

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 26, 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, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

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

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

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

INVOCATION

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

Commissioner Lankford delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the September 26, 2016 Agenda.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the September 26th Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Jones 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:

- League of Governments Meeting
 - Stokes County will be hosting the League of Governments Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 pm – Administrative Building
- Board of County Commissioners Planning Meeting
 - The County Commissioners will have a Planning Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 pm
- County has received confirmation from the NC Department of Commerce that information provided to the state by the County has satisfied the requirements for the \$250,000 special appropriation for the expansion of broadband
 - Appropriate paperwork will be sent to the County for completion in order to transfer the \$250,000 funding to the County
- Emergency Communications Director Del Hall has been voted in as the Second Vice President for the North Carolina Chapter of the National Emergency Numbers Association (NENA)
- Have a meeting scheduled with Dr. Debbie Cowan this week to discuss the new Animal Adoption Center and to make sure everything is on track
- Additional sewer project down Dodgetown Road will be starting very soon with the completion to be done by the end of 2016

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life – “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”
- Had the opportunity to visit the new facility being built in Pine Hall recently
 - Going to be a great facility for that area

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone and appreciate everyone being here

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Also welcome everyone; always good to see folks at our meetings
- Starting to talk to more people, it is election season
- Still have some issues in our County that need to be worked on – environmental, animal shelter, etc.
 - County is working with a group that is primarily responsible for creating the new Adoption Center
 - Will be very happy when it is opened and operating

- Recently spoke to Derek Edwards at the YMCA
 - Currently in the process of reactivating the Recreational Advisory Committee which should start meeting again in the fourth quarter
 - Hope to find new opportunities for recreation across the County

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Remind everyone about FarmFest that will be Saturday, October 1st at Francisco School – fund raiser for the non-profit group who is trying to work out something for the former school property
- This will be a diverse group of people doing different things – farming, crafts, baked goods, etc.
- Come out and support our local folks

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:

Jerry Holdsclaw
 1146 Justin Road
 Westfield, NC
 Re: **Fracking**

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

“This is the one-year anniversary of “The Stokes County Oil and Gas Development Three-Year Moratorium”. The purpose of this moratorium was to give you, the Commissioners, time to study the impact of hydraulic fracturing on our county and develop ordinances to further protect the county and its residents.

Scientific studies this past year have shown increasing evidence of the negative impacts of fracking. These studies range from drinking water contamination, air pollution, human/animal health impacts, methane gas emissions in the atmosphere, seismic activity and increased problems with shallow depth fracking.

Shallow depth fracking wells pose a greater risk for ground water contamination since they are closer to drinking water aquifers. This is particularly dangerous and pertinent to Stokes County as our organic shale lies a mere 98-423 feet below ground.

Just last year, Stanford University researchers conducted a nationwide study on the shallow depth fracking well issue. Between 2010 and 2013, nearly 7,000 hydraulic fractured oil and gas wells in the US were fracked at 3,000 feet deep or less with some as shallow as 100 feet. Because shallow

wells are cheaper to drill, they are likely to become more common. As one researcher said, "This is a wake-up call."

While lowered natural gas prices have given us a temporary lull from the immediate threat of large scale fracking development in North Carolina, there has been some activity in the State Legislature worth noting: (not sure many people know about this activity in the Legislature)

- ❖ This summer House Bill 630 was passed. While often referred to as the Coal Ash Bill, this bill contained a provision to re-establish the Oil and Gas Commission. This new Gas Commission will consist of only nine (9) members, and the positions to be appointed could create a commission more favorable to gas industry interests. NC already has some of the weakest and lowest bonding levels in the nation, and a concern is that weakened rules could make it easier for "wildcat" drillers to become permitted who will come here, frack, and leave us with the mess.

We have the opportunity with this moratorium to be proactive and create ordinances to prevent the damages of fracking to the environment and the people of this county. I hope that you take this information to heart. Please don't sit around and fiddle while Stokes County burns.

Thank you for this opportunity.

E.A. "Buddy" Timm

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC

RE: **Compromise – HB2**

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

My concern is over those that will compromise on HB2; since one should never compromise on morals, not even for money. Those that would compromise morals for money is what the immoral do.

Last week, our Governor spoke of repealing HB2 if Charlotte would rescind their non-discrimination bathroom ordinance that allows Transgenders to use bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers with those of the opposite sex. There is no guarantee that those claiming to be Transgenders will abide by any agreement. If we do not have laws as clear as HB2 that identify gender by what is on one's birth certificate, we need to keep HB2, and stop trying to compromise with those that want to promote the immoral LGBT behavior.

The financial harm done to North Carolina could be in the millions by the NBA, NCAA, and ACC pulling their sports business from North Carolina. If these sports businesses truly stand behind promoting the immoral LGBT behavior, we should not follow their sports. We should cherish the wholesomeness and safety of women and children in society above all else. Do the players not know what their organizations are doing, and how they are being used? It is of a vile nature that this degeneracy is being pushed on North Carolina. We cannot keep silent!

When AIDS was rampant and mainly a homosexual disease, homosexuals took to the airways and threatened to pollute the blood banks of America if they did not get more money to fight AIDS. They still polluted the blood banks and innocent people died from blood transfusions. My friend's father was shot in the back by a homosexual, because he preached Righteousness. They are very serious about promoting their immorality. However, never should we be fearful and humbled, so that we do not proclaim Righteousness. That exalts a nation.

We are witnessing the dissolution of civil society before our eyes. Will we witness the Death of our Nation? Does not Death come when a Nation's foundation for law is turned into perversion; when all hope is gone for a wholesome, just verdict; and when true Justice and Natural Law – from the Bible's Holy Scriptures cease? Then, raw power rules; not Truth and Justice.

We better know that we should never, never, never, vote for those who belong to a political party that promotes normalizing immoral life styles, or else we are guilty of empowering immorality.

We better know that we need to Vote for those that have the courage to Never Compromise on Morals, because it is Never right nor safe to compromise on morals, conscience, or Scripture!

May North Carolina always be a place where women and children are physically and morally safe, and our leaders are righteous, courageous, and fearless.

Sri Ananda Sarvasri

1060 Tyler Road

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: Happiest, Healthiest, Greenest County in the Nation

Mr. Sarvasri read and presented the following comments:

I am continuing with my suggestions to make Stokes County the Happiest, Healthiest, and Greenest County in the Nation.

Let's avoid the problems we see elsewhere – riots in major cities like Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, and recently Charlotte. In earlier presentations, I described how crime, violence, depression, and suicide – all destructive behavior, is caused by distorted physiology, leading to distorted psychology – essentially caused by nutritional deficiencies.

We have to solve the right problem. The fundamental problem is our destructive patterns of consumption physically, mentally, and emotionally. We can't educate students who cannot think, who have mental deficiencies because of inadequate nutrition. We can't create health in people with nutritional deficiencies. We can't transform inmates into model citizens when they have abnormal brain chemistry. The problems are caused by deficient nutrition.

At present, Stokes County is a food desert. There are virtually no fresh, mineral-rich, organic foods available in the County. If you own an animal, like a dog, you buy the best, healthiest food for it. You don't serve your dog Coca-Cola, ice cream, candy bars, and devitalized junk food. That would be animal abuse. But we gladly serve these things to our children. We serve mineral-deficient,

devitalized junk food, prepackaged institutionalized food to our students and then expect them to succeed. We serve the same to our inmates in jails and expect them to reform. It won't work.

We need to create a school system that produces geniuses. We need a rehabilitation program that produces only exemplary human beings. Organic food is the recipe for physical, mental, and emotional health, and also for economic abundance

I suggest that we follow the Golden Rule and give the people of Stokes County the very best. We can make our students into geniuses and inmates into intelligent, productive human beings. Our jails and courts should be empty. Our schools should be full of geniuses and our adults should be happy, healthy, and highly productive.

Money spent on enforcement and incarceration is wasted and would be better spent on probiotic, organic, solar greenhouses. Anything can be grown anywhere with today's technology.

Sarvasri presented a photo that showed greenhouses that cover 64,000 acres in Spain that provides half of Europe's fruits and vegetables totally \$1.5 billion annually. We could create organic greenhouses in Stokes County and capture part of the \$63 billion to be spent annually on organic food by 2020.

Sarvasri presented fresh beans that were grown on 10 square feet of rich, healthy, organic soil. This much can be harvested three (3) times a week continually. We could be creating food like this in Stokes County and provide healthy food for everyone.

Clerk called the three (3) minute time limit.

Janice R Nickell
1015 G. W. Southern Road
Walnut Cove, NC
Re: **Tourism in Stokes**

Ms. Nickell presented the following comments:

- I too am a Christian and love the Lord; I serve the Lord
- I am concerned about the lack of industry and businesses in Stokes County
- We do not have a huge tax base, but what we do have is beauty
- We have Hanging Rock State Park which has more visitors than any other state park in the state
- We need to capitalize on the beauty of our Dan River, our parks, and campgrounds
- It concerns me that we even think about fracking
- There is not enough information about fracking
- We don't know what kind of damage it might do
- We don't know what kind of repercussions or ramifications from fracking that might come into our county
- We might be destroying the one thing that we have going for us -- tourism
- I agree with everything that Jerry Holdsclaw stated
- I hope that you will not be quiet and lie down and let these energy people come into our County and walk all over us

- I want us to stand up, be counted, and be against fracking

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes

- Minutes of June 6, 2016 - Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 8, 2016 - Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 20, 2016 - Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 21, 2016 - Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 23, 2016 - Budget Work Session
- Minutes of June 28, 2016 - Budget Work Session
- Minutes of September 12, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #28

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #28.

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

| Account Number | Account Description | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Sheriff's Department | | | | |
| 100.4310.260 | Departmental Supplies | <u>\$32,000.00</u> | <u>\$4,088.00</u> | <u>\$36,088.00</u> |
| | Totals | \$32,000.00 | \$4,088.00 | \$36,088.00 |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds from the US Marshal to purchase a tablet and cameras

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$4,088.00** 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 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 100.3301.409 | US Marshal Service | <u>\$00.00</u> | <u>\$4,088.00</u> | <u>\$4,088.00</u> |
| | Totals | \$00.00 | \$4,088.00 | \$4,088.00 |

Sheriff's Department - Budget Amendment #29

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #29.

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

| Account Number | Account Description | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Sheriff's Department | | | |
| 100.5310.351 | Maint. & Repairs – Auto | <u>\$97,781.00</u> | <u>\$966.00</u> | <u>\$98,747.00</u> |
| | Totals | \$97,781.00 | \$966.00 | \$98,747.00 |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claim funds for repairs to vehicle.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$966.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

| Account Number | Account Description | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | General Fund | | | |
| 100.3839.850 | Insurance Claims | <u>\$43,094.00</u> | <u>\$966.00</u> | <u>\$44,060.00</u> |
| | Totals | \$43,094.00 | \$966.00 | \$44,060.00 |

Animal Control, Social Services, and Contingency - Budget Amendment #30

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #30.

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

| Account Number | Account Description | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Animal Control | | | |
| 100.4380.000 | Salaries & Wages | \$89,707.00 | \$1,025.00 | \$90,732.00 |
| | Social Services | | | |
| 100.5310.000 | Salaries & Wages | \$2,054,534.00 | \$439.00 | \$2,054,973.00 |
| | Contingency | | | |
| 100.9910.100 | Leave Cost | <u>\$88,717.00</u> | <u>\$(1,464.00)</u> | <u>\$87,253.00</u> |
| | Totals | \$2,232,958.00 | \$00.00 | \$2,232,958.00 |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency for the payoff of terminated, resigned, retired, dismissed and comp. time over limit employees for September (Holiday = \$0.00; Vacation = \$406.00; and Compensatory Time = \$1,058)

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

Tax Administration Report – August 2016
Releases More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2016) at the September 12th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the September 26th meeting:

**Releases More Than
\$100 - Real/Personal
Property**

| Releases More Than \$100 | Real/Personal | Property | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Name | Bill Number | Amount | Reason |
| 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 |
| | Total Amount | \$2,187.15 | |

Refunds More Than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (August 2016) at the September 12th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the September 26th meeting:

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

Release of Closed Session Minutes

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following Closed Session Minutes which had been redacted and approved by County Attorney Tyrone Browder for release:

- April 11, 2016
- April 13, 2016
- April 25, 2016
- April 26, 2016
- May 9, 2016
- May 19, 2016
- May 23, 2016
- May 31, 2016
- June 13, 2016

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 that there were no items on the Information Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Inc.

Proposed Certificate of Clerk Re Approval of Tax –Exempt Loan to Volunteer Fire Department by Board of Commissioners for the Purchase of a Pumper Tanker

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Certificate of Clerk Re Approval of Tax-Exempt Loan to Volunteer Fire Department by Board of Commissioners for the Purchase of a Pumper Tanker:

COUNTY APPROVAL

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF STOKES

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT LOAN TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The undersigned, being the duly qualified Clerk of _____, North Carolina, does hereby certify that the following is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County, North Carolina, at its regular meeting on the

____ day of _____, 2016, which Resolution was duly introduced, seconded, and approved, and that said Resolution remains in full force and effect:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County, North Carolina does hereby approve {within the scope of the qualifying language set forth below) a tax-exempt loan to the _____ (the "VFD") from New Bridge Bank in the principal amount of \$ _____, which loan is for the following purpose:

1. (_____) for the construction of a fire station for the VFD, (Cross out the following if not applicable) including the purchase of the underlying real property.
2. (_____) for the purchase of a fire truck for the VFD, which will be owned and operated by the VFD at the following address:

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the approval of the loan to the VFD set forth above is given solely for purposes of the public approval requirements for tax-exempt financing applicable to the VFD because of Section 150 (e) (3) and Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and such approval does not obligate the County of Stokes or its Board of Commissioners in any way regarding repayment of the debt.

Duly certified by the execution hereof and the placing hereon of the seal of said County,

This the _____ day of _____ 2016.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Stokes County, North Carolina

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the request from Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc:

- Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. was approved by the Fire Commission and the Board of County Commissioners through the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget to purchase a pumper tanker
- Pumper tanker was to be ordered and delivered in FY 2016-17 with the first payment in FY 2017-18
- Pinnacle was just notified by the financial institution that the proposed Certificate would need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners; some financial institutions require the certificate and some do not
- Jeremy Bowman, Chairman of the Pinnacle Vol. Fire & Rescue Department Board of Directors, is in attendance for tonight's meeting to answer any questions
- Pinnacle Vol. Fire & Rescue provided the following information:

- Pumper tanker will be replacing a 1990 Ford F800 which is a 1,250 gallon tanker with a 300 gallon a minute pump (truck was purchased second hand from Griffith Fire Department in 2000)
- The tank has been repaired three times to only split again within a week or so; the metal is old and thin
- Department received a quote to upgrade the tank to a poly with the cost being estimated between \$35,000 to \$45,000
- Truck will also be our second out engine which has been giving the department a good amount of trouble
- The truck payment will overlap another payment for three (3) years and then will be back to our normal debt ratio
- Department was advised when ordering that there would be an increase within a few weeks of 6%
- Price is \$398,000
- Request the item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda due to the Pinnacle Vol. Fire Department having a bank closing scheduled for October 7th

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Chairman Bowman, Pinnacle Vol. Fire & Rescue Department, that the loan is for fifteen (15) years with a 2.7% interest rate with the payment on this truck being \$45,690 annually
- After reviewing the department's budget and audit, it appears there is \$48,000 in truck payments (two trucks are being financed with the first truck coming off in three years)
- I don't know how this got overlooked
- Don't know any other department that has been in debt for three (3) trucks at one time (debt service)
- Wondering what is going on

Mr. Bowman responded:

- Thought the truck was coming off in FY 2017-18

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- There are three (3) more payments after FY 2017-18 when the new debt starts
- Think this is something that we need to look at
- Don't know if the people will approve an extra \$45,690 added to the existing notes totaling \$48,000 which equals \$93,690 just in truck payments
- Think the department needs to take another look at this
- Someone is not paying close enough attention to what is going on
- I am not citing anyone in particular; I am just saying this is a heavy load for the taxpayers of Stokes County to pay
- Know the \$10,000 requested in the FY 2016-17 Budget Request was denied by the Fire Commission
- For some unknown reason, don't know why or how we missed the approval of this truck by the Fire Commission

Mr. Bowman responded:

- This truck has actually been approved twice by the Fire Commission

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I just have a concern about this one
- I am sure your Fire Department needs to have a concern about it, too

Mr. Bowman responded:

- We do have a concern that is the reason we are replacing the 1990 Ford F800 that has to have water on a daily basis
- Estimates to fix the truck are between \$40,000 and \$45,000 for a tank repair

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- Not saying that I know everything about fire departments and trucks, but have been involved with fire departments a lot
- It would be, in my opinion, a better decision to put a poly urethane tank on that truck and let it go for another three (3) years and then you would still have about the same type payments as you have now
- Don't know what the thinking process was

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- The \$93,690 combined payments for trucks are a concern for me also
- I know that this has already been passed by the Fire Commission and approved by the County Commissioners
- I guess we missed this one
- That is a lot of funding for one fire department
- You have to take into consideration how many fire departments receive funding from the County
- If we had that type of debt service payment for every fire department, don't see how the fire tax could cover the debt service and the other things needed by the fire departments

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Would like to go back to the manager's comments
- Confirmed with County Manager Morris that this truck was approved in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget by the Board of County Commissioners on the recommendation of the Fire Commission
- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman that the initial order was submitted about six (6) months ago
- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman that the truck should be ready for delivery by the end of October
- Department provided information that the payment would overlap another payment for about three (3) years and then back to the department's normal ratio
- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman that the department has looked at their budget and can make the payments providing everything is approved

- Sounds like there is a valid need for this truck
- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman that the department had bought a used truck to save the County money
- The price for a fire truck is unreal these days
- Confirmed with County Manager Morris that his recommendation would be to go forward with the purchase of this truck

County Manager Morris responded:

- Based on the process of the Fire Commission and the County Commissioners, it would be my recommendation to proceed
- The time to have challenged this purchase would have been during the budget work sessions in 2015 (for the FY 2015-16 Budget)

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Not going to micromanage the department
- The Department and the Fire Commission know what they are doing
- On board with proceeding, the department has a deadline to meet
- Appreciate the service provided by the Pinnacle Vol. Fire Department

Chairman Inman commented:

- Don't really have any comments
- If anyone missed it, I guess it was the Fire Commission and the Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman that it was estimated about one year from the time the truck was ordered for delivery, but then the company said it would be ready in about six (6) months
- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman that the first payment would not be until October 2017
- Do not see putting it on the Action Agenda tonight

County Manager Morris confirmed with Mr. Bowman that the department had a loan closing scheduled for October 7th and a Public Hearing on October 6th.

Mr. Bowman noted that he thought it would be a big deal to postpone the loan closing.

Chairman Inman confirmed the interest rate was 2.70% for 15 years.

Chairman Inman questioned what was the pleasure of the Board?

Commissioner Jones responded to place the item on tonight's Action Agenda.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Under the circumstance, Action Agenda tonight
- The Board missed this one

- It has been approved by the Fire Commission and the Board of Commissioners
- Department has a loan closing scheduled along with a Public Hearing
- Need to look at other future purchases closer
- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman that if the department missed this purchase price, it could go to \$450,000 for the truck (a possible 6% increase)
- Understand the concern regarding two truck payments

Mr. Bowman commented:

- Just wanted to let the Board know that the department had a rescue truck down with estimated cost for repairs of \$5,500 – that will be paid by the department – no county money requested

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

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

Piedmont Triad Regional Council – Golden LEAF Grant Opportunity

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) regarding the Golden LEAF Grant Opportunity:

- Had provided the Board with information regarding a request from the Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation's (PTRDC) to support an application to the Golden LEAF CBGI Program to provide matching funds for the Piedmont Triad Regional Investment Fund for a revolving loan fund
 - The Fund would be used to address quality job creation, small to large business and entrepreneurial support, redevelopment, housing and community infrastructure in all 12 of the PTRC counties
 - All Board members had agreed to not provide a letter of support due to the county submitting its own application with Forsyth Tech to Golden LEAF Foundation
- Received additional information today from Matthew Dolge, PTRC, requesting support of the of the revolving loan fund
 - Additional information stated the Golden LEAF Foundation would consider the PTRDC Project outside of the parameters of the individual county grants
- Very concerned about the County supporting this revolving loan fund due to the funding would be coming from the same pot of money
- Confirmed with Michael Blair, PTRC, that the County would be competing against themselves if we support the revolving loan fund
- Since we would be competing against ourselves, I recommend that the Board not provide the PTRDC with a letter of support

- Supporting this revolving loan fund could possibly cause the County's request to get reduced
- Also confirmed with Michael Blair, PTRC, that both applications (PTRC and County) would be coming from the same pot of money

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- With the first request, the County had to fund \$100,000
- If the revolving loan fund was approved, the County would have to make an application with a 50% match and there is no guarantee the County would ever receive any funding

County Manager Morris commented:

- Another thing that I am concerned about is the EDA's involvement
- When Vice Chairman Booth and I visited the EDA a few years back, could not even get in to see anyone
- EDA has a very small pot of money

Chairman Inman noted that he agreed with Vice Chairman Booth.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Have to remember that small rural counties have to compete against larger counties
- Wonder if we would ever get any funding – funding could possibly go to the larger counties
- On board with the manager's recommendation to not send a support letter

Commissioner Jones stated she was also on board with the county manager's recommendation.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Did not support the first request for a letter of support
- Do not support this request for a letter of support
- It all just does not make sense for a small county

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- The application for the grant for the Skilled Trades Building only had a 20% match which was satisfied by the NC Connect Bond funding

Chairman Inman noted it was the consensus of the Board to not send a letter of support to the PTRCD for the revolving loan fund.

Proposed Bids – Danbury Water System - Radium Removal System

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the proposed bids for the Radium Removal System for the Danbury Water System:

- This action is being mandated due to radium in the water
- Radium is a naturally occurring element, not caused by anything being done or not being done by the County
- There is a threshold that the County must meet
- If you are above the threshold, the County must take action to correct the situation
- The County's measurement goes above the threshold and occasionally below the threshold, but are not consistent enough below to not do the radium removal system
- Our measurements do not put anyone at risk
- Informal sealed bids were publicly opened on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 for installing radium removal system and backwash sewer connection lines on the Danbury Water System (Wells 1 and 2)
- Bid packets were mailed to four (4) contractors, advertisements were placed in the Stokes News along with a notification of bids being accepted on the County's webpage
- The following bids were received:
 - Water Purification Consultants, Inc.
 - \$114,000.00
 - All items inside well houses including radium removal system, electrical, sewer tap in location 5' outside of building per drawings which were approved by North Carolina Public Water Supply
 - RE Griffin Plumbing & Pools
 - \$48,400.00
 - All work including electrical needs from 5' outside building, backwash sewer line installs and taps into existing sanitary sewer lines per drawings approved by the North Carolina Public Water Supply
- Funding sources
 - Danbury Water System Budget = \$130,000 for radium removal system
 - Regional Sewer System Budget = \$80,000 for backwash sewer lines
- Recommendation is to move forward with contracting with Water Purification Consultants Inc. (\$114,000.00) for the radium removal system installation and RE Griffin Plumbing & Pools (\$48,400) for backwash sewer lines installation
- Would request the item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda in order to expedite the project
- Public Works Director Mark Delehant is in attendance for tonight's meeting to answer any questions
- Funding has been approved in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 County Budget

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Public Works Director Mark Delehant that the County only received one bid for each part of the process.

Public Works Director Delehant responded:

- This is a very specialized procedure
- Water Purification Consultants is located in Winston Salem and has a very good reputation; company has installed this type of system before and has a great track record
- Confirmed with Public Works Director Delehant that the total cost will be \$162,400

Commissioner Jones commented:

- On board with the project
- Very glad the company is local

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Years ago, there was some work done on the Danbury Water System that sounds like what you are describing today
- Know that there was some action taken to correct the issue

Director Delehant commented:

- Have not had this type of issue since I came to the county approximately nine (9) years ago
- Did have a pressure issue that was corrected

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Could have been as long as 15 years ago
- Actually think the City of King helped a little

Director Delehant responded:

- When I was hired, the Town of Danbury operated the water system
- I think there was a small radium issue that was never dealt with that could have been what you were thinking about
- Their readings could have been up, but then went back down
- There has never been a filtration system on the system

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Director Delehant that his recommendation is that the radium removal system needs to be installed at a price of \$162,400.

Commissioner Walker also confirmed with County Manager Morris that he agreed with Director Delehant.

County Manager Morris noted that the County had no choice, this was being mandated by the State to be fixed and must be fixed.

Director Delehant noted that he had prepared a corrective action plan for the State that a radium removal system would be included in the FY 2016-17 budget to correct the problem.

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Director Delehant that there were no annual operating costs
- Confirmed with Director Delehant that funding was allocated from the Fund Balance of the Danbury Water System and Regional Sewer Systems
- Confirmed with Director Delehant that at the present time, the Fund Balances were healthy enough for the allocation

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Do believe there was a radium situation with the Danbury Water System several years back
- The measurements did come down
- Guess it has gone back up
- State says we have to fix it

The Board had no issues moving the item to tonight's Action Agenda so that the project can get started.

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

Proposed Bids – Old Danbury Library Building – Roof Replacement

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding proposed bids for roof replacement for the Old Danbury Library Building:

- Public Works Director Mark Delehant secured the following quotes for replacing the 25+ year old EPDM roofing membrane on the old Danbury Library Building
 - Professional Roofing Services, Inc.
 - \$14,860.00
 - Brown's Construction
 - \$16,500.00
 - AAR of North Carolina, Inc.
 - \$18,400.00
- The building is currently being leased to Artist Way and shares a common wall with the Arts Council Building that is being remodeled and expanded

- The soffit and fascia boards on the back side of this building are in very bad shape
- To the County's knowledge, it has not leaked into the building yet
- Professional Roofing Services, Inc. has given a verbal cost of \$3,500.00 to replace the soffit and fascia boards
- Funding Sources
 - Public Buildings – Maintenance & Repairs to the Buildings
 - \$3,500
 - County's Contingency Fund
 - \$14,860.00
- Don't think the soffit and fascia boards can be replaced unless the old roof is removed
- Would be our recommendation to proceed with the project as soon as possible
- Request the item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda in order to expedite the project
- Professional Roofing Services is the same vendor doing the work on the new Art Market
- Public Works Director Mark Delehant is in attendance for tonight's meeting to answer any questions
- It makes the most sense to proceed with the project now
- Request the item be moved to tonight's Action Agenda in to order to keep on schedule with the Art Market Project which could be done by the end of the calendar year

Public Works Director Mark Delehant commented:

- There were three (3) bids on this project
- There are some big issues with the existing roof
- Can't really do the soffit without doing the roof

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford noted that he did not have any questions.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the section needing the repairs is currently leased by Arts Way
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the rent over time will pay for the roof
- Glad to know it is not leaking yet
- Sounds like a reasonable bid

County Manager Morris commented:

- The only part of the roof that will not be replaced along that particular row of structures will be what is currently on the Arts Council building which is at the other end of the structures

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Looks like it is another situation where there really is no choice

- Seems to be one answer – fix it now
- Could cost much more later

Commissioner Jones commented:

- There is a whole bunch of merits as to why we should do this
- It is the right thing to do
- Agree to move the item to tonight's Action Agenda

Chairman Inman confirmed with Manager Morris that the funding was available from Public Buildings' Budget and the County's Contingency Fund.

The Board had no issues with moving the item to tonight's Action Agenda.

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

Surplus Property (Tax Foreclosure) – Upset Bid Process

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information from Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall.

- On August 22, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved moving forward with the upset bid process after an offer had been received from Mr. Robert J. Lucas to purchase the following tax foreclosed surplus parcels from Stokes County:
 - Parcel: #697903437698
 - Lot 8 Delta Acres
 - Parcel: #697903437584
 - Lot 7 Delta Acres
- During the upset bid process, Mr. Lucas withdrew his offer
- On September 8, 2016, the County received an offer from Mr. Brandon Inscore to purchase the following tax foreclosed surplus parcel from Stokes County:
 - Parcel: #697903437584
 - Deed/page 661/200
 - Lot 7 - Delta Acres
 - \$2,045.81
- These bid amount is equal to the total outstanding taxes and legal fees as of September 8, 2016
- Would request the Board of Commissioners give consensus approval at tonight's meeting to start the upset bid process "only" as outlined in NC General Statutes 160A-269 for parcel #697903437584
- Advertisement will be placed in the Stokes News along with being posted on the county web page

- After the required 10-day window of not receiving any upset bid, the item will be placed on the Commissioners' Agenda for consideration

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that Mr. Inscore only desired to bid on parcel #697903437584.

The Board had no objections with directing staff to move forward with the upset bid process.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed County Manager Morris to have staff start the upset bid process.

Appointments – Town of Danbury – Planning/Board of Adjustments- ETJ Regular Member

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the request from the Town of Danbury – Planning/Board of Adjustments – ETJ Appointment:

- Reappointment of Donnie Mabe

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Jones nominated Donnie Mabe.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Jones moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Inman directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 10th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Golden LEAF Grant – Proposed Letter of Inquiry and Cover Letter

County Manager Rick Morris submitted the following proposed Cover Letter to be submitted with the Letter of Inquiry to Golden LEAF Foundation for the Forsyth Tech Stokes County Skilled Trades Building for the grant in the amount of \$1.5 million which was

presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the September 12th meeting:

With full approval of the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), I fully recommend and endorse to the Golden LEAF Foundation a single project for its Community Based Grantsmaking Initiative: \$1.5 million toward the creation of the Forsyth Tech Stokes County Skilled Trades Building. For a long period of time there has been a great need in Stokes County to increase local access to Skilled Trades training for both school age and adult students, both of which can fulfill the employment needs of county industries such as Wieland Copper, the county's largest private employer. As we hope the Foundation will agree, this project has the potential to do the most good for the most people in Stokes County. Based on feedback from surveys and other sources, we are also confident that there will be a large base of community support, to include the public school system, for the addition of skilled trades training in the county. This type of training has been well supported in the past even when offered in very substandard buildings and facilities, which is a problem that will be corrected by this project being approved.

The Skilled Trades Building will also deepen the relationship between Forsyth Tech and the Stokes County School System and expand the options available for Career Technical Education (CTE), which the Board of Commissioners and I recognize as a driver of economic and workforce development. The project will also strengthen the career pathway for agriculture, which is deeply rooted in Stokes County, by giving high school students more options for horticulture / agricultural courses. The project will also create more opportunities for the training of incumbent or even displaced workers, particularly in welding.

In selecting this project for Golden LEAF consideration, with approval of the BOCC, I opened this opportunity up to all eligible parties in the county and surrounding areas to submit their proposals to me by the end of August for final approval by the BOCC at their regular meeting on September 26, 2016. The Skilled Trades training proposal was the single project received that met basic Golden LEAF requirements, to include the required funding match, and also met the approval of the BOCC. With this proposal special attention was given to the Golden LEAF requirement related to "The potential and capacity of project organizations to carry out the work, achieve results, maintain sustainability and manage reporting / documentation requirements". Stokes County is very comfortable that all of the components of this requirement can easily be met by leveraging the grant management resources of Forsyth Tech, plus we have just completed a new community college building working jointly with Forsyth Tech to carry out the work needed to open that new facility. During the past few years the Golden LEAF Foundation has been a critically important partner to Stokes County by funding the sewer project that will support all community college facilities on our campus plus the Foundation is also funding a portion of our Art Market Project, which will be an economic development "game changer" for the county.

Forsyth Tech will use NC Connect bonds to provide a 28% cash match for the project, which has a total budget of \$2,081,410. No other project in Stokes County could come close to leveraging Golden LEAF funding where we could achieve this level of positive impact. Taking into consideration how the state of North Carolina funds community college instruction and workforce training, no other project in Stokes County could present the same clear path toward sustainability, which will be shared by Forsyth Tech and Stokes County from a program and facility operations / maintenance sustainability standpoint.

With the eventual approval of this project, the Golden LEAF Foundation will enable one of the most important building blocks of economic growth ever in Stokes County. Workforce development through increased educational opportunities in the Skilled Trades will be one of the most important components to improve quality of life in our rural county. This project will also

provide a perfect opportunity for partnerships between the county, Forsyth Tech and our public school system where we can leverage the resources of all three organizations to complete the work and execute the requirements of the grant funding process. For all of these reasons Forsyth Tech, our elected officials and I request that the Golden LEAF Foundation allow us to submit a full grant proposal for this project.

Sincerely,
Richard D. Morris
Stokes County Manager

County Manager Morris commented:

- Alan Murdock, Forsyth Tech, is in attendance for tonight's meeting to answer any questions

Chairman Inman opened the floor for further discussion.

Chairman Inman noted the importance in having a new trades facility in the County.

Commissioner Walker agreed with Chairman Inman's comments regarding the importance of a trades facility in the County.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the Golden LEAF Foundation grant application.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the submission of the Letter of Inquiry and the County Manager's Cover Letter to the Golden LEAF Foundation for the \$1.5 million for the Forsyth Tech Stokes County Skilled Trades Building. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Noted that with the new trades facility, a student can take trade courses and actually graduate with an Associate Degree in electrical, welding, etc.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Questioned Mr. Murdock when the drawings would be done for the new facility?

Mr. Murdock responded:

- Have submitted square footage information to the state for their approval – facility estimated to be 7,000 sq. ft.

Commissioner Lankford noted that he would like to see the drawings of the facility before

the design phase.

County Manager Morris commented:

- This information will go to the Golden LEAF Foundation with applicants being requested to submit a full application if Golden LEAF is interested in their project
- Forsyth Tech has already been talking with Golden LEAF about the proposed project
- Believe this project will compete very well

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

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed policy for the Post Exposure Management of Dogs and Cats Exposed to Rabies which was presented at the September 12th meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the proposed policy for the Post Exposure Management of Dogs and Cats Exposed to Rabies. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Repairs to Sheep Rock Road

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the request from the Town of Danbury to help pay for repairs to Sheepprock Road which was presented at the September 12th meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve funding in the amount of \$1,875.00 to the Town of Danbury for repairs to Sheepprock Road. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments- Northwestern Regional Library Board Representative

Clerk Darlene Bullins noted that Patrick Simmons was nominated at the September 12th meeting to replace Kay Richey on the Northwestern Regional Library Board as a Danbury Library Board Representative.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Lankford moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Inman polled the Board:
Commissioner Lankford: Patrick Simmons
Chairman Inman: Patrick Simmons
Vice Chairman Booth: Patrick Simmons
Commissioner Walker: Patrick Simmons
Commissioner Jones: Patrick Simmons

Chairman Inman noted that Patrick Simmons was unanimously appointed to serve on the Northwestern Regional Library Board.

Appointments – Stokes County Fire Commission

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the following vacancies for the Stokes County Fire Commission:

- Two Civilian Members – no nominations at the September 12th meeting
- Fire Service Member – Wayne Barneycastle nominated at the September 12th meeting
- Appointment for civilian appointments has been advertised and are on the county's website

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Amos Elvis for one of the civilian member appointments.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman polled the Board:

Commissioner Lankford:

- Amos Elvis – Civilian Member
- Wayne Barneycastle – Fire Service Member

Chairman Inman:

- Amos Elvis – Civilian Member
- Wayne Barneycastle – Fire Service Member

Vice Chairman Booth:

- Amos Elvis – Civilian Member
- Wayne Barneycastle – Fire Service Member

Commissioner Walker:

- Amos Elvis – Civilian Member
- Wayne Barneycastle – Fire Service Member

Commissioner Jones:

- Amos Elvis – Civilian Member
- Wayne Barneycastle – Fire Service Member

Chairman Inman noted the following were appointed to serve on the Stokes County Fire

Commission:

- Amos Elvis – Civilian Member
- Wayne Barneycastle – Fire Service Member

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the appointment for one civilian member on the October 10th Action Agenda.

Appointments – Northwest Piedmont WorkForce Development Board

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted Alicia Carter was nominated at the September 12th meeting to serve on the Northwest Piedmont WorkForce Development Board (nomination was recommended by the Northwest Piedmont WorkForce Development Board).

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman polled the Board:

Commissioner Lankford: Alicia Carter

Chairman Inman: Alicia Carter

Vice Chairman Booth: Alicia Carter

Commissioner Walker: Alicia Carter

Commissioner Jones: Alicia Carter

Chairman Inman noted that Alicia Carter was unanimously appointed to serve on the Northwest Piedmont WorkForce Board.

Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council

Chairman Inman noted that there was one remaining appointment for the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council.

Clerk Darlene Bullins noted that the Advisory Council is still currently looking for recommendations for possible appointments.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

There were no nominations.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman directed the Clerk to place the appointment back on the October 10th Action Agenda.

Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. – Proposed Certificate of Clerk Re Approval of Tax-Exempt Loan to Volunteer Fire Department by Board of Commissioners for the Purchase of a Pumper Tanker

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed Certificate of Clerk Re Approval of Tax-Exempt Loan to Volunteer Fire Department by Board of Commissioners for the Purchase of a Pumper Tanker for Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. which was presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve proposed Certificate of Clerk Re Approval of Tax-Exempt Loan to Volunteer Fire Department by Board of Commissioners for the Purchase of a Pumper Tanker for Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.

Commissioner Walker seconded the motion.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for further discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Think there is a bad situation on this one with the Board not having the full details
- Not sure what happened but I can promise you that it will not happen again

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Agree with what Commissioner Lankford is saying
- This one took an unexpected turn or two
- If we could in the future, take whatever precautions that are needed to make sure we don't have a repeat of what has happened with this request
- Maybe the manager can make a suggestion to the Fire Commission so that we don't find ourselves in the same situation

Commissioner Lankford noted that he would not miss another one like this.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- For the past two fiscal years (FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17), Commissioner Lankford requested a copy of the budgets and audits for each fire department during the budget work sessions
- Evidently, we did not look at it closely
- Does concern me about the \$93,690 debt service payment

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Hope we have someone in the Fire Commission that is looking at these budgets

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Mr. Bowman during the break that their budget could support that payment for the next three (3) years
- Confirmed with the Clerk that the Board is only voting on the tax exempt certificate at tonight's meeting and that if the bank had not required this document, the Board would not even be discussing the issue

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- The department can support the debt service as long as the funding is approved each year by the Fire Commission

Chairman Inman called the question.

The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Bids – Danbury Water System – Radium Removal System

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed bids for the Danbury Water System – Radium Removal System which were presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to award the following bids:

- Water Purification Consultants, Inc.
 - \$114,400.00
 - All items inside well house including Radium Removal System, electrical, sewer tap in location 5' outside of building per drawings approved by NC Public Water Supply
- RE Griffin Plumbing & Pools
 - \$48,400.00
 - All work including electrical needs from 5' outside building, backwash sewer lines installs and taps into existing sanitary sewer lines per drawings approved by NC Public Water Supply
- Funding Sources:
 - Danbury Water System – budgeted \$130,000.00 for Radium Removal System
 - Regional Sewer System – budgeted \$80,00.00 for the backwash sewer lines

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walker questioned if there was any chance of obtaining a permit to withdraw water from the Dan River?

Chairman Inman noted that was not an easy permit to obtain, but it could be explored.

Proposed Bids – Old Danbury Library Building- Roof Replacement – Budget Amendment #31

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed bids for roof replacement, repairs to soffit and fascia boards on the Old Danbury Library Building which was presented at tonight's meeting along with Budget Amendment #31 which appropriates the funding.

Public Buildings - Budget Amendment #31

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #31.

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

| Account Number | Account Description | Current Budgeted Amount | Increase (Decrease) | As Amended |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | Public Buildings | | | |
| 100.4190.352 | Maint. & Repairs – Buildings | \$40,000.00 | \$(3,500.00) | \$36,500.00 |
| 100.4190.590 | Improvements | \$8,000.00 | \$18,360.00 | \$26,360.00 |
| | Contingency | | | |
| 100.9910.000 | Contingency | <u>\$250,541.00</u> | <u>\$(14,860.00)</u> | <u>\$235,681.00</u> |
| | Totals | \$298,541.00 | \$00.00 | \$298,541.00 |

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds to replace the soffit and fascia boards and replacement roof on the Old Danbury Library Building.

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.

Commissioner Jones moved to award the following bid and approve Budget Amendment

#31:

- Professional Roofing Services, Inc.
 - \$14, 860.00
 - Replacement EPDM Roofing Membrane on the
 - \$3,500.00
 - Repairs to soffit and fascia boards
 - Funding Sources:
 - Public Building M&R = \$3,500.00
 - Contingency Fund - \$14,860.00

Vice Chairman Booth 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 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 consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the opened session of the September 26th meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman