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**COUNTY OF STOKES )**  
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**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS**  
**STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, September 12, at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:  
County Manager Richard D. Morris  
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins  
County Attorney Tyrone Browder  
Finance Director Julia Edwards  
DSS Director Stacey Elmes  
Health Director Scott Lenhart

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

#### **INVOCATION**

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

Chairman Inman delivered the invocation.

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

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

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

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the September 12, 2016 Agenda.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the September 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda as submitted.

Commissioner Lankford 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:

- Stokes County Board of Education
  - Received an email from Dr. Brad Rice, Superintendent –Stokes County School
  - Dr. Rice noted that the Board of Education approved to appropriate \$137,937 from their Fund Balance to fund the FY 2016-17 budget shortage of the \$228,877 needed to fund the remaining amount for the supplement and SROs which balanced their budget (County allocated an additional \$90,938 toward the \$228,877 shortage)
  - Dr. Rice also noted that the additional funding will help make a difference in serving the students and employees of the school system
- Water & Sewer Task Force
  - Water & Sewer Task Force met to confirm the budget for Phase II of the Sewer Project which has already been approved by the Board of Commissioners
  - Project will probably begin within the next two to three weeks
  - Approximately 1,100 ft. will be added
  - Will be very close to the proposed animal adoption facility
  - If there is any funding remaining in the Contingency once the project is completed, the excess funding will be used to run closer to the proposed adoption facility
  - No county funding in Phase II of the project
- New NC Sales Report
  - County has received the first sales tax report regarding the new sales tax method
  - The report breaks the new sales tax out
  - County received an additional \$128,000 for the first month's allocation (July 2016)
- Duke Energy – Belews Creek
  - Chairman Inman and myself participated in a conference call with a group of individuals from the Permitting Branch – Solid Waste Section – NC Division of Waste Management – NC Department of Environmental Quality last week
  - The call focused on the coal ash landfills at Belews Creek
  - Chairman Inman was able to provide the group with some requested demographic information regarding the surroundings of the Belews Creek Plant
  - Group wants to do a public meeting, possibly in Walnut Cove, to answer any questions the public might have regarding the coal ash landfills at the plant

Chairman Inman commented:

- This group insisted on having the Chairman of the Commissioners on the conference call even though I told them the manager could take care of the conference call
- The group is talking about a one-mile radius of the Duke Steam Station, Belews Creek
- Duke Energy has been a great partner for many, many years in Stokes County, but at the same time, we feel that the people who live in that area need transparency
- They need to know what is really going on
- Suggested that a town hall meeting was needed in this situation to make sure the public is informed
- Feel that Duke Energy is trying as hard as they can to get some resolution to the coal ash issue at the plant

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life “A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know weakness” (Psalm 101-4)
- Attended the NC Association County Commissioners Insurance Pool Meeting
  - Meeting was focused on the number of members
  - Have approximately 59 counties and several entities
  - Association would like to reduce claims in the Sheriff’s Departments and Emergency Medical Services across the state
  - Claims were reduced approximately 25% during 2015 thus reducing premiums; as you recall, the County did not receive a rate increase for this fiscal year’s premium
  - Will be looking at making training available for the Sheriff’s Department and Emergency Medical Services

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone today
- Like to hear that the insurance pool is growing; more members mean lower premiums
- Was a judge, along with Commissioner Walker, for the Stokes Stomp Parade

Commissioner Walker commented:

- There was a mix up this year regarding candy being thrown during the Stokes Stomp Parade
  - Doesn’t seem right not throwing candy to the kids along the parade route
  - Kids really enjoy that part of a parade
  - Large crowd at the Stomp with good weather
- Continue to make some progress regarding transportation in the County
  - Know there is a definite need
  - Seems things are coming together
  - Glad to see something happening regarding transportation

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Good to see everyone here today
- Very glad to see something happening in the County regarding transportation
  - Try to attend as many meetings regarding transportation as possible
- Attended the Stokes Stomp, participating in the “dunking booth”
  - Stokes Future Farmers had a booth at the Stomp
  - Stokes Future Farmers will be at the FarmFest –October 1<sup>st</sup> (1-4pm) (Fund Raiser at Francisco Elementary School)

## **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:

**Sri Ananda Sarvasri**

1060 Tyler Road

Walnut Cove, NC

**Re: Solutions for Stokes County – Happiest, Healthiest, Greenest County in the Nation**

Mr. Sarvasri read and presented the following comments:

- Would like to continue on my proposal, Happiest, Healthiest, Greenest County in the Country which was submitted at the last meeting
- I am a Scientist, Degreed Engineer (Engineering Physics), Researcher, Futurist, Natural Healthcare Consultant and Green Technologies
- I am the author of the book “Extraordinary HealthCare”
- Have 45 years of experience in Natural Healthcare and in Research on the problems that we face today
- The last time I was here – I showed two (2) examples of solutions to social problems:
  - Reversing birth defects and how we could turn every child into a genius
  - Reversing disastrous behavioral problems in schools and creating a productive learning environment
- Can apply this knowledge to solve the problems in Stokes County generally and make Stokes County the Happiest, Healthiest, and Greenest county in the country
- For the last hundred years, we have been watching our civilization degrade
- The reason is that our physiology, our biochemistry has been compromised
- We are missing the fundamental elements from the soil that ensure normal biochemistry and normal neurochemistry
- The loss of basic minerals over time as modern agriculture destroyed virtually all soil life through mechanization and poisons – commercial, non-organic agriculture
- The basic minerals in our soils are no longer available in the foods we eat
- It now takes 26 apples to equal the iron content of just one apple from 1950
- No one can eat 26 apples

- Missing nutrients cause distorted biochemistry, distorted neurochemistry and distorted mental functioning
- This degradation of our foods is the same thing that causes birth defects, disease, and criminal behavior
- Former Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Kopp states that 76% of all diseases and premature deaths are due to poor nutrition
- It also causes a loss of mental and emotional health and a host of social problems
- If we continue where we are going, one out of every two people will have cancer, diabetes, etc.
- Alzheimer Disease will likely double in ten years
- Practical solution is nutrition
- Organic foods supply the missing nutrients
- By creating a green agenda in Stokes County, we can save millions of dollars and create an “economic boom”
- Building a bigger jail will not help
- If we don’t solve the fundamental problem, we will need to double the size of the jail again and then double the size again
- We need to solve the right problem
- The real problem is nutrition deficiencies
- Instead of building a larger jail, we should put that money into creating a nutrition based rehabilitation program
- We need to teach inmates how to restore normal bio-chemistry and normal neurophysiology
- Nothing else will work
- It is also the only option that satisfied the Golden Rule
- Everyone knows the Golden Rule
- The average criminal has very little control of their mental and emotional life
- Spent two years writing “Extraordinary Health Care”
- Would like to describe next time how it is being solved in other locations

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation to those who spoke.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of August 22, 2016 – Regular Meeting

### **Special Appropriations (YVEDDI) - Budget Amendment #23**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #23.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Special Appropriations</b>				
100.4520.490	YVEDDI	<u>\$169,755.00</u>	<u>\$14,474.00</u>	<u>\$184,229.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$169,755.00</b>	<b>\$14,474.00</b>	<b>\$184,229.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate additional funding from the ROAP Grant for transportation.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$14,474.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.263	RGT Transportation	\$120,714.00	\$15,037.00	\$135,751.00
100.3301.367	DOT-WorkFirst	<u>\$13,041.00</u>	<u>\$(563.00)</u>	<u>\$12,478.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$133,755.00</b>	<b>\$14,474.00</b>	<b>\$148,229.00</b>

#### Stokes County Schools - Budget Amendment #24

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #24.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Stokes Co. Schools</b>				
100.5911.000	Current Expense	\$9,817,340.00	\$90,938.00	\$9,908,278.00
<b>Contingency</b>				
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$341,479.00</u>	<u>\$(90,938.00)</u>	<u>\$250,541.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$10,158,819.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$10,158,819</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer Contingency Funds to the Stokes County School's Current Expense for \$62,938 for supplements and \$28,000 for matching SRO Grant.

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

### **Jail, Animal Control, Social Services, and Contingency - Budget Amendment #25**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #25.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Jail</b>				
100.4320.000	Salaries & Wages	\$720,575.00	\$2,990.00	\$723,565.00
<b>Animal Control</b>				
100.4380.000	Salaries & Wages	\$88,837.00	\$870.00	\$89,707.00
<b>Social Services</b>				
100.5310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$2,053,692.00	\$842.00	\$2,054,534.00
<b>Contingency</b>				
100.9910.100	Leave Cost	\$93,419.00	\$(4,702.00)	\$88,717.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,956,523.00</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$2,956,523.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency for the payoff of terminated, resigned, retired, dismissed, and compensatory time (over the maximum limit) employees for August 2016. (Holiday = \$152; vacation = \$3,399; and compensatory time = \$1,151

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

### **Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #26**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #26.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Sheriff's Department</b>				
100.5310.351	Maint. & Repairs- Auto	\$97,398.00	\$383.00	\$97,781.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$97,398.00</b>	<b>\$383.00</b>	<b>\$97,781.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claim funds for repairs to vehicles

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$383.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	<u>\$42,711.00</u>	<u>\$383.00</u>	<u>\$43,094.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$42,711.00</b>	<b>\$383.00</b>	<b>\$43,094.00</b>

#### **Natural Resources - Budget Amendment #27**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #27.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	<b>Natural Resources</b>			
100.4960.181	Professional Services-Grants	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for the Little Snow Creek Stream Restoration Project.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$100,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	<b>General Fund</b>			
100.3301.426	National Fish & Wildlife	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>

#### **Proposed 2017 Stokes County Real Property Schedule of Values and Present-Use Value Deferred Taxation Schedule**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the proposed 2017 Stokes County Real Property



Schedule of Values and Present-Use Value Deferred Taxation Schedule at the August 8, 2016 and the August 22, 2016 meetings for Board discussion with consideration for approval at the September 12, 2016 meeting.

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

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

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

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

##### **Stokes County Board of Education – Proposed Land Transfer – Lawsonville Elementary School**

Director of Operations David Burge presented the following information regarding a request for a land transfer for the proposed shelter addition at Lawsonville Elementary School:

- This proposed picnic shelter will replace the shelter that had to be torn down when the renovation was done at Lawsonville Elementary School
- The Una Mae Stevens Irrevocable Trust has granted to the Stokes County Board of Education a certain tract of real property containing 21,339 square feet
- The property is the location of a proposed community shelter for use by Lawsonville Elementary School and the Lawsonville Community
- The donated property adjoins the Lawsonville Elementary School property and property owned by Lawsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.
- Lawsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. has requested that the Board of Education convey to it a portion (7,383 sq. ft.) of the property it obtained from the trust to expand its property and has agreed to convey to the Board of Education a tract of real property containing 271 sq. ft. upon which will be located a concrete walkway leading to the aforesaid community shelter
- The location and topography of the 7,383 sq. ft. are such that the parcel is not suitable for public school use and the 271 sq. ft. parcel has as much if not greater value for school purposes as the 7,383 sq. ft. parcel
- The Lawsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. provides fire and rescue squad protective service to Lawsonville Elementary School and other schools in northern Stokes County
- The addition of the community shelter will be of great benefit to Lawsonville Elementary School and the entire Lawsonville community

- It is the request of the Board of Education that the Board of County Commissioners waive its rights to acquire the aforesaid 7,383 sq. ft. parcel that the Board of Education intends to convey to Lawsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.
- Stokes County Board of Education, pursuant to NC General Statute 115C-518(a) shall provide to the Stokes County Board of Commissioners the right of first refusal to purchase the aforesaid 7,383 sq. ft. parcel
- With the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of Education shall proceed with the applicable process for conveyance of the 7,383 sq. ft. parcel to the Lawsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.
- Would request the item be moved to today's Action Agenda in order to move forward with the project
- Appreciate the opportunity to speak to the Board today

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the request presented by Director Burge.

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

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

#### **Stokes County Board of Education – Proposed Land Purchase – London Elementary School**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a proposed land purchase for the London Elementary School:

- This is a budget execution that the Board of Education wanted to inform the Board of Commissioners about
- This proposed project makes good sense
- Feel this is a good transparency measure when the Board of Education wants to make sure the Board of Commissioners have no problems with a change in the Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

Director of Operations David Burge, Stokes County Schools, presented the following information regarding the proposed land purchase for London Elementary School:

- Stokes County Board of Education budgeted \$35,000 in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Capital Budget to reconstruct and repave the front parking lot at London Elementary School
- A pre-bid meeting with contractors was held on July 14<sup>th</sup> and at that time it was determined that the lot size of the existing parking area was not adequate to place two rows of cars

- Looking at the aerial view of the parking lot shows that school personnel is currently parking partly on the adjacent lot
- At the time of the pre-bid meeting, a crew was preparing to move a mobile home that was on the adjacent lot
- It was agreed that it would be beneficial to the school system to purchase, if possible, the adjacent lot and expand the existing parking area
- It turned out the current owner of the adjacent lot was Polly Goolsby, a former member of the Stokes County Board of Education
- Ms. Goolsby noted that with the moving of the mobile home, she was planning on contacting the school system about selling the lot for additional parking for London Elementary School if the school board was interested
- Considering the need for additional parking at London Elementary school and her desire to sell the lot to the school system, the timing is right to revisit the project
- Ms. Goolsby agreed to sell the lot for \$15,000 (current tax value is \$13,100)
- If the lot could be purchased for \$15,000, that would leave \$20,000 in the budget to design, grade, and gravel both lots to provide much needed additional parking space at London
- The Board of Education voted to purchase the lot from Ms. Goolsby and use the remaining funds to design, grade, and gravel both lots with intentions to pave both lots at a later date
- Everyone within the school system is on board with this project

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- The timing is perfect
- Like the sound of the project – getting it ready for pavement
- On board with the project

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Noticed the purchase price is slightly over the value of the property, but not enough to be an issue for me
- Confirmed with Director Burge that after speaking with Ms. Goolsby, the price would have been a lot more if the buyer was not the Board of Education
- Confirmed with Director Burge that the funds are in the schools' 2016-17 budget
- Sounds like a very workable plan

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Very much needed project
- Prepping it should make it smooth and ready for pavement
- Good with the project

Director Burge responded:

- Afraid this opportunity might not be there in future if the Board of Education does not act now

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- This is a dream come true
- This school has definitely needed more parking spaces for many, many years
- Very pleased with the proposed project

Chairman Inman commented:

- Ditto Commissioner Lankford's comments
- School has needed this additional parking space for a long time
- While working for the school system, always wondered where I was going to park when a meeting was held at London Elementary

Director Burge commented:

- Believe we might be able to get 50-60 parking spaces in this area
- The current location has about 15 parking spaces with some of them on someone else's property

The Board unanimously agreed with the Board of Education's decision to purchase the lot and use the remaining funds to design, grade and gravel both lots with intentions to pave the area later.

### **Social Services Monthly Report**

County Manager Rick Morris noted:

- Have asked Stacey to shrink the columns for the remainder of the year so that there would be more room to provide the Board with detailed narrative
- Since you act as the DSS Board, you need as much detailed narrative as possible regarding how the director sees things
- That is why the format is a little different

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

- Metrics (As of August 2016):
  - Income Maintenance
    - NC FAST – In Compliance
      - Child Care was slated to begin in Stokes County in October, but will probably be in January 2017 before that starts
      - State keeps putting it off, wanting it to be right when we start
    - WorkFirst – In Compliance
      - 66 open cases
    - FNS – In Compliance
      - 2913 open cases
      - \$661,252 in benefits delivered
    - Adult Medicaid, Family/Children's Medicaid – In Compliance

- 7906 open cases
- Child Support – In Compliance
  - Serving 1354 children with collections at \$212,652
- Program Integrity – In Compliance
  - 148 open cases
  - Collected \$6,898 with \$2,027 of collections retained in county
- Child Day Care – In Compliance
  - 154 children on waiting list for service
- Foster Care
  - Foster Care Services – Immediate attention required
    - Continues to be “red” mainly because of the number of children in custody
    - Doesn’t seem to be decreasing
    - 102 children in custody during the month of August and monitoring 8 others
    - Caseloads above capacity
    - Interviewing for contract, part time, temporary Social Services Assistant soon (have one applicant)
    - Once hired, this metric should go yellow as long as the number of children in custody does not increase
    - Hope some children will be able to go back home after court this week
    - Last court date, only one child was able to go back home
    - Area of Concern:
      - Effective January 1, 2017
      - Safety assessments are becoming more strict which could cause an increase in the number of children coming into custody
      - Safety agreements must be all of the following:
        - Sufficient to manage safety
        - Reasonably tailored to the allegations provided in the CPS Report and the child safety issues that exist within the family
        - Immediately available so that it is capable of being in operation the same day it is created
        - A plan that includes actions and goals that are specific and measurable
      - Parents must be willing to voluntarily sign this agreement
      - If all the criteria cannot be met, then custody must be considered
  - Foster Care Home Licensing – Needs improvement
    - Currently have 24 licensed foster homes
    - Eight (8) of these homes (while licensed in Stokes County) are homes that are outside of Stokes County
    - Have a foster home licensing class beginning 9-19-2016

- This section is yellow because of the need for foster homes in Stokes County and I am hopeful that this will soon change to green
    - Have a new person getting ready to start the licensing who will be great
    - Hope to see some improvements in that area very quickly
  - Adoptions – In Compliance
- Child Protective Services
  - Investigations – In Compliance
    - Received 40 reports involving 53 children
    - Have 36 active CPS investigations open
  - Case Management – In Compliance
    - 18 open cases
- Adult Services
  - Adult Protective Services – Needs improvement
    - July was yellow because of the under classification of personnel
    - I have been concerned that this would cause turnover and it has as this worker is moving to a different unit in our agency
    - Will remain yellow this month because of the vacancy
    - Once the vacancy is filled, it will go green because the work is getting completed
    - Will no longer report to you that this position is under classified as I don't see a recurring need to report this information since you are aware of this classification issue
  - Guardianship – Needs improvement
    - July was yellow because of the under classification of personnel as well as the worker having 34 cases in the caseload with a state standard of 30
    - I have had the same concern with this position as with the Adult Protective Service (APS) position, but have been fortunate that the worker has continued on with us even though the position is under classified
    - This month, the caseload is down to 31 so this will cause this to go green as the caseload is only one above the state standard
    - I will no longer report to you that this position is under classified as I don't see a recurring need to report this information since you are aware of the classification issue
  - SSBG/HCCBG/Payee/Adult Day – In Compliance
    - 23 open cases
  - Facility Monitoring – In Compliance
    - Monitor 6 adult care facilities
    - One complaint investigated this month
  - SA IH/MAC – In Compliance
    - 73 open cases

- CAP DA– In Compliance
  - 69 open cases
- Intake – In Compliance
- Other – In Compliance
  - No unclaimed bodies
- Supervision (Staff/Supervisor Ratio) - Needs Improvement
  - Continue to struggle with managing employees and providing quality assurance
  - Due to program growth, supervisors do not have time to supervise
  - Need a Social Work Supervisor in Child Welfare as well as a Program Manager for all Social Work Services
  - This would provide a needed buffer for me as is the case with Income Maintenance and would allow me more time to focus on the numerous other department head duties I perform
  - The Social Work Supervisor position is a risk reduction measure to reduce the supervisory ratio in Child Protective Services where the state standard is 5 Social Workers to one Social Work Supervisor and we currently have 9 working under one supervisor and 7 under the other supervisor
  - I will no longer report the requirement for these positions as I don't see a recurring need to report this information since you are aware of the supervisory ratio issue
- Staffing (Years of Service) – In Compliance
  - 34% of our staff have less than 2 years of service with DSS
- Medicaid Transportation – In Compliance
  - 311 clients served
  - \$57,878 spent on transportation
- Clerical – In Compliance
  - 1312 walk ins
  - Five (5) Fishing License disbursed
  - Twenty-six (26) Voter Registrations turned in
- Other:
  - Three (3) resignations during the month of August
    - Two (2) Income Maintenance and one (1) clerical

DSS Director Elmes noted:

- Foster Care is the big concern right now
- Food Stamps rates for the last six (6) weeks have been 97% and higher which is great
- Hope that Medicaid will start providing the agency with those kinds of statistics
- Hope to start getting some better reporting from the NCFast System regarding Medicaid
- Attached the following for the Board's information:
  - Adult Day Services Week is September 18-24, 2016
    - County does not have any Adult Day Services' clients

- State provides a very small pot of funding so if someone came in and was interested and attending an Adult Day Center, we could help them if they met eligibility
- There is no Adult Day Center in Stokes County so they would have to provide their own transportation to a center in another county
- Opioid Addiction – Rages in all 50 states

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Director Elmes that the Fraud Investigator is still working very well
- Confirmed with Director Elmes that the opioid addiction is getting very bad

DSS Director Elmes commented:

- Worker mostly works with Food Stamps Fraud and does a lot of it
- Medicaid Fraud is very difficult to figure out what is actually going on

Commissioner Lankford questioned if there was any way to talk to the doctors within the County about the Opioid Epidemic?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- We have not talked to doctors
- The Surgeon General just recently issued a letter to all doctors talking about what can be done differently than just giving out pain meds

Chairman Inman allowed Health Director Lenhart to speak on the topic.

Health Director Lenhart noted:

- Have received a small amount of funding that we forward to the “Stop Coalition” in the County to help educate the general public on the use of narcotic prescriptions
- Medical Board has issued memorandums to medical providers to check the narcotic data base in NC and surrounding states for people who are “pill hopping” from doctor to doctor for prescriptions with opioids
- Pain clinics are strictly regulated now; patients are being closely monitored
- One problem out there now is the street drugs that are so accesssible

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the agency had only received one application for the Social Services Assistant – contract position and that the position is open until filled
- Requested information about the position

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Must have a good driving record
- Must have high school diploma or GED



- Person needs to be able to observe and write down what they observed (employee will be observing visits between foster children and their parents)

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Feel I am hearing a little bit of optimism, but seems like we still have some hoops to get through and hurdles to get over – been that way for a while
- Right now as you are sharing this information, what are the main challenges that you are seeing that need your time and attention and perhaps this Board needs to be most aware of

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- I would make you most aware that my time and attention right now is devoted to personnel issues which doesn't allow me the time I need to devote to other things
- That is the most time consuming thing right now

Commissioner Walker continued:

- I know you can't be specific, but could you elaborate on that some to help me understand more of what you are saying when you note personnel issues

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- When I say personnel issues – I deal with the hiring & firing of all staff, the disciplinary issues with all staff and issues that come up during their employment with DSS

Commissioner Walker continued:

- What I am looking for is what this Board can act on or what I can see as a possibility for action
- What can you think of right now that would help address some of these issues, help move them from where you are describing them as being to more where you feel like they need to be?
- What needs to be done?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Don't know specifically something the Board could do
- I have already provided the Board with staffing needs
- Don't think there is anything else I could tell you than what I have already told you about staff needs
- Maybe more hours in the day

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that County Manager Morris helps with these issues

County Manager Morris commented:

- From my observation, the department needs a Program Manager, in the worst way, for Child Welfare

- Currently has a buffer for the Income Maintenance Unit that takes care of daily issues
- There is no buffer for the Child Welfare Unit
- The department continues to have heavy workloads with very complex situations in Child Welfare that can turn into personnel issues

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Is this something that could be put in a specific recommendation that would show how things are now and how things would be different if a Program Manager position was put in place?

County Manager Morris noted it would be no problem.

Commissioner Walker noted that he would at least like to take a look at it.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Support Social Services and very concerned about staffing
- Noted the increase of foster children and 8 homes being in other counties
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that most of the foster children are school age which makes the situation more critical
- Do you have any ideas of something that might help this?
- Is it too many hoops to become foster parents, foster parents do not have a good experience, can you tell what the issues are?
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the workload is so heavy that workers don't have time to give these families what they truly need

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- It is a combination of things – some foster parents don't have good experiences
- Lose some individuals in MAPP Class – they find out it is not what they thought
- It is a constant struggle to find people who are wanting and willing to be foster parents
- Communication is huge between foster parents and Social Workers
- Lack of communication seems to be the biggest problem agency wide

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Spoke with a vendor at the NCACC Conference who had a program that could be used internally to address communication within an agency
- Not sure if the vendor has contacted you yet

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- County Manager and I met with representatives from Northwoods last week

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Could this program help with what you are sharing with us today?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- That software program would be a huge help for our Social Workers
- It is a case management system that keeps all their work right in front of them – either in the office or out in the field
- It is shareable among workers that would help with communication
- It would definitely make a huge difference for staff and the people that we serve

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Where do you stand with the information you received from the vendor last week?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- We have requested a proposal from the vendor

Commissioner Walker continued:

- My request to the county manager – not just look at adding another person but is there a chance we could possibly use more contract workers or reallocation of existing personnel to help the situation

County Manager Morris responded:

- Currently do have contract positions, but can always increase the contract positions

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Contract positions require funding that is not included in this fiscal year's budget

Commissioner Walker continued:

- The reason I am somewhat looking in that direction is that I can't grasp if this is a temporary situation or the "new normal"
- Is it peaking right now or is this how things are going to be on an ongoing basis in some areas?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- My perception now is that this is a new normal
- As I noted in the metrics, in January 2017, safety assessment is going to change which will probably mean an increase in foster children
- I am thinking this is going to be a new normal and we have got to learn how to adapt to it

County Manager Morris responded:

- I was going to reiterate the new safety assessments that start in January 2017 which could increase the number we have in foster care very quick
- Safety becomes stricter

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- We will be having training on this new safety assessment
- In January 2017, it is going to be more difficult with safety assessments and more children could have to be placed in foster care – it is going to be stricter

- Come January, if there is any inkling that something is going awry, we will have to take custody
- Can expect a lot more unhappy parents
- Have to do what we have to do to protect these children

Commissioner Walker continued:

- It is a crisis when a child is taken from a family
- Commend the workers who deal with this on a daily basis, it has to be a tough job

County Manager Morris added:

- Half of the counties use a social work case management system, the other half make up their own systems which is more manual and time consuming
- The vendor mentioned a scenario where a social worker went to another county for more money, found out the county did not have a case management system that she was accustomed to, she went back to her previous job within a week
- It is very expensive but the cost is shared with Federal, State, and County funding
- It is an efficient way to handle this complex array of issues versus doing it manually

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Have spoken to the DSS Director in Surry County about sharing some of the training costs

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that she believes this case management system could potentially help to keep workers here which would help with personnel and help morale

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that there is one supervisor in foster care

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation to DSS Director Elmes for her report.

### **Social Services – External Posting**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following request from Social Services Director

Stacey Elmes:

- Social Services has an internal posting for a Processing Assistant III which will close on September 13, 2016 at 5:00 pm along with an internal posting for an Adult Services Social Worker II which will close September 12, 2016
- There are no internal applicants for the Social Worker II and do not anticipate any internal applicants for the Processing Assistant III position
- Would request that the request be moved to today's Action Agenda in order to post externally once the internal postings close

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

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

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

### **Tax Administration Report – August 2016**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following informational data for the August 2016 Report for Tax Administrator Jake Oakley who is attending continuing education required by the NC Department of Revenue:

<b>Fiscal Year 2016-17</b>	<b>Budget Amt</b>	<b>Collected Amt</b>	<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>Under Budget</b>
<b>Current 2016 Taxes</b>	\$20,420,409.00	\$10,812,905.29		\$9,607,503.71
<b>Percentage = 52.95%</b>				
<b>New Schools F-Tech Fund</b>	\$1,317,445.00	\$708,834.50		\$608,610.50
<b>Percentage = 53.80%</b>				
<b>Prior Taxes</b>				
<b>County Regular &amp; Motor Vehicles</b>	\$450,000.00	\$159,426.79		\$290,573.21
<b>Percentages = 35.43%</b>				

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

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following Releases less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2016) at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review:

<b>Releases Less Than Name</b>	<b>\$100 Real/Personal Bill Number</b>	<b>Property Amount</b>
Charles E. Jones	293511-2016-2016	\$ 87.47
William Robert Overby	283875-2016-2106	\$ 91.88
James A. Freeman Sr.	296951-2016-2016	\$ 8.09
James A. Freeman Sr.	296951-2015-2015	\$ 8.03
Jacinto Ramirez Hernandez	1846-2016-2016	\$ 49.78
William Decarrol Nelson	285075-2016-2016	\$ 27.10
William Decarrol Nelson	285075-2015-2015	\$ 25.22
William Decarrol Nelson	285075-2014-2014	\$ 22.65
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 320.22</b>

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

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following Refunds less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2016) at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board’s review:

<b>Refunds Less Than</b>	<b>\$100 Real/Personal</b>	<b>Property</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Richard Reynolds Bowman	10466-2016-2016	\$ 68.31
Jacinto Ramirez Hernandez	1846-2015-2015	\$ 45.77
Jacinto Ramirez Hernandez	1846-2014-2014	\$ 46.22
Jacinto Ramirez Hernandez	1846-2013-2013	\$ 41.55
Jacinto Ramirez Hernandez	1846-2012-2012	\$ 40.87
Jacinto Ramirez Hernandez	1846-2011-2011	\$ 39.04
Jacinto Ramirez Hernandez	1846-2010-2010	<u>\$ 39.46</u>
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$319.22</b>

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

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2016) at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board’s review with consideration at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

<b>Releases More Than \$100</b>	<b>Real/Personal</b>	<b>Property</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Wendy H. Lutz	286832-2016-2016	\$425.13	Construction of Home at 60% Complete for 2016
Thomas F New	315667-2016-2016	\$322.67	Reduced Value of Dilapidated Home
Denise Hunt Webster	305826-2016-2016	\$161.34	Removed Homesite/Old School Dilapidated
Temple of the Holy Name	850286-2016-2016	\$196.98	Fully Exempted for Religious Use
Donald Edward Stanley	313788-2016-2016	\$479.22	Value Adjustment of DWMH in Poor Condition
Stephen Justin Hill	7903-2016-2016	<u>\$601.81</u>	Watercraft located in Carteret County, NC
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$2,187.15</b>	

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

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2016) at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board’s review with consideration at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

<b>Refunds More Than \$100</b>	<b>Real/Personal</b>	<b>Property</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Christopher Palme	19440223	\$295.00	Vehicle Sold
Julie Ann George	31849145	<u>\$153.29</u>	Vehicle Sold
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$448.29</b>	

County Manager Rick Morris requested the following be placed on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda for consideration for approval:

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

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the information provided from County Manager Morris for Tax Administrator Oakley.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus, directed the Clerk to place the following items on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda:

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

#### **Proposed Policy – Post Exposure Management of Dogs and Cats Exposed to Rabies**

Health Director Scott Lenhart provided the following information regarding a proposed Policy – Post Exposure Management of Dogs and Cats Exposed to Rabies:

- Dr. Carl William, DVM, DACVPM, State Public Health Veterinarian, recommended the proposed policy – Post Exposure Management of Dogs and Cats Exposed to Rabies be presented to the Board of Health or the entity that is acting as the Board of Health for adoption
- The new treatment model for rabies exposure is in accordance to the recommendation of the National Association of Public Health Veterinarians
- This model rule for rabies post exposure management of dogs and cats implements and particularizes the authority given to the local health director in GS 130A-197 to effectively and efficiently protect the public's health utilizing the most current science
- Adoption of the 2016 Rabies Compendium post exposure management control measures for dogs and cats as a Board of Health rule would provide the legal

authority for local health directors to implement the new rabies control measures and would align North Carolina's control measures with current national recommendations and guidance

- The new control measures would likely result in fewer dogs and cats euthanized, shorter quarantine periods (4 months rather than 6 months) and allow for more 45-day owner (at-home) observations for lapsed animals with appropriate documentation
- The old ruling required that a cat or dog that was exposed to rabies and was not vaccinated, automatically had to be euthanized
- If the owner can prove, within three days, it was vaccinated, the animal gets a booster and can go home with its owner for a 45-day watch
- These changes represent significant emotional and (estimated) financial benefits to animal owners
- If managed and monitored carefully by local health departments, these control measures will maintain the safety of public health in North Carolina
- The new treatment model has been reviewed and approved by the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee, Stokes County Chief Animal Control Officer Kevin Webster and the Stokes County Health Department Epidemiological Team
- The new model was reviewed and recommended by the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee for County Commissioners' approval
- Since the new ruling came out in July, we have had two cases – one vaccinated dog and five unvaccinated dogs
- State allowed the new ruling to be used on these two cases with approval of the proposed policy by the Board of Commissioners at a later date
- Request the item be placed on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda for consideration for adoption

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Think it is very humane
- Think this will be a very good program
- Glad to see it happen
- Really good change

Health Director Lenhart commented:

- Does protect an animal whose owner just let the vaccination lapse

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Seems to be a well thought out and well researched request
- Put a lot value in the Health Director's judgement and experience
- On board with the new policy

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Requested how the new ruling affected the two cases in July?



Health Director Lenhart responded:

- One was a family dog that had a three-month lapsed vaccine
  - The animal was exposed to a groundhog which is low on the rabies scale
  - The dog had a booster and was allowed to return home for a 45-day watch
- The other incident was five hunting dogs that were exposed to a rabid fox
  - All five hunting dogs had not been vaccinated
  - The five hunting dogs had to be euthanized because of no vaccine

Vice Chairman Booth continued:

- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that there is not that many cases of rabies in Stokes County and not that often there is a situation where the animals have to be euthanized
- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that the health director has to approve the site for any rabies quarantine
- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that an animal that has been given a booster can be sent home for a 45-day watch

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- There are not that many sites available
- Vets normally do not like to have a potentially rabid animal in their facility that could possibly expose other animals
- If the five dogs had been quarantined, the cost would have been approximately \$20,000 at the owner's expense
- The owner could have gotten the five dogs vaccinated for about \$60

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Most people are not going to pay for an animal to be quarantined that long of a period
- How do we know if the animal or animals have been euthanized?

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- It is left up to the owner to report exposures
- It is left up to the owner to report a dog bite or the person who was bitten
- Once it is reported, then the investigation starts

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Our concentration should be educating the public

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- Had an article published in the Stokes News this past summer
- Will be holding a rabies vaccination clinic October 8th
- Can put on the county website once approved by the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the county sends out over 5,000 dog registration tags each year
- Would like to know if animal control officers sees the tag on the dogs
- Need to educate the owners about vaccinations

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Agreed with Commissioner Lankford regarding educating the public
- Suggested putting a note in the dog tax that is sent to the owner about vaccinations or have Tax Department possibly put in revaluation notices that will be going out in January
- Questioned Health Director Lenhart how many rabid dogs have there been in Stokes County?

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- Have not seen one since I have been with the County

The Board unanimously agreed to place the item on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

**Proposed Policy – No Tobacco Use Policy within Stokes County Government Buildings**

Health Director Scott Lenhart provided the following information regarding a proposed policy – No Tobacco Use Policy within Stokes County Government Buildings:

- The proposed policy – No Tobacco Use Policy within Stokes County Government Buildings is being submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and approval
- In January 2016, the Stokes County Health Department went through the reaccreditation process
- During this reaccreditation, the Health Department failed to meet Activities 30.9:
  - The Local Health Department shall prohibit the use of tobacco in its facility
- During this reaccreditation, the Health Department failed to meet Activities 30.10:
  - The Local Health Department shall make efforts to prohibit the use of tobacco in all areas and grounds within fifty (50) feet of the Health Department facility
  - The sign at the King Clinic had disappeared when the accreditation team went to visit the facility
- Stokes County does not officially have a formal policy on tobacco use with the government buildings
- The only policy or directive is a letter from former County Manager Bryan Steen dated August 24, 2010 approving all Stokes County buildings to go smoke free by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners to be effective 08-23-2010

- This did not meet state requirements for accreditation because it stated smoke free and not tobacco free which includes vaping, chewing, and smokeless tobacco
- Since Environment Health is located in the Administrative Building, there should be a sign that prohibits the use tobacco in all areas and grounds within fifty (50) feet of the facility
- In accordance with our State Accreditation, this policy needs to be updated to include all tobacco products
- Would propose the following for the Board's consideration:
  - Board of County Commissioners adopt a formal policy which will satisfy State Accreditation requirements (A Policy to Prohibit Smoking and the Use of Any Tobacco Products in Stokes County Buildings and Vehicles)
  - Have signage placed in front of the Reagan Building and the Southwest Service Center in King stating no tobacco use within 50 ft. of the entrance in accordance with the State Accreditation (Both buildings house components of the Stokes County Health Department – Environmental Health and WIC)
- The proposed policy was submitted and approved by the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee on August 16<sup>th</sup> and approved to be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of approval

Chairman Inman opened the floor discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- This one scares me
- This might be what some people call overreach

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- Just last week, I chased four people away from our building because of this rule
- Health Department and DSS have both had people in the waiting rooms vaping
- How do we know what the person is actually vaping?
- People in the waiting room have the right to not be exposed
- Just want to fine tune our policy to meet accreditation

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Just want to do what is fair as much as possible to all involved in this situation
- Going to have to put some thought into this one
- Do not have a lot of information about the vaping

Health Director Lenhart commented:

- Have tons of documentation on vaping

Commissioner Walker continued:

- If we don't go with the proposed policy, what happens to the accreditation?

Health Director Lenhart responded:

- Even if you disapprove my recommendations, as long as I have brought this to the Board of consideration, I will still pass accreditation

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that he has done his job by presenting the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners
- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that the accreditation will not be affected if the recommendation policy is not passed and the current policy remains as is

Health Director Lenhart continued:

- Requested that no change be made to the 50 ft. smoke free requirement for the Health Department entrance

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart that places were designated for people to smoke
- I am holding off on this one
- I think our Health Director has more information
- There is information coming out all the time
- I am in the holding pattern on this one

Health Director Lenhart commented:

- As far as vaping, vaping is just another form of tobacco use
- When vaping was introduced, it was supposed to be a device to help people stop smoking
- It has not worked that way
- Can put in different flavors

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am all for this
- I was at the meeting when former Commissioner Stanley Smith, a tobacco farmer, stated that people would not believe what he was going to do because it was the right thing to do
- I am all for a person's rights
- I respect your right to smoke
- You can smoke all you want at home, but when you come to a public setting where asthma is increasing exponentially every day, it is no place for smoking
- I have asthma and get sick very quickly around smoke
- It seems that clean air should supersede someone's right to smoke in small areas in the public
- To me, it is common sense
- We know as leaders that this is bad for our health, I think this is a great thing
- I think we need to do this
- I honor our tobacco history
- As we evolve and hopefully are getting smarter, we should be smart enough to look back and say we have learned more now and it is time to change our habits

- It is not dishonoring the tobacco industry

Health Director Lenhart commented:

- Have a list of government agencies in North Carolina that are tobacco free campuses if anyone is interested

Commissioner Walker commented:

- We are not just talking about smoking

Commissioner Jones responded:

- Understand it is more than just tobacco, but it is quite disgusting to see someone spitting into a coke bottle
- You take off your hat when you go in a restaurant, what is wrong with not spitting in a coke bottle
- If people were more courteous and more respectful to each other, we would not have to have so many stupid laws
- This is just one of these things that needs to be done
- This is the way the world is going – no sense in fighting it

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart, if we leave things as they are and not do anything, you will receive a checkmark on the accreditation for bringing the recommendation to the Board,
- Confirmed with Health Director Lenhart, this does not have to be changed in order to pass the accreditation
- What we have is working
- Have spent money on places for people to smoke
- Don't see that we need to go any further than where we are right now
- Do not know of anyone smoking inside this facility

Health Director Lenhart noted:

- Many times, and that is their right, I have seen county employees smoking right in front of this facility

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Trying to regulate the outside open air is too many regulations for me
- I am good with the way it is now

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I am good with the way it is now

Chairman Inman commented:

- Confirmed once again with Health Director Lenhart that if this Board does not take any action on this recommendation, it will not have any impact on the Health Department's accreditation

Health Director Lenhart commented:

- I will get the checkmark that I provided the Board with a recommendation
- However, if the Board wants to do this, I personally think that this should be approved
- There is a health problem in this country – it might be overreach a little bit with the vaping but there are people always trying to get around things
- I see diseases like asthma, COPD increasing
- If we can help prevent diseases from increasing, I am all for that

Chairman Inman commented:

- I hear what you are saying loud and clear

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Reynolds Tobacco put a roof over my family, food on my table for many years
- Spent 13 years in marketing and research doing various studies
- I put out surveys and remember talking to people who stated they smoke five packs a day
- I was curious how someone could smoke five packs a day and actually asked someone who answered that question
- His response was that you basically had a cigarette in your hand all the time
- On the other side were people who smoked less than 10 cigarettes a day
- Don't remember ever seeing any specific information that smoking a few cigarettes a day created a major health risk
- Don't want to send the wrong message to those who smoke an occasional cigar or take away a right that they should have
- I do agree with some of Commissioner Jones' line of thinking and maybe some others too
- If one person's rights intrude onto another person's rights creating a not so good issue such as second hand smoke, that is not a good type of situation
- If I have the wrong impression in doing something in moderation, I need to see something that shows otherwise
- Sometimes, I feel tobacco is such a big target, an easy target, politically
- It gets more of a hit than some of the other things such as cosmetics or alcohol
- Being from Forsyth County, where tobacco was all around me and living in Stokes that still has tobacco – probably seen 10-15 tobacco fields on my way from King today, this is something I want to be very careful with
- I don't want to push things to where they don't need to be
- I can see your side, but hope you can see the other side as well

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I see where you are coming from Commissioner Walker
- The thing is, this is to promote health in the Health Department
- It is not about all people's right, so as leaders, we have to be thinking what is good for someone's health

- It is not saying you can't smoke, it is just saying you can't smoke or use tobacco in certain areas as a courtesy to other people's health

Chairman Inman commented:

- Grew up on a tobacco farm
- Would not be here today if it had not been for tobacco, but I am firmly convinced that I would not be facing the bronchial problem that I am facing today if I had not smoked for about seven (7) years
- I am thoroughly convinced that smoking is what has caused my health issues and that has been confirmed by a specialist
- You can smoke all you want to, but just don't smoke in front of me

Health Director Lenhart confirmed with Commissioner Walker that he would appreciate any information available regarding the issues mentioned today.

Chairman Inman noted the majority of the Board did not want the item to go the Action Agenda or any further discussion and this item was complete.

#### **Repairs to Sheeprock Road – Town of Danbury**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding repairs to Sheeprock Road:

- The Town of Danbury has requested financial assistance from the County in repairing a portion of Sheeprock Road
- The road was severely damaged during the construction of the water tank
- The cost to reconstruct 200 to 300 ft. was estimated at \$9,000
- The cost to simply clean out the loose material, level, and patch is estimated at \$3,750
- Town of Danbury is requesting the County share in the cost by covering half of the cost = \$1,875
- Think the situation was somewhat already there, but heavy equipment made the situation worse
- If approval is given for the financial assistance, the funding can be allocated from the Danbury Water Fund
- Town of Danbury has been a partner with the County on several issues
- Request the item be moved to the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris this would be patched similar to what was done around the old courthouse
- Have no issue paying half of the \$3,750 since our equipment damaged the road

The other members of the Board did not have any issues with paying half of the \$3,750.

Chairman Inman, with full consent of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

**Appointments – Northwestern Regional Library Board – Danbury Library Board Appointment**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding an appointment to the Northwestern Regional Library Board:

- Kay Richey's term on the Northwestern Regional Library Board expired on 06-30-16
- The Danbury Library Board has recommended Patrick Simmons to replace Ms. Richey
- The appointment must be a Danbury Library Board member

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Patrick Simmons.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

**Appointments – Stokes County Fire Commission**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding appointments to the Stokes County Fire Commission:

- Terms for civilian members Willard Nelson and Randy Fields will expire in October 2016
- Both members do not wish to be considered for re-appointment
- Fire Service member Wayne Barneycastle's term expires in October 2016
- Mr. Barneycastle does wish to be considered for re-appointment
- The Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association recommends the re-appointment of Wayne Barneycastle for the Fire Service Member



- Civilian appointments will be advertised and placed on the county's website

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Booth nominated Wayne Barneycastle.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

### **Appointments – Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development**

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding an appointment to the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development:

- Last year, the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board's Consortium approved changes to the bylaws that affected the board makeup and the number of counties we represent due to the implementation of the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity ACT (WIOA)
- The three major changes are:
  - Number of seats that make up the board changed from 31 to 25
  - The board is now industry focused which nullified the previous requirement of county seats being assigned by county demographics and Caswell County is not the 7<sup>th</sup> county represented by the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board
- The Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board recommends the following for a new board member:
  - Alicia Carter, Human Resource Manager, Wieland Copper – Pine Hall, NC (term to be 07-2015/06-2017)
- The Board still has the option to recommend a member to the Northwest Piedmont Workforce Development Board

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Booth nominated Alicia Carter.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Jones moved to close the nominations. Vice Chairman Booth seconded

and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

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

### **Golden LEAF Grant – Proposed Letter of Inquiry**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Golden LEAF Grant proposed Letter of Inquiry:

- Tried to get the Letter of Inquiry (LOI) and cover letter in the agenda packet
- Forsyth Tech is still working on the LOI and cover letter for the Golden LEAF Grant; actually waiting on an answer from Golden LEAF about the LOI
- No other projects were submitted prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline with the exception of the small business loan program from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council which I provided to each of you for your review
- The consistent feedback from each of you on that proposal was that you are not interested at this time
- Hope to get the LOI and cover letter this week
- Will forward you the information as soon as it is received
- Would suggest if there are any questions or concerns, you get back to me as soon as possible so that those can be worked out before the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Have to approve at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Deadline for submission is September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Feel the County has a very good chance to get the \$1.5 million grant

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with placing the item back on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

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

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the following regarding the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee's one vacancy:

- General Public – associated with an interest or background in Social Services
- Rachel White and Diana Bryant were nominated at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting

Commissioner Walker requested information about Ms. Bryant and any connection she might have with DSS.

Clerk Bullins responded:

- Mr. Bryant is a family counselor for Stokes Friends of Youth and deals with clients associated with DSS and Juvenile Justice

Commissioner Walker asked if Ms. White had any DSS connection?

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- Not sure at one point in time, she may have worked at DSS

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Commissioner Lankford that she has an interest in DSS as required.

Commissioner Walker noted:

- One person has an interest – Ms. White
- One person has a paper trail with DSS – Ms. Bryant

Chairman Inman opened the floor for any further nominations.

There were no nominations.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman polled the Board:

Commissioner Lankford: Rachel White

Chairman Inman: Rachel White

Vice Chairman Booth: Rachel White

Commissioner Walker: Diana Bryant

Commissioner Jones: Diana Bryant

Chairman Inman noted Rachel White was appointed to serve on the Stokes County Human Services Advisory Committee.

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

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the Walnut Cove Senior Services Advisory  
September 12, 2016

Council has one vacancy:

- Council is still seeking recommendations

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the September 26<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

#### **Stokes County Board of Education - Proposed Land Transfer – Lawsonville Elementary School**

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the right of first refusal for the 7,383 sq. ft. parcel at Lawsonville Elementary School.

Commissioner Lankford moved to waive the right of first refusal for the 7,383 sq. ft. parcel at Lawsonville Elementary School. Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Social Services – External Posting**

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the external posting for Social Services.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the external positing for a vacant Processing Assistant III and Social Worker II positions. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

- 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 moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- 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 Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the opened session of the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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

Commissioner Lankford moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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**J. Leon Inman**  
**Chairman**