed Agreement for Law Enforcement Services – Town of Walnut Cove for the Board’s review and consideration:

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 (CPI) or annual increased personnel (salaries & benefits) and equipment cost percentage for the Sheriff’s Department, whichever is the highest 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 with 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 Rick Morris commented:

- Noted the following wordage had been added to the agreement will increase by an amount equal to the latest available and published Consumer Price Index (CPI) or annual increased personnel (salaries & benefits) and equipment cost percentage for the Sheriff's Department, whichever is the highest
- Have discussed the added wordage with Town Manager of Walnut Cove who will take the agreement to the Walnut Cove Council once approved by the Board of Commissioners

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed Agreement for Law Enforcement Services - Town of Walnut Cove as amended.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the amended Agreement for Law Enforcement Services for the Town of Walnut Cove. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Bids – Senior Meals for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed Bids for Senior Meals for Fiscal Year 2016-17 which were presented at the June 13th meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the \$3.85 per meal rate (Congregate and Home Delivered) with Golden Corral for Senior Meals for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that it was only a five cent increase per meal for the upcoming fiscal year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Bids – Transportation for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed Bids for Transportation for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the following transportation bids for Fiscal Year 2016-17:

June 27, 2016

- YVEDDI (Rates are the same as Fiscal Year 2015-16)
 - 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)
 - 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

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

County Manager Rick Morris presented the revised version of the Proposed Ordinance – An Act to Prohibit the Possession or Consumption of Alcohol on the Rivers in Stokes County which was presented at the June 13th meeting 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 Sheriff's 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 BULLINS

Clerk to the Board

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- Both the Senate and House of Representatives have approved the request sent by the Board of Commissioners (Session Law 2016-35/Senate Bill 787)
- Authority has been given to the Board of County Commissioners (Governing Body) to adopt ordinances regulating, restricting, or prohibiting the possession or consumption of alcohol on navigable rivers in the County
- Effective date is August 1, 2016
- Proposed Ordinance can be approved tonight with an effective date of August 1, 2016

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed Ordinance – An Act to

Prohibit the Possession or Consumption of Alcohol on the Rivers in Stokes County.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Ordinance – An Act to Prohibit the Possession or Consumption of Alcohol on the Rivers in Stokes County with an effective date of August 1, 2016. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walker noted:

- 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.
- Spoke recently with a retired Wildlife Officer who was very supportive of the action being taken by the Board of Commissioners
- The way the Wildlife Officers seem to be looking at this: it is a ban for alcohol on the river but if someone is not misbehaving and going down the river not causing problems, there is probably a high likelihood that they would not be checked
- But for those people who come to the river to just kind of blow it out and by the time they are halfway down the trip, they are not sure where they are, I think this ban will give our law enforcement officers another tool to use to hopefully keep our river safer and more family friendly
- There is a county in state that has already taken a similar action about a year or two ago and they still feel very positive about the action they took
- Instead of reducing the recreational use of their river, it seems to have increased the recreational use of their river
- On board with approving the Ordinance effective August 1, 2016

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Not going to pare Commissioner Walker's comments, was just going to say about the same thing with less words

Vice Chairman Booth had no issues.

Chairman Inman commented:

- The unfortunate thing is that not everyone is responsible
- If everyone were, you would not need to do anything
- Those few who are irresponsible, ruin it for everyone else
- Landowners were having issues with individuals totally drunk coming on their property where small children are
- There comes a time when something has to be done
- This will not totally clean up the Dan River, it was never intended too
- Logic behind this bill is to make the river better in Stokes County

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Grant Funding Agreement for Expansion of Broadband in Stokes County

County Manager Rick Morris presented the proposed revised 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
2811

Site Contact Phone: 336-593-

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 (if customer demand supports this level of expenditure) 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 Morris noted:

- In reference to the change you requested at the last meeting on the grant contract with RiverStreet, based on discussion with his Board of Directors, Eric Cramer the CEO of Wilkes Communications (RiverStreet) asked that you consider the alternate wording included on the draft contract in your agenda in lieu of the wording that was discussed at your last meeting. (underlined)
- His request is that you keep the wording which you asked to be deleted, which is underlined, and add the additional wording which is also underlined for clarification of their commitment.
- If demand is there, Eric and his Board of Directors remain fully committed to the \$12.9 million as proposed.

- The reason for the change is that his Board does not want to make a hard commitment to spend money to install additional cable should there be no demand for it.
- I think this is a reasonable request given they have already spent \$4 million in Stokes County and are fully committed to \$9 million no matter what the demand is, which meets the criteria specified in the county's grant program.
- RiverStreet is moving forward at full speed to complete their building in Danbury and have the first leg of their network operational this fall.
- In talking with Representatives of Riverstreet, they expect to have a crew in the County after the first five year time period adding cable

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed Grant Funding Agreement for Expansion of Broadband in Stokes County as presented by Manager Morris.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve Grant Funding Agreement for Expansion of Broadband in Stokes County as presented by Manager Morris. Vice Chairman Booth seconded the motion.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Looking for the project to go more than the \$12.9 million
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the backbone will be installed during the 1-3 years all around the County and will be branching off during the initial installation and then beyond
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that two legs of the backbone are already in the ground and RiverStreet has already spent over \$4 million and will do the Walnut Cove leg next year (2017)

County Manager Morris responded:

- This is RiverStreet's biggest project outside of Wilkes County
- Only customer getting the 80/20 ratio
- Hope to have the first two legs up and running by the Fall of 2016

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Have been trying for many years to get something like this to happen in the County
- Have had many challenges that has prevented such a project
- Very thankful to Senator Shirley Randlemen for her involvement in getting us talking to Wilkes Communication
- Will probably be the most benefit to the most people in our County of anything that I have been a part of
- It will help the students

- Hope to be able to provide funding to the schools to provide chrome books to South and West Stokes students (\$200,000) in this year's fiscal budget
- This will move our County forward
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that we are where most counties want to be
- We are ahead of the game
- Very thankful for the opportunity

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- This is one of the things that I look at being an economic development project
- If everything works out, this will allow more and more people to work from home
- This is the tool they need to be able to work from home
- This is also an educational project

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Noted how quickly Wilkes Communications got involved after meeting with representatives for the first time
- Very good project for Stokes County

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Don't want to repeat what everyone has already said
- Ready to get going

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – Stokes County Planning Board

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following individuals who were nominated at the June 13th meeting to serve on the Stokes County Planning Board:

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

Clerk Bullins noted:

- Respectfully requested that the nominations not be polled at tonight's meeting due to the advertisement in the Stokes News did not meet the deadline for publication
- Since there will be no Planning Board meeting in July, there is no urgency for the appointments
- Request nominations and polling be placed on the July 11th Action Agenda.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with delaying the polling at tonight's meeting.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on July 11th Action Agenda.

Proposed Park Grant Project – East Walnut Cove Park

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the Park Grant Project for East Walnut Cove Park submitted at tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Park Grant Project for East Walnut Cove Park. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Utilities Easement – Petree Property

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the Utilities Easement for the Petree Project submitted at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Utilities Easement to Duke Power Energy for the Petree Property. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

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

- The Board unanimously entered into closed session 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)

Vice Chairman Booth moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- The Board unanimously entered into closed session 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 Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the opened session of the June 27th 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 Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman