

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10, 2016, at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
DSS Director Stacey Elmes
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

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

INVOCATION

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

Commissioner Walker 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 October 10, 2016 Agenda.

County Manager Rick Morris requested to add the following to today's Consent Agenda:

- Corrected Certificate for Pinnacle Vol. Fire and Rescue Department, Inc. for the purchase of a fire truck
- The Certificate was originally approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their last meeting, September 26th
- When the paperwork was completed, the loan amount was \$394,734.74, not \$398,000 that was put on the original Certificate
- Financial institution needs a Certificate with the correct amount
- Request to place the item on today's Consent Action

Chairman Inman opened the floor discussion.

The Board had no issues with adding Manager Morris' request to the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the October 10th Agenda as amended.

Commissioner Walker 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:

- North Carolina State Firemen's Association – Local Relief Fund
 - During the 2016 Legislative session, the North Carolina State Firefighters' Association worked closely with the members of the General Assembly to draft legislative changes that would assist North Carolina fire departments with the administration of their local relief fund
 - House Bill 19 revised General Statute 58-84-30 with language that eliminated the annual election requirement of the two fire department members, the reappointment of two members by the Mayor, Board of Alderman, or City Council of a municipal department, and in the case of a non-municipal department the reappointment of two members by the County Commissioners that serve on the Board of Trustees of the local relief fund
 - The fire department members now serve at the pleasure of the fire department membership until such time that they resign or an election is held to replace them
 - The Board of County Commissioners will no longer be required to appoint members to the fire departments for their local relief fund
- Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes
 - October 7th was the last day anyone could upset the LifeBrite bid for the operation of the Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes
 - As of now, there has been no information other than it is believed that there were no upset bids for operation of the hospital
 - Will keep the Board updated when news is available

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life “The Lord said to his disciples, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19)
- Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC)
 - Found out that Stokes County Board of Commissioners was the only Board that did not support the PTRC’s application for the Golden LEAF Funding
 - Had no issues with the County not supporting the Golden LEAF Application
 - Shows this Board has independence to look for grants for Stokes County and not just for the other 11 counties in the PTRC Region
 - PTRC will have their annual picnic/awards ceremony on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – members of the Board of County Commissioners along with the county manager and clerk are invited to attend

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone today
- Francisco Property
 - Attended, along with Commissioner Walker, the monthly meeting last week regarding the Francisco Property
 - Things seem to be going well

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Welcome everyone here today
- Agree with Vice Chairman Booth’s comments regarding the progress being made by the Francisco group
 - Very proud of the group and the effort being given to their cause
 - Well organized group
 - It appears that they have some real positive things in mind for the property
 - Glad to see that the group is branching out beyond their community
- One thing that I have been observing that I wish could be turned around for the sake of our children and grandchildren is that we seemed to be losing, in our society today, is the ability to talk to each other to try to work things out
 - You agree with someone about certain things, but may not agree on other things
 - Seemed there is always room to try to work something out if we try

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Good to see everyone here today
- Attended, with Stokes Future, FarmFest at the former Francisco Elementary School last Saturday
 - Very good event
 - Very well attended
 - They seemed to be trying to do what Stokes Future is trying to do in this area of the County
 - Hope we can all continue to work together to get some things accomplished
- Attended the Bells Across America for Firefighters on Sunday
 - Very nice event organized by Fire Marshal Brian Booe

- Attended the Environmental Conference recently in Raleigh
 - Research shows that within the next few decades, there will be a corridor from Atlanta to Stokes which will be very urbanized
 - Stokes County is not directly affected, but it will take more transportation going out of the county (corridor will go up and around Stokes County)
 - Indications show a potential for possibly more jobs in Stokes County
 - Still have concerns over standard and quality of the lights that will be coming – not being able to see the stars at night
 - Need be proactive regarding some things that may affect our tourism
 - Just a thought since there is a possibility of more growth in the county down the road, it would be good to look at opportunities that come along

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Just wanted to mention that there were approximately 500 to 600 people attending the FarmFest

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Also attended the FarmFest
- Was very impressed with the work being done – painted the Agricultural Building, new walking trail, cleanup around the building, work being done to the ballfield and playground equipment has been painted
- Seems that the group is going in the right direction

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:

Sri Ananda Sarvasri

1060 Tyler Road

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: **Happy, Healthy Green**

Mr. Sarvasri read and presented the following comments: (Glyphosate Slowing Poisoning Our Students)

“I am continuing with my suggestions to make Stokes County the Happiest, Healthiest, Greenest county in the nation.

Crime, violence, domestic violence, degenerative diseases (cancer, heart disease, diabetes), obesity, birth defects, suicides and learning disabilities all have the same primary cause – diet. The causative diet is the toxic, high sugar (high glycemic index), mineral deficient, vitamin deficient, enzyme deficient, herbicide-pesticide-glyphosate contaminated, American diet.

This toxic, body-destroying, mind-numbing diet is destroying our nation. Without normal body chemistry, we cannot have normal brain chemistry. Virtually all of our physical, mental, emotional, and social problems are caused by our deficient, poisoned, typical American diet. To have a happy, healthy community and a healthy nation, this must change.

Pictures were provided regarding test animals that were fed corn, grown with a glyphosate herbicide (RoundUp). The bulges that can be seen all over the animal's body are cancers. For this reason, 38 countries have banned GMO Foods and the glyphosate-containing herbicides that are heavily promoted along with them. The number of outright bans is rising steadily. Nineteen countries in Europe have recently banned them, You can see why.

I believe that we should NOT be serving glyphosate contaminated foods to our school children. I believe our school children and everyone in Stokes County should eat real, whole, natural foods – uncontaminated, without toxic, disease causing chemicals. This is the best way to reduce crime, violence, learning disabilities, and other social problems.

Barbara Reed Stitt, a Probation Officer for 20 years, proved that we can reduce recidivism simply by changing the diet of the inmates. The usual 80% recidivism was reduced to 11% using only diet. That means we don't need a larger jail. Our jail is already too big. We just need to reduce crime, which is any easy, doable task simply through education and diet.

Stokes County could launch an educational campaign and change the whole atmosphere of the county. Educational materials, such as the books "Food and Behavior" (Stitt) and "Extraordinary Healthcare" (Sarvasri) could be provided to all teachers and county employees. Purchasing choices and dietary standards could be changed.

I suggest that the County immediately ban the purchase of all glyphosate contaminated foods and foods with unnatural ingredients such as artificial flavors, artificial colors, and artificial chemicals of any kind. Glyphosate contaminated foods include all non-organic wheat, oats, corn, sugar, and soy products and their derivatives, plus all meats from animals that consume these foods. The way to save our children and save our county is to go organic.

The County should immediately ban and remove all candy machines and soda machines at County schools and facilities and ban the purchase of such junk foods at all facilities and events. It should ban the County purchase of all glyphosate herbicides and ban their use on school grounds.

Insurance companies also discovered that diet is the solution. They are recommending doctors prescribe dietary change rather than drugs. Kaiser Permanente, the third largest insurance company (\$600 billion revenue) produced a booklet of recommendations which can be found at – <https://share.kaiserpermanente.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/The-Plant-Based-Diet-booklet.pdf>.

Moms Across America also recommends a Non-GMO, completely organic dietary change.

Too many decisions are based on money instead of doing the right thing. Prisons have become profit centers and administrators want more profit from more prisoners who they serve the cheapest junk food. Food companies produce addictive junk foods purely out of greed. In Stokes County, we should promote our Spiritual and Christian values. We should base decisions on the two Golden

rules. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and "Don't do to others what you would not want done to you." We need to revive Stokes County based on this philosophy. Thank you.

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 September 26, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes of October 4, 2016 – Planning Meeting

Capital Projects Fund - Petree Project - Budget Amendment #32

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #32.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Capital Projects Fund				
Petree Project				
400.5919.600	Construction	<u>\$1,250,000.00</u>	<u>\$58,104.00</u>	<u>\$1,308,104.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,250,000.00	\$58,104.00	\$1,308,104.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate additional funding from the Petree Family for the Petree Project in Pine Hall. These funds were received in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$58,104.00** 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
Capital Projects Fund				
400.3821.000	Petree Grant Donation	<u>\$1,250,000.00</u>	<u>\$58,104.00</u>	<u>\$1,308,104.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,250,000.00	\$58,104.00	\$1,308,104.00

Public Buildings & Contingency - Budget Amendment #33

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #33.

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			
100.4190.590	Improvements	\$26,360.00	\$60,675.00	\$87,035.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$235,681.00</u>	<u>\$(60,675.00)</u>	<u>\$175,006.00</u>
	Totals	\$262,041.00	\$00.00	\$262,041.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency for repairs to the Arts Council Building due to a moisture problem. The Board of County Commissioners approved this action at their August 22, 2016 meeting.

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.

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:

- June 20, 2016
- June 22, 2016
- June 27, 2016
- July 11, 2016
- August 22, 2016
- September 12, 2016

Proposed ATM Lease Agreement – State Employees' Credit Union – 2017

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the annual proposed ATM Lease Agreement (monthly rental payments will remain the same) from the State Employees' Credit Union for the ATM located in the upper parking lot of the Government Center for 2017 (January 1 – December

31, 2017) for the Board's review and approval at the October 10th meeting.

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 added the following Certificate of Clerk Re Approval of Tax-Exempt Loan to today's Agenda. The corrected Certificate replaces the Certificate approved at the September 26th meeting due to the amount being financed was reported incorrectly on the Certificate:

NC VFD16B

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 **Stokes County**, 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 10th day of **October, 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 **Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.** (the "VFD") from First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in the principal amount of **\$394,734.74** which loan is for the following purpose: (check applicable 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. **(XX)** the purchase by the VFD of a fire truck or fire trucks, and which fire truck(s) and/or fire station will be owned and operated by the VFD at the following address:

Pinnacle Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.
1033 High Bridge Road
Pinnacle, NC 27043

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 Morris requested the corrected Certificate be approved at today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the addition of the Corrected Certificate for Pinnacle Vol. Fire and Rescue Department. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Cardinal Innovations Health Care – Update

Chairman Inman introduced Amy Kendall, JD, PhD who is the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Cardinal Innovations Healthcare.

CAO Kendall noted that President Richard Topping sends his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to a death in his family.

CAO Kendall presented the following update regarding the recent consolidation of CenterPoint Human Services and Cardinal Innovations Healthcare:

Cardinal Innovations and CenterPoint consolidated effective July 1, 2016

Cardinal Innovations Transition Update

- Covers 20 counties in North Carolina which includes surrounding counties Forsyth, Davie, and Rockingham
- Provider Network is greater than 1,000
- Covered Lives = approximately 900,000 across those 20 counties
- Employees = 800
- Corporate location is in Kannapolis
- Been in operation over eleven (11) years
- Credit our success to making sure that local presence is very important, try to employ folks who live, work and play in the same community where our members live, work, and play
- Transition with CenterPoint is complete
- All but one CenterPoint provider was transitioned to Cardinal on July 1, 2016
- Members have been served without any interruption of service
- Integration is ongoing – still active with integration operations and systems from CenterPoint
- CenterPoint was our 6th expansion which was a consolidation of 2 entities, actually reviewed and adopted some of CenterPoint's procedures and policies to improve Cardinal's delivery of service and operation
- This expansion, unlike our previous expansions, really represents an integration of 2 companies

Broader Service Array – Increased benefits for Stokes County

- Family Centered Treatment
 - Evidence-based; family-focused; supports home/community living for youth; alternative to residential care
 - Youths are best served if they can be served in their own home
- In-Home Therapy
 - Combines evidence-based Motivational Interviewing with service coordination; more intensive than outpatient therapy
- Transitional Living
 - Supports transition from foster care for ages 18-21
 - Helps to defer placement in a PRTF

Commitment to Quality Providers

- Training and Support
 - CEUs – Licensed provider staff
 - Enables our providers to receive low cost or no cost continuing education
 - Enables Cardinal to be able to provide the needed education for the areas that need improvement
 - Do not know of no other entities that provide continuing education
 - College of Direct Supports – Qualified Professionals
 - Provides educational programming for qualified professionals – those that are serving our individuals who are suffering from intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Provider Engagement Model – Proactive; supportive

- Just recently rolled out this new provider engagement model
- Network staff who support and interact with our network providers on a daily basis are now entirely field based – no longer in the office
- Out in the field engaging and interacting with providers
- Quality Outcomes
 - Therapeutic Foster Care: Pay for Performance
 - Very difficult to provide this service in rural areas, so a pay for performance has been put into play to promote quality by receiving better pay

Triad Community Board

- Former CenterPoint Board
- Quarterly meetings – July, October, January, April
- July – Orientation
- October 2016 – Adopt bylaws
- On the horizon – Membership transition
 - There was not always equal representation on the former CenterPoint Board
 - Cardinal Board prides itself to make sure there is equal representation
 - Stokes County will have three representatives – commissioner, family member, and community stakeholder (family member and community stakeholder will be appointed by the county commissioners)
 - Stokes will have the same representation as Forsyth, Davie, and Rockingham Counties

Role of Community Board

- Serves in an advisory capacity
- Determine local priorities for inclusion in the Company's overall strategic plan
- Identify and recommend needed community services and supports based on Community Needs Assessment
- Monitor local performance, including access to care, expenditure of service funds, number of members served, services delivered, provider network size and composition, outcomes, member satisfaction
- Achieve the local presence through the representation from each county on our Board

Community Needs Assessment

- Helps identify gaps
- Adopted this model from CenterPoint
- Survey on Website October 1st to November 11th
- Targeted efforts to increase response
 - Members – Target providers
 - Key community stakeholders
- So far, have received over 600 responses

Cardinal's Presence in our Communities

- OPC- Chapel Hill
- Five County – Henderson
- Piedmont – Kannapolis
- Mecklenburg- Charlotte
- Triad – Winston Salem

- Alamance/Caswell – Burlington

Community Operations

- Community presence is what Cardinal prides itself on
- Ronda Outlaw is Stokes County's Senior Community Executive (SCE) which is the County's single point of contact
- Educate and train community partners; increase community awareness of Cardinal Innovations
- Want to make sure people know where to go to get assistance
- Assist members and their families in navigating the system and provide training and education to promote wellness, and self-determination/advocacy

Partnering for Excellence

- Most Innovative Children's Health Best Practice and Most Innovative Medicaid Managed Care Best Practice (nationally) voted by Medicaid Plans of America
 - Partnership between Cardinal Innovations, Rowan County DSS, and partner providers
 - Proactive identification of youth treatment needs
 - Recognizes importance of identifying trauma
 - Improved outcomes for the youth

NC MedAssist Partnership

- Provides medication to those who can't afford to purchase their needed medicine
- Successful Forsyth Event – 08-28-16
 - 886 families served
 - \$93,000 value in over-the-counter medications
- Event Planning Underway
 - Stokes - April 2017
 - Davie – June 2017
 - Rockingham – May 2017

Questions

- Will be glad to answer questions

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Inman commented:

- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that the County's community operation will still be located in Winston Salem – same location
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that Cardinal has retained approximately 180 CenterPoint employees
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that Betty Taylor remains with Cardinal
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that all but one provider was retained by Cardinal
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that the bottom line is that Stokes County is not going to see many changes other than enhanced services
- My term on the CenterPoint Board will end the beginning of December when my 14 year term as commissioner ends
- This Board needs to be thinking of a representative for the Community Advisory Board –can possibly wait until after the election

- DSS Director Stacey Elmes did not seek re-appointment to the Community Advisory Board
- Confirmed with Ronda Outlaw that the CenterPoint Board members were grandfathered to be the Cardinal Board
- Need to find out if there needs to be a voting member for the final CenterPoint Board Meeting in January 2017

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Like what I am hearing
- Had a lot of reservations at first about this merger, but do feel better with the information provided today
- Confirmed with SCE Ronda Outlaw that over 90% of CenterPoint employees were retained by Cardinal
- Happy with what I am seeing

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Questioned the meaning of PTRF?

CAO Kendall responded:

- PRTF (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center) is a 24-hour locked facility where children who need a certain level of care typically go
- We try to not place children in a PRTF especially those children who have already experienced trauma

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Looks like, by the information presented about Rowan County, that they really achieved a nice accomplishment
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that Stokes County could do what Rowan County has successfully done
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that Cardinal plans to roll this program out to counties that are ready as soon as possible

CAO Kendall responded:

- The program that Rowan County done takes a lot of commitment on the part of DSS
- It is actually a 4-hour assessment
- The reason we did it in Rowan County instead of Carrabus County was due to the turnover that Carrabus County had recently had; Rowan County was more suitable at that particular time
- Reiterated that it takes a lot of commitment
- Plans are to roll this out to all our counties and possibly statewide

Commissioner Walker continued

- Glad to hear the plans are in the works to roll the new program out to all counties
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that measures are being taken by Cardinal to make sure that small rural counties like Stokes maintain a significant presence in the health service delivery

CAO Kendall responded:

- First thing, which CenterPoint already had in place, is to continue with the Wellness Center
 - Will be in the current location (Meadows area) for another year while evaluating whether that location is the best location for Stokes County
- Making sure there is equal representation on the Community Advisory Board; there was heavy representation on the CenterPoint Board from Forsyth County
 - The 4 counties will have equal representation – 3 members each
- Community office will remain in Winston Salem – the community office is not an employee office, it is a community office
 - Employees work in the community to make sure we are present in our communities when they need us
- These are the ways we stay on top of things to make sure we provide what our communities needs

Commissioner Walker continued:

- What keeps a level playing field with the other regions with most having more than just 4 counties like our region?

CAO Kendall responded:

- The Community Board and the Senior Executive makes sure that the Cardinal Board of Directors is provided information as to what is needed in their region
- A member of the CenterPoint Board has been recently appointed to the Cardinal Board of Directors, Bryan Thompson
- Not sure I can assure you that each region has the same demands and issues

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Have been asked if this transition to Cardinal is going to be better, about the same, or will there be more challenges for the citizens of Stokes County who have a need?

CAO Kendall responded:

- The goal is that the level of service is absolutely better for the residents of Stokes County
- Would like to make sure that if anyone feels it is not better, they please let us know
- We also want to make sure the level of customer service is better
- Cardinal prides itself on its willingness to receive complaints and our willingness to address those complaints
- Yes, the goal is better

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Feel with the information provided today, our services are going to be enhanced along with equal representation on the Community Advisory Board
- Feel this is going to work out better for Stokes County
- Larger is not always the best solution

CAO Kendall responded:

- One way to make sure we are addressing county needs is with the local funding provided by the county
- We will work with Stokes County to make sure those local dollars goes to the benefit the Stokes County residents
- We only use local funding within that county
- Do not transfer funding from one county to another county

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Will have some other questions for Ronda Outlaw, but would like some information about the beds that CenterPoint had contracted at Old Vineyard

SCE Outlaw responded:

- Contracts were not renewed for the 8 beds at Old Vineyard as of July 1, 2016
- The reason is the soon to be open 24-hour Facility Based Crisis Center which will provide an additional 16-bed capacity
- Funding used at Old Vineyard will be used to help support the Facility Based Crisis Center
- The 16 beds will be shared among the four counties – Stokes, Forsyth, Rockingham, and Davie

Chairman Inman commented:

- Thru the merger, Cardinal has proven itself to be a very professional organization
- To answer Commissioner Walker's question, I feel we have enhanced the services (access to many more services) but have retained the local control
- We are talking to the same people we talked to at CenterPoint
- Feel very comfortable that this merger is going to be good for Stokes County
- Confirmed with CAO Kendall that the Stokes Opportunity Center will continue operation as it is currently

Chairman Inman expressed the Board's appreciation for the information provided at today's meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Proposed Performance Agreement between Stokes County & Cardinal Innovations Healthcare

Chairman Inman noted that he recently met with Betty Taylor and Ronda Outlaw a few months ago regarding the performance agreement and the quarterly meetings and agreed the practices would remain the same under new leadership of Cardinal Innovations Healthcare.

Senior Community Executive Ronda Outlaw, LCSW – Cardinal Innovations Healthcare,

presented the following proposed Performance Agreement for the Provision of Mental Health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services in Stokes County:

This Performance Agreement for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Agreement) between Stokes County (County) and Cardinal Innovations Healthcare (Cardinal Innovations) defines the operational relationship, expectations and responsibilities of the Parties. Cardinal Innovations is the Local Management Entity – Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) that is designated for the management of mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance use services for the resident of Stokes County in North Carolina and is subject to all requirements under N.C. Gen. Stat. §122C and the requirements of the Medicaid 1915 b/c Waiver for recipients whose county of Medicaid eligibility is Stokes County.

Upon enactment of a law which privatized the State Medicaid Program and upon encouragement by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to consolidate existing behavioral health managed care organizations to achieve administrative efficiency and assure quality of care to eligible individuals, CenterPoint Human Services (CenterPoint), a LME/MCO, under the Amended and Restated Transition, Consolidation, and Dissolution Agreement (Consolidation Agreement) with Cardinal Innovations consolidated its operations into Cardinal Innovations, effective July 1, 2016.

Nature and Terms of Agreement

This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2016 and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2017. If a new Agreement has not been reached between the Parties by July 1, 2017, the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Agreement shall remain in force, unless it has been terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Responsibilities of the Parties

The Consolidation Agreement specifies agreements between CenterPoint and Cardinal Innovations related to the consolidation of CenterPoint with Cardinal Innovations. In Paragraph 17, Cardinal Innovations agrees that all Maintenance of Effort (MOE) mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use services funds received from Stokes County will be used within Stokes County.

Based on the aforementioned provision, Stokes County expects its MOE funding to be used for the delivery of mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use services in Stokes County. The Parties enter into this Agreement to memorialize the process for the use and expenditure of Stokes County MOE funds.

- During the third quarter of each State Fiscal year (January-March), Cardinal Innovations and Stokes County management will meet for the purpose of review and discussion regarding allocation and expenditure of MOE funds. With input from the Triad Community Advisory Board, the Stokes County Stakeholder Committee, the annual Needs Assessment/Gaps Analysis completed by Cardinal Innovations and other relevant information, the County will develop its annual Stokes County Funding Plan that specifies services and/or initiatives to be funded with the County MOE funds.
- Any MOE funds unused or unearned in the annual Stokes County Funding Plan shall be set aside, at the direction of the Stokes County Chief Financial Officer, in a separate reserve for the support of future local mental health, intellectual/developmental disability and substance use service needs.

The County agrees to:

1. Assure the appointment of County residents to serve on the local Triad Community Board (which will be comprised of representatives from the Counties in what was CenterPoint's catchment area) in accordance with applicable bylaws.
2. Negotiate an annual Performance Agreement with Cardinal Innovations to establish clear expectations for the quality and quantity of services with respect to the MOE funds.
3. Allocate available funds to Cardinal Innovations to support mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance use services for County residents in accordance with service priorities established by the Division of MH/DD/SA Services of the NC Dept. of Health & Human Services, the Cardinal Innovations Board of Directors and the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.
4. Lead discussions and planning resulting in development of an annual Stokes County Funding Plan that specifies services and/or initiatives to be funded with MOE funds. Input from the Triad Community Advisory Board, the Stokes County Stakeholder Committee, the Cardinal Innovations annual Needs Assessment/Gaps Analysis and other relevant information is reviewed and considered in Plan development.
5. Encourage, support and provide opportunities for the completion of Crisis Intervention Team training by Sheriff's Department officers.
6. Provide County facilities and support services as negotiated with Cardinal Innovations.
7. Receive and review reports on the performance of Cardinal Innovations as the manager of publically funded services.
8. Identify and require appropriate County representatives/individuals to participate in an established Stokes County Stakeholder Committee for information sharing, problem identification and problem resolution.
9. Request, if needed, an opportunity for the Senior Community Executive and/or a designee of the Triad Community Office of Cardinal Innovations to meet with County officials to review Cardinal Innovations' performance under this Agreement or to discuss high profile or emerging community issues.

Cardinal Innovations agrees to:

1. Carry out the functions, responsibilities and duties of a multi-county LME-MCO as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §122C — 115.4 & 117 for the benefit of the residents of the County and by the Medicaid 1915 b/c Waiver for recipients whose county of Medicaid eligibility is Stokes County.
2. Collaborate with the County to develop an annual Performance Agreement that specifies expectations and responsibilities of the Parties.
3. Conduct annual Needs Assessment/Gaps Analysis; seek stakeholder input and support community planning to identify and address needs.
4. Communicate to the County information and recommendations of the local Triad Community Board related to service gaps, needs and priorities.

5. Participate with the County on development of an annual Stokes County Funding Plan that specifies providers, services and/or initiatives to be funded with the County MOE funds.
6. Deliver quarterly presentations to the Stokes County Board of Commissioners (at times mutually agreed upon) that address status of providers and services, MOE funding utilization and local behavioral health initiatives.
7. Participate with County representatives/individuals on an established Stokes County Stakeholder Committee for information sharing, problem identification and problem resolution.
8. Provide opportunities, if requested, for the Senior Community Executive and/or designee of the Triad Community Office of Cardinal Innovations to meet with County officials to review Cardinal Innovations' performance under this Agreement or to discuss high profile or emerging community issues.
9. Develop and submit a complete annual budget (Budget Ordinance and Budget) to support activities as the LME-MCO and make requests for funding to the County following prescribed guidelines.
10. Provide its annual audit to the County.

Specific Performance Expectations

In addition to the general responsibilities outlined above, Cardinal Innovations agrees to the following specific performance expectations.

1. Behavioral Health Services
Maintain a continuum of services for mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance use conditions to the maximum extent possible within published standards for access to care and within financial constraints.
2. Stokes Opportunity Center
Maintain vocational services and/or appropriate community-based services for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and/or mental illness to the maximum extent possible within financial constraints and requirements of the Division of Medical Assistance and/or the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services; promote evidence-based or best practice clinical approaches; explore alternatives that maintain clinically appropriate service levels at less cost.
3. Quarterly Reporting
Provide quarterly presentations to the Stokes County Commissioners that describe:
 - a. Status of expenditures on County Maintenance of Effort funds.
 - b. Service access, service utilization and provider data as applicable for Stokes County residents.
 - c. Number and demographics of Stokes County residents served during the period.
 - d. Updates on annual Needs Assessment/Gaps Analysis and progress made in filling gaps.
 - e. Updates on annual client/family member and provider satisfaction surveys conducted under the leadership of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

4. Support of Sheriff's Department

Develop a service system that supports the Stokes County Sheriff's Department including:

- a. Maintain provider capacity for First Opinion evaluations to be conducted in Stokes County at site(s) specified by the County Manager, Cardinal Innovations and the provider to assure that behavioral health staff are available to conduct assessments of County residents whom the Sheriff's Department believes exhibit significant behavioral health issues within 2 hours of arrival (or as soon as feasible given system constraints) in the custody of the Sheriff's Department at the designated site. Such assessments may occur via telemedicine in the provider's Stokes County site when certified, licensed outpatient staff is not available. Although other behavioral health assessments as appropriate may be conducted in the jail by provider(s), First Opinion evaluations will only be rendered in the jail when appropriately trained and certified First Opinion staff is available in the County.
- b. Offer Crisis Intervention Team Training to Sheriff's Department officers to enable officers to most effectively de-escalate and manage crisis situations with citizens.
- c. Manage and strengthen a crisis service system to decrease reliance on Involuntary Commitment and Hospital Emergency Departments and to provide timely response within four (4) hours of the arrival at an Emergency Department of a County resident who is exhibiting significant behavioral health issues while in the custody of the Stokes County Sheriff's Department.
 - Sheriff's Department will track and report all transports for psychiatric emergencies including original destination, officer time involved and disposition;
 - Cardinal Innovations will review cases and/or meet with the Sheriff's Department upon request to address and attempt to resolve concerns; systemic issues that are identified may be addressed by the Stokes County Stakeholder Committee and solutions generated.

5. Financial Goals

Pursue all reasonable means to increase revenues from non-county budget sources to assist the County in providing services responsive to the behavioral health needs of County residents.

6. Corrective Actions/Sanctions for Non-Performance

It is in the best interest of the citizens of Stokes County, and particularly of those receiving services from Cardinal Innovations or its contractors, that every effort be made to achieve the levels of performance required in this Agreement. If Cardinal Innovations does not meet the performance expectations outlined in this agreement, it will recommend a Plan of Correction to the County Manager. The Plan of Correction will include the name of the individual who is responsible to act, the activity or task to be undertaken, the outcome expected and the date by which the action

Amendments

This Agreement may be amended upon the mutual consent in writing of the County and Cardinal Innovations.

Termination

This Agreement may be terminated in compliance with NC Gen. Stat. §122C, in whole or in part, by mutual consent of the County and Cardinal Innovations.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute and deliver this Agreement as of the Effective Date set forth above.

Stokes County

Cardinal Innovations Healthcare

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Senior Community Executive Ronda Outlaw noted the following:

- Would like to speak briefly about the proposed performance
- If approved, this proposed Performance Agreement would continue the same with Cardinal Innovations as the County had with CenterPoint with a few minor changes
- There are no significant changes, but does have some enhancements that I feel the Board of Commissioners will like
- Proposed Performance Agreement references the consolidation agreement between Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and Stokes County
- Will cover the remainder of the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017
- Will renew until a new agreement is approved for Fiscal Year 2017-18
- It specifically states that Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding will be used for the delivery of mental health, intellectual/development disabilities and substance use services in Stokes County which was included in the CenterPoint Performance Agreement
- Cardinal has offer to have an annual meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to look at the MOE each year to make sure the funding is being used to support priorities in Stokes County
- This current year, Forsyth County was the only county that got started early enough to take advantage of the opportunity
- Forsyth County found, after having several meetings, that their MOE could continue to support safety net providers/essential services and was able to move some funding to support a couple of initiatives that were very important to that county

- Stokes County can have the same opportunity in 2017 prior to the budget to make their the county funding is going in the direction desired by the County
- Something new is that any unused county funding will be reserved in a special account to support behavioral health service needs in the future – funding will roll over at the end of the fiscal year
- Proposed Performance Agreement changes the meeting schedule to presentations being delivered to the Stokes County Board of Commissioners to address the status of providers and services, LOE funding utilization and local behavioral health initiatives and discontinue the management team meetings
- Meetings with the Board of County Commissioners would be 4 instead of 2
- Discontinuing the management team meetings would allow those individuals to participate in the Stokes County Stakeholders Community Partner Meetings
- Cardinal is putting resources to strengthen the Stakeholders Community Partner Meetings – a working group dealing with issues and brainstorming to find solutions
- Feel this would be a better way to bring those folks together
- This group has been working diligently with the transportation issues in Stokes County
- Meetings can be held at other times if needed
- Will be glad to take any questions

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with SCE Outlaw the numbers presented by CAO Kendall are the numbers for the entire organization of Cardinal and that the funding that has come to the triad region in the past went to Cardinal to be used for the 4-county region

SCE Outlaw responded:

- One important thing to keep in mind is that the state funding continues to shrink lower and lower each year
- There is a possibility that there will be a significant cut in funding this fiscal year across the entire state

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Very pleased with the new concept of placing leftover funding in a special county just for Stokes County

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Did not see any significant changes
- Good with the proposed performance agreement

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Like the idea of better communication, always helps to improve things
- Share an ongoing concern with Commissioner Jones regarding transportation
- Can offer the best of services, but if someone does not have transportation, the services are no good for the person who really needs them

- Feel there is progress being made
- Certainly support any effort to improve transportation, within reason, for our county
- Have been looking in that direction for some time
- Glad there are organizations like YVEDDI who work diligently to provide services
- Understand Rockingham County is making some progress with their transportation issues
- Confirmed with SCE Outlaw that the Stakeholders are taking that task head on, brain storming, etc.
- Confirmed with SCE Outlaw that the Stokes Opportunity will operate as it currently does

SCE Outlaw responded:

- In the future, the County will be deciding where county funding will be allocated
- This an opportunity for the County to look at how the county funding is being spent and where it is needed

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with SCE Outlaw that the new Crisis Facility will increase bed space
- Appreciate the information provided to the Board
- Feel communication is the key and like the Cardinal's approach to finding out when there are issues

SCE Outlaw responded:

- Still have a contract with Old Vineyard, but it does not include holding beds
- Feel the money is better allocated to the new Crisis Facility

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Need to take all those people that have ideas about better transportation and put a plan together that can benefit everyone
- If there was more transportation, it could help to open up jobs, maybe it could help people being isolated and even decrease the suicide rate
- I hope something good does come from the Stakeholders group to increase the availability of transportation
- Do think the quarterly meetings with the Board of Commissioners will help to increase communication
- Pleased with the information being provided to the Board today

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation to SEC Outlaw for the information provided today.

Chairman Inman commented:

- Feel good about the proposed Performance Agreement
- Good idea to increase the meetings with the Board of Commissioners
- Proposed Performance Agreement even includes a corrective action and sanctions for non-performance

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 24th Action Agenda.

Request for Funding - Stokes County Board of Education

County Manager Rick Morris noted the County had received a funding request from the Stokes County Board of Education.

County Manager Morris noted that School Superintendent Brad Rice would be speaking on behalf of the Stokes County Board of Education.

County Manager Morris briefed the Board regarding the 4 cent school tax:

- The 4 cent fund was set up to pay for a specific list of school projects and the new community college
- The funding was set up to cover, at a minimum, the debt service for all those projects
- The model was set up very conservative to make sure there were no issues with paying the debt service each year
- The model includes several revenue sources, some of which can change such as the lottery
- The model receives revenue from the lottery, property tax, and general fund debt that is paid off- once the debt is retired, the amount of the payment then goes into the model from the General Fund
- The model builds a Fund Balance which is a safety reserve to make sure there is always funding for the debt service each year
- If revenues increase, the balance continues to build
- When the model was set up, several things were discussed about using the balance for things such as paying the debt off early or build/renovate as you go with school projects
- When the County received the emergency roof request for Chestnut Grove, this was the only place to get that amount of funding
- The funding did not come from any of the 4 cent tax revenue
- Basically using the General Fund money that has been transferred to the model when debt was retired
- If you decide to use any of the 4 cent tax revenue for something other than the intended purpose, you should go on the record to let the citizens know
- Allocating the funding for the Chestnut Grove roof has not violated the 4 cent tax model
- Just wanted to make sure everyone knew where the funding came from
- Need to always make sure there is adequate funding for the debt service each year

Chairman Inman requested information from Operations Director David Burge regarding how the cost for the repairs were so much lower than what had been anticipated.

Operations Director David Burge responded:

- When the request was made to the Board of County Commissioners, the request included an estimate for the worst case scenario
- There was no way to tell until the roof was taken off to know exactly what was needed
- A roofer's foot went thru one section of the roof while trying to repair a leaking area
- Talked to a couple of different contractors to come up with the estimate
- The estimate included taking all the decking which is very expensive when replacing 72,000 sq. ft.
- The cost if the decking had been replaced on all 3 buildings would have been approximately \$600,000
- Then you had to add another \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the tear off
- Had to have the funding in case of the worst case scenario
- Very lucky with the cost of the project – very small amount of decking needed
- Did not know until the roof came off what the situation really was
- Did not want to come and request \$400,000 to \$500,000 and then have to come back for additional \$500,000 to \$600,000 for decking
- It was noted that the \$1.25 million was a worst case scenario estimate
- Project is complete and just found out today that there is an additional \$20,000 in savings
- Total cost of the project was \$430,000.00

Dr. Brad Rice noted that Operations Director David Burge and Maintenance Supervisor

Ricky Goins were in attendance to answer any questions.

Dr. Rice explained the following funding request that had been submitted to the County

Commissioners:

- Chestnut Grove Middle School Roofing Update:
 - Approved Budget = \$1,250,000.00
 - Estimated Cost = \$450,000.00
 - Estimated Balance = \$800,000.00
 - Estimated balance is due to not having to tear off the existing roofs on the cafeteria and gym building and minimal decking replacement
- As a result of the estimated balance with the Chestnut Grove Roofing and some emergency projects that have developed since approval of the 2016-17 Capital Outlay Budget, the Board of Education would like to request additional funding for the following:
 - Chestnut Grove Middle School Pavement:
 - Approved Budget = \$00.00
 - Estimated Cost = \$50,000.00
 - Asphalt pavement area near the Chestnut Grove Middle School Cafeteria had severe cracks and was crumbling in many places; since the roofing project, this area has deteriorated to the point that it must be replaced
 - Funding Request = \$50,000.00

- Has been determined that when the parking lot was originally constructed, the proper base was not put down
- It was basically asphalt on dirt
- This is a real safety hazard
- This is where the cafeteria workers enter the facility
- Germanton Elementary School -1975 Building/Gym Roofing:
 - Approved Budget = \$00.00
 - Estimated Cost = \$400,000.00
 - When the 2016-17 Capital Outlay Budget was presented, the school system shared the roofing needs of the school system in priority order
 - Chestnut Grove Middle School (1975 Building/Gym) approved in Fiscal Year 2015-16 estimated @ \$1,250,000.00
 - Germanton Elementary School (1975 Building/Gym) estimated @ \$400,000.00
 - Mount Olive Elementary School (1978 Building/Gym) estimated @ \$875,000.00
 - South Stokes High School
 - Media Center/Auditorium estimated @\$250,000.00
 - "E" Building Classrooms estimated @ \$175,000.00
 - "A" Building/Wrestling Room estimated @ \$400,000.00
 - Pinnacle Elementary School (Classroom Building/Gym) estimated @ \$475,000.00
 - Walnut Cove Elementary School (entire building) estimated @ \$875,000.00
 - North Stokes High School (Field House) estimated @ \$100,000.00
 - Total estimated cost /2016-17 Budget Request =\$4,800,000.00
 - Germanton Elementary is the next roofing project on the priority list
 - Germanton Elementary Roof is currently leaking and there have been some mold issues at this site
 - Funding Request = \$400,000.00
 - It is a 1975 building and never had a roof replacement
- North Stokes High School Baseball Poles/Lighting:
 - Approved Budget = \$00.00
 - Estimated Cost = \$50,000.00
 - Funding was approved in the 2016-17 Capital Outlay Budget for North Stokes High School Pole/Lighting to be replaced
 - At this site, the poles were installed in 1982 and are actually leaning and are rotten
 - This field can't be used and is taped off
 - Bids were open on September 28th with the lowest bid being \$104,079.00 – budget was \$100,000.00
 - Funds needed = \$4,079.00
- South Stokes High School Baseball Poles/Lighting:
 - Approved Budget = \$00.00
 - Estimated Cost = \$105,370.00

- Recently, a contractor was to replace the lighting on the poles at South Stokes Baseball Field where the poles were installed in 1982; however, due to rotten poles, the work could not be done
 - At this time, due to safety and liability, the field can't be used and is taped off like North Stokes High School
 - Vendors will deduct \$3,500.00 if both school projects (North and South) are done at the same time
 - Funding Request = \$105,370.00 (less \$3,500 if done with North Stokes)
 - Have to take down the lights or replace the poles and lights
 - Another huge safety issue along with North Stokes
- South Stokes Media Center/Auditorium Roofing:
 - Approved Budget = \$00.00
 - Estimated Cost = \$250,000.00
 - According to the roofing priority list, the next roofing project would be Mount Olive Elementary School estimated @ \$875,000.00
 - Since the Mount Olive Elementary School Project is estimated to cost so much, the Board of Education would like to request this project in the 2017-18 Capital Outlay Budget Request and request funding for South Stokes High School Media Center/Auditorium
 - Funding Request = \$250,000.00
- Summary – Board of Request:
 - Chestnut Grove Middle School Pavement = \$50,000.00
 - Germanton Elementary School -1975 Building/Gym Roofing - \$400,000.00
 - North Stokes High School Baseball Poles/Lighting = \$4,079.00
 - South Stokes High School Baseball Poles/Lighting = \$101,870.00
 - South Stokes Media Center/Auditorium Roofing = \$250,000.00
 - Total Request = \$805,949.00
- Saved approximately \$819,000 on the Chestnut Grove Project
- Would be glad to answer any questions

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Good news with the cost of the Chestnut Grove Roof Project
- Good to be having this conversation that we are having; this is a positive conversation – what do you do with the savings?
- Requested Manager Morris contact the county's financial advisor to get his opinion on this request since it deals with using funding from the model

County Manager Morris commented:

- Would be happy to discuss the request with the county's financial advisor regarding the amount that needs to be in the fund to keep the fund healthy
- Finance Director Edwards has some additional information regarding the school's capital project fund that could possibly be used toward this request
- Must remember if you use the capital project funding now, it will not be available next year
- Have to decide if you want to build up the fund to pay debt off or build as you go

Finance Director Julia Edwards commented:

- The amount for the Chestnut Grove Roofing Project was the first amount that has been appropriated from the Fund Balance beside debt and operational costs for Popular Springs and Forsyth Tech which are all approved uses

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Certainly this work needs to be done at some point
- Would like information from the county's financial advisor
- Want to do what is prudent and responsible as far as repairs, but want to balance things financially as we go along
- Is there possibly some savings by doing roofing projects at the same time?

Operations Director Burge responded:

- Labor and materials will be the same
- Mobilization could save a little bit of savings – estimate maybe 5%
- Would try if these 2 projects were approved
- Also wanted to mention that the parking lot in need of repairs is where special needs students are dropped out – some being in wheelchairs – another safety issue

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Director Burge that the entire parking lot will have to be torn up before any repairs can be done

Operations Director Burge responded:

- Once the roofing project started, could see there were going to be problems
- Couldn't hold the roofing contractor liable when the parking lot was not properly constructed and already in bad shape

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Director Burge that these are the top priority projects at this time

Dr. Rice responded:

- Agreed these are our top priority projects, but the school system does have other needs
- When you have aged facilities, there other needs
- These are safety issues

Operations Director Burge responded:

- The North Stokes lights were in last year's budget but could not be done because of the fuel oil system
- The South Stokes lights were supposed to be in this year's budget but got pushed because North Stokes was pushed from last year to this year
- North Stokes should have already been done and South Stokes should have been in this year's budget, but projects have to be moved sometime because of other pressing emergencies

Commissioner Jones commented:

- All these projects relate to safety issues
- Expressed concerns with the price of the lighting for each school – seems rather expensive
- Confirmed with Director Burge that the lighting must meet the minimum requirements of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association
- Confirmed with Director Burge that the poles will be galvanized

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Think the county manager brought up some very good points
- This 4 cent tax was set aside to pay for the \$40+ million worth of school and community college projects
- Was getting approximately \$800,000 from the lottery, now we are only getting approximately \$400,000 from the lottery
- The county had to make up the difference
- QSCBonds which provide the county with a lower interest rate could possibly change (increase to the interest rate) county would have to make up the difference
- 4 cent tax produces approximately \$1.4 million, but our debt service on schools is approximately \$5 million
- 4 cent tax does not take care our school debt service
- Understand that there are repairs that need to be done
- Before I came on this Board, I think there was a mutual agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education that with the building of the new schools, repairs would have to be prioritized
- Have said it several times, Piney Grove and West Stokes Bonds will come off in Fiscal Year 2017-18 (reduced amount in 2017-18) which should free up some funding for needed repairs
- Have a little problem with a request for \$1.25 million and then the project not being but \$450,000
- Not arguing about the lesser amount, just wondering how contractors could estimate a project that much more

Operations Director Burge responded:

- Any time you bid a project, it can be more or less
- When the request was made, there had not been a formal bid done
- It was an estimate
- It included tearing all the roofs off and replacing all the decking – worst case scenario
- It was understood that any remaining funds would come back to the County for future use
- That is why we are here today

Vice Chairman Booth continued:

- It was understood that any unused funding would come back to the County to be put back in the Fund Balance

Maintenance Director Ricky Goins reiterated that estimates were given as noted by Director Burge, but the problem was until you started the project, you did not know what condition the decking was under the roof covering.

Vice Chairman Booth continued:

- I definitely see the need
- Need information from the county's financial advisory before I can make a decision
- Have to be very careful using this fund that was established to pay the debt for the specific school and community college projects
- Have to maintain a comfortable balance in that model

Operations Director Burge commented:

- Have had to do mold remediation the past 3 summers at Germanton Elementary School

Vice Chairman Booth continued:

- If all the needs were done, it would probably be \$5 million

Operations Director Burge commented

- During my first years on the job, the county appropriated between \$1.7 and \$2 million for capital projects every year
- It then started going down, as low as \$300,000 at one time
- This is when we started getting behind
- When I came on board, did a roof assessment that revealed 12 roofs needed to be replaced
- Did 6 roofs one year and 6 roofs the next year
- Then we developed a roof schedule with a goal of doing 2 roofs per year
- Think only 2 roofs were done that was on the schedule

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Feel very positive regarding the process of the Chestnut Grove Project
- Germanton Elementary is the next roofing project on the priority listing
- Confirmed with Director Burge that the Germanton Roofing Project, if approved, would be at least 60 to 90 days out and that the project would not start in December or January, mostly likely the spring

Dr. Brad Rice noted that the roof should have been replaced 3 years ago.

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Have no issues with using the funding on the Germanton Roofing Project since it is the next roofing project on the priority listing
- Have got to have some more information on the other requests
- Would like to go look at some of these issues
- Know that Athletic Boosters have in the past helped out with projects such as lights
- It appears now that it is just so easy to go to the county to ask for funding

- Know that North Stokes no longer has an Athletic Boosters Organization

Operations Director Burge commented:

- Just want the Board to know that regardless of whether these lights are replaced, they must come down – they are a safety hazard

Chairman Inman confirmed with Director Burge that it would cost approximately \$7,500 per location to take the lights down.

Dr. Rice responded:

- Just to let you know that the North Stokes Little Varsity and Junior Varsity Football Teams use the baseball field to practice along with South Stokes
- Both areas are roped off and can't be used

Chairman Inman agreed with Commissioner Lankford about using the funding for the next roof project – Germanton Elementary, but would also need further information on the other requests.

Chairman Inman requested direction from the Board regarding the request – discussion or action for the next meeting.

Operations Director Burge noted that he would be glad to take any commissioner who wished to see the facilities.

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Director Burge that the existing lighting can't be used because of requirements.

Finance Director Julia Edwards commented:

- The school receives sales tax that must be used for capital improvement and that has a current Fund Balance of \$388,158 that could be used toward some of these projects

Commissioner Jones commented:

- We are dealing with issues like this because things have constantly been postponed
- It is not all about the money, it is about community morale
- Doesn't give a good impression of a school when their baseball field is roped off
- What does that tell the kids?
- What does that tell the community?
- Always talking about the need for more recreation
- Sports are a big deal in this county
- Don't like this costs but one thing, costs never go down, they continue to increase
- Don't want to just consider postponing things when they need to be done

- All these projects are safety issues
- Need to look at the request that the Board of Education is telling us that they need

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Finance Director Edwards that if the \$388,158 from sales tax is used this year, it just takes away from next year's allocation.

County Manager Morris responded:

- Reiterated that using the sales tax this year will reduce the amount of funding that would be available for the FY 2017-18
- This is just another funding source available instead of taking everything out of the financial model's Fund Balance

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Interested if there is a time issue with this request?
- Confirmed with Director Burge that bids for the lighting are good for 30 days
- Confirmed with Dr. Rice that a decision in 2 weeks would be sufficient

Chairman Inman directed the manager to obtain the requested information from the county's financial advisor.

The Board unanimously agreed to place the item on the October 24th Action Agenda.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 24th Action Agenda.

Social Services Monthly Report

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

- Metrics (As of September 2016):
 - Income Maintenance
 - NC FAST – In Compliance
 - Child Care pushed back to January for Stokes County
 - Looking forward to having that on the NCFast System
 - Will eliminate several checks that are being issued by the County
 - WorkFirst – In Compliance
 - 68 open cases
 - 125 participants
 - \$13,453 in benefits delivered
 - FNS – In Compliance
 - 2929 open cases
 - 6126 participants

- \$649,073 in benefits delivered
- Adult Medicaid, Family/Children's Medicaid – In Compliance
 - Medical Assistance
 - 7814 open cases
 - 8813 participants
 - Special Assistance:
 - 186 open cases
 - \$78,014 in benefits delivered
- Child Support – In Compliance
 - Serving 1353 children with collections at \$212,192
- Program Integrity – In Compliance
 - 166 open cases
 - Collected \$3,170 with \$653 of collections retained in county
- Child Day Care – In Compliance
 - 164 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
 - 109 children in custody during the month of September and monitoring 5 others
 - Caseloads are above capacity
 - State standard is a caseload of 15
 - Still searching for a part time, contract, temporary Social Services Assistant to help with transportation and observation of visits
 - Had a part time employee who applied for one of our vacant full time position and was hired
 - May look at finding a social worker instead because of the increase in children and the need for social work activities to be completed
 - Alamance County has been a pilot program for that new safety assessment program that will be mandated in January 2017
 - Alamance County's foster care numbers have already increased by 15%
 - Do expect this to be a new normal for Stokes County
 - Have a contract in place with Vanguard to help out in the social work area in foster care
 - Foster Care Home Licensing – Needs improvement
 - Currently have 25 licensed foster homes
 - Eight (8) of these homes (while licensed in Stokes County) are homes that are outside of Stokes County
 - A foster home licensing class began 09-19-2016 and there are seven (7) couples in this class

- The section is yellow because of the need for foster homes in Stokes County and I am hopeful that this will soon change to green
 - Adoptions – In Compliance
 - Four (4) adoptions completed this month
- Child Protective Services
 - Investigations – In Compliance
 - Received 51 reports involving 56 children
 - There were 28 reports accepted for investigation
 - Have 46 active CPS investigations are open
 - Case Management – In Compliance
 - (18) open cases
 - Assists to other Counties
 - (12) assists
- Adult Services
 - Adult Protective Services – In Compliance
 - Received 16 reports
 - (8) reports were screened
 - (6) reports received an offer services visit
 - Guardianship – In Compliance
 - Have 31 adult wards
 - State standard is a caseload of 30
 - SSBG/HCCBG/Payee/Adult Day – In Compliance
 - (23) open cases
 - Facility Monitoring – In Compliance
 - Monitor 6 adult care facilities
 - No complaints received this month
 - Family Caregiver Program
 - (15) open cases
 - SA IH/MAC – In Compliance
 - (73) open cases
 - CAP DA– In Compliance
 - (66) open cases
 - Intake – In Compliance
 - See any individual that comes into the agency needing assistance with anything from housing to utility assistance to other resources
 - Other – In Compliance
 - One (1) unclaimed body
- 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
- Staffing (Years of Service) – In Compliance
 - (5) new staff beginning on 10/10/16
 - (2) resignations

- (1) external vacancy currently – Processing Assistant III
 - Started 5 new employees today
- Medicaid Transportation – In Compliance
 - (522) clients served
 - \$72,127 spent on transportation
- Clerical – In Compliance
 - (1173) walk ins
 - (3) Fishing License disbursed
 - (22) Voter Registrations turned in

DSS Director Elmes provided a copy of the County Oversight Report for the Fourth Quarter and Annual Review which received a good review:

DSS Director Elmes provided the following Juvenile Court involvement as of October 4th:

- 118 children involved in Juvenile and Court
- 105 are in non-secure custody – 8 are in slow petitions
- 113 children from 67 families
- 16 of these cases have incarcerated parents
- 27 children are 12 years of age and older
- The Guardian ad Litem Program is involved with all but 8 (6 families) of these children

DSS Director Elmes noted:

- Foster Care is the big concern right now

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Good report

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the agency started 5 new full time employees today and which should be helping out once they are trained.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Foster Care seems to be an ongoing challenge
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that when the foster children numbers continue to increase, there is no other option but to find staff
- Would like for the manager to work with Director Elmes to try to come up with a solution regarding foster care

Director Elmes invited Board members to come over any time and go out with our social workers.

Director Elmes noted that Manager Morris is going to be riding with some of our social workers very soon.

County Manager Morris commented:

- Caseload for a foster care social worker should be no more than 15 children
- The county's social workers' caseloads are currently at 19 children per worker
- The new law takes effect in January 2017 that will definitely increase the numbers

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Appreciate the work being done by you and your staff; I know it is not always easy
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that she is working with Northwood regarding the new case management system, but that it is very expensive
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes the component being looked at is strictly for social work – estimate is \$275,000 with \$51,000 being state funding

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the incarcerated parents are mostly drug and substance abuse
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that foster children are not tracked once the child leaves foster care
- Noted the new program offered by Cardinal - Transitional Living which supports transition from foster care for ages 18-21
- Would be helpful to know what happens to the child after foster care

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- The new legislation that allows a child to stay in foster care until 21 will most likely spike foster care numbers

Chairman Inman noted that foster care continues to be a real challenge for all counties.

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

Tax Administration Report – September 2016

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the September 2016 Report for the Board's review:

Fiscal Year 2016-17	Budget Amt	Collected Amt	Over Budget	Under Budget
Current 2016 Taxes	\$20,420,409.00	\$11,476,153.68		\$8,944,255.32
Percentage = 56.20%				
New Schools F-Tech Fund	\$1,317,445.00	\$754,703.23		\$562,741.77
Percentage = 57.29%				

Prior Taxes			
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$450,000.00	\$195,515.23	254,484.77
Percentages = 43.45%			

Business and Personal Property Discovery Report – September 2016

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Business and Personal Property Discovery Report for September 2016 for the Board's review:

Audit Dates	Number of Accounts	Total Value	Taxes Due
07-01-16/09-30-16	129	\$ 219,506.00	\$ 1,995.53

Business and Personal Discoveries Billed for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Business and Personal Discoveries Billed for Fiscal Year 2016-17 for the Board's review:

Audit Dates	Number of Accounts	Total Value	Taxes Due
07-01-16/06-30-17	129	\$ 219,506.00	\$ 1,995.53

Garnishments

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Garnishments for September 2016 for the Board's review:

Audit Dates	Number of Accounts	Total Value	Taxes Due
07-01-16/09-30-16	332	\$ 85,975.80	\$ 100,261.19
07-01-16/06-30-17	332	\$ 85,975.80	\$ 100,261.19

EMS Billings & Collections

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Current and Delinquent EMS Billing for the Board's review:

	Transports			Medicare/Medicaid	Other
Month	Billed	Charged	Collected	Non-Billable*	Non-Billable*
Jul-16	287	\$ 190,015.90	\$ 116,548.02	\$ 60,170.24	\$ 34,625.55
Aug-16	332	\$ 218,584.09	\$ 124,271.79	\$ 79,635.48	\$ 186,385.97
October 10, 2016					36

Sep-16	371	\$ 246,072.75	\$ 112,786.22	\$	82,369.59	\$ 2,420.03
Totals	990	\$ 654,672.74	\$ 353,606.03	\$	222,175.31	\$ 223,431.55

*Non Billable are contractual obligation, amount for which the patient can't be billed

NCVTS Motor Vehicle Billings and Collections Quarterly Report (July 1, 2016-August 2016)

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following NCVTS Motor Vehicle Billings and Collections Quarterly Report (July 1, 2016-August 2018) for the Board's review:

Tax Code	Number of	Levy	Interest	Adjustment	Billing	Total Collected
Tax Code						
Jurisdiction	Vehicles	Billed	Paid	Made	Cost	To Date
King City	1,208	\$ 43,574	\$ 220	\$ (221)	\$ (2,004)	\$ 41,569
King Car Fee	1,117	\$ 5,585	none	\$ (5)	none	\$ 5,580
Walnut Cove Town	272	\$ 8,234	\$ 49	\$ (3)	\$ (315)	\$ 7,965
Danbury Town	32	\$ 364	none	\$ (25)	\$ (14)	\$ 325
School Tax	10,222	\$ 29,240	\$ 155	\$ (115)	\$ (1,172)	\$ 28,108
King Fire	1,569	\$ 8,495	\$ 50	\$ (41)	\$ (342)	\$ 8,162
Rural Hall Fire	314	\$ 1,752	\$ 7	\$ (8)	\$ (69)	\$ 1,682
Walnut Cove Fire	1,108	\$ 5,167	\$ 32	\$ (4)	\$ (206)	\$ 4,989
General County	10,222	\$ 453,199	\$ 2,430	\$ (1,776)	\$ (18,154)	\$ 435,699
Service Fire	5,751	\$ 27,697	\$ 138	\$ (111)	\$ (1,109)	\$ 26,615
Totals	10,222	\$ 583,307	\$ 3,081	\$ (2,309)	\$ (23,385)	\$ 560,694
				Total	Refunds	\$ (2,358)
						\$ 558,336

Cost in the New VTS System is calculated in all areas of billing(staffing, contracting, postage, DMV, software, etc.) by the Department of Revenue and prorated on each taxing district per bill

Billing Cost in car fees for the City of King are calculated in the King City Bills

Lowest Cost \$2.08

Billed

County, School Fund, Service Fire - based on 10,222 cars)

Highest Cost

Billable \$3.55

County, School Fund, King City - based on 1,208 cards)

Average cost

per bill \$2.29

Interstate Credit Collections – DataMax

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Interstate Credit Collections –

DataTax for the Board's review:

NC Debt Set-Off for Property Tax & EMS Accounts	
Cumulative Total to Date Collected -NC Debt Setoff	\$261,657.97
Cumulative Totals	
Cumulative Total to Date Collected-Motor Vehicles	\$141,732.31
Cumulative Total to Date Collected- Property Taxes	\$53,661.30
Cumulative Total to Date Collected - EMS	\$383,376.34
Grant Total to Date Collected - All categories	\$578,769.95

Releases Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases less than \$100 –

Real and Personal Property (September 2016) at the October 10th meeting for the Board's review:

Releases Less Than	\$100 Real/Personal	Property
Name	Bill Number	Amount
Edna Shirlene Bullins	318632-2016-2016	\$25.74
Kenneth Dwight Self	293394-2016-2016	\$4.37
Kenneth Dwight Self	292234-2016-2016	\$16.51
Sandra P Merritt	292229-2016-2016	\$16.73
Vertie Hill	11045-2016-2016	\$49.78
Vertie Hill	308073-2016-2016	\$23.69
CSC Service Works, Inc	5890-2016-2016	\$4.33
Karen Allivato	851244-2016-2016	\$0.97
Karen Allivato	851244-2016-2016	\$0.56
AJ & Associates	851217-2016-25016	\$16.91
AJ & Associates	851217-2016-2015	\$20.42
AJ & Associates	851217-2016-2014	\$23.28
AJ & Associates	851217-2016-2013	\$27.23
AJ & Associates	851217-2016-2012	\$31.63
AJ & Associates	851217-2016-2011	\$2.84
	Total Amount	\$264.99

Tax Codes for Early Payment of Taxes

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Tax Codes for Early Payment of Taxes for the Board's review:

		Tax Bills 2013	Tax Bills 2014	Tax Bills 2015	Tax Bills 2016
General County	G01	\$208,349.26	\$212,322.31	\$213,809.19	\$220,393.82
New School/F-Tech Fund	E01	\$ 13,888.84	\$ 14,152.99	\$ 13,792.77	\$14,216.97
Service Fire District	S01	\$ 11,742.02	\$ 11,899.41	\$ 12,702.91	\$13,958.09
King Fire District	F01	\$ 3,341.76	\$ 3,408.70	\$ 3,534.83	\$3,941.55
Walnut Cove Fire District	F03	\$ 2,099.47	\$ 2,315.81	\$ 2,235.60	\$2,440.16
Rural Hall Fire District	F02	\$ 636.10	\$ 631.19	\$ 648.62	\$748.91
Dogs	D01	\$ 418.01	\$ 345.48	\$ -	\$0.00
City of King	C01	\$ 26,312.13	\$ 26,113.76	\$ 26,086.32	\$26,219.64
Town of Danbury	C04	\$ 290.14	\$ 290.78	\$ 316.87	\$303.62
Town of Walnut Cove	C03	\$ 4,315.97	\$ 4,477.96	\$ 3,985.32	\$4,843.50
Total		\$273,406.70	\$277,972.39	\$277,112.43	\$287,066.26

2016 Values for Public Utilities

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following 2016 Values for Public Utilities for the Board review:

		2015 Values	2016 Values	Revenue Increase/Loss
General County	G01	\$567,058,647	\$583,143,906	\$99,728.62
New School/F-Tech Fund	E01	\$567,058,647	\$583,143,906	\$6,434.10
Service Fire District	S01	\$530,166,649	\$544,894,345	\$37,544.14
King Fire District	F01	\$11,979,426	\$12,132,022	\$713.42
Walnut Cove Fire District	F03	\$11,123,771	\$11,248,747	\$649.93
Rural Hall Fire District	F02	\$2,729,693	\$2,848,278	\$225.42
City of King	C01	\$7,007,047	\$7,718,905	\$3,004.04
Town of Danbury	C04	\$771,704	\$1,224,804	\$1,223.37
Town of Walnut Cove	C03	\$4,052,063	\$4,301,559	\$997.98

Releases More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 –

Real and Personal Property (September 2016) at the October 10th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the October 24th meeting:

Releases More Than \$100	Real/Personal	Property	
Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Betty Dalton Brown	318367-2016-2016	\$804.09	Adjust-Assessed Value-Forestry Use Value
Tammy Dianne Moorefield	849362-2016-2016	<u>\$122.75</u>	Reduced Value of Double Wide Mobile Home
	Total Amount	\$928.84	

Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (September 2016) at the October 10th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the October 24th meeting:

Refunds More Than \$100	Real/Personal	Property	
Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Betty Smith Moser	29152649	\$173.61	Vehicle Sold
Barbara P Tucker	33421536	<u>\$145.68</u>	Surry County SITUS
	Total Amount	\$319.29	

Write-Off Request – Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes from 2000-2006

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Write Off Request for Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes from 2000-2006 at the October 10th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the October 24th meeting:

	Number of	Total Delinquent
	Accounts	Tax
		Balance
Personal Business	29	\$4,592.77
Personal Individual	162	\$18,063.69
Motor Vehicles	2723	\$58,837.47
Total		\$81,493.93

Present-Use Value Late Application

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Present-Use Value Late Application at the October 10th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the October 24th meeting:
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- Taxpayers
 - Joe Bailey Nunn & Marian Gravitte Nunn
- Parcel
 - 5997-00-01-5236
- Acreage
 - 48.45 acres
- Reason
 - Application On-Time – Late Delivery
- Recommendation – Tax Office recommends approval

Late Application for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2016

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Application for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2016 at the October 10th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the October 24th meeting:

- Taxpayer
 - Mark Alvear
- Parcel
 - 5972-02-99-5148
- Property
 - Tract of land and dwelling located at 1368 W Old Phillips Rd, Pinnacle
- Assigned tax value
 - \$37,600
- Recommendation – Tax Office recommends approval

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley requested the following be placed on the October 24th Consent Agenda for consideration for approval:

- Releases More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Write-Off Request – Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes from 2000-2006
- Present-Use Value Late Application
- Late Application for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2016

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford questioned if a team had been put together regarding changes to allow a better collection of EMS bills?

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- As I reported earlier, the county is within similar collection percentages as other counties
- Must take into consideration that so much must be written off in regards to Medicare and Medicaid along with approved insurance amounts
- No other county offered to assist in trying get regulations changed regarding EMS write offs

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Feel this would be a good exercise
- Would be willing to serve on a team
- Seems like write offs are coming every year

Tax Administrator Oakley noted the previous tax administrator did not write off bills that could not be collected.

Tax Administrator Oakley noted that he believed the records should reveal what is actually collectable by the County and not leave uncollectable amounts hanging.

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that Revaluation is going good and on schedule and that a report regarding the Revaluation will be in the November Agenda.

The Board had no issues with the information provided from Tax Administrator Oakley.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus, directed the Clerk to place the following items on the October 24th Consent Agenda:

- Releases More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Write-Off Request – Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes from 2000-2006
- Present-Use Value Late Application
- Late Application for Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2016

Proposed NC Rural Economic Development Broadband Grant Agreement

County Manager Rick Morris presented the Board a proposed Agreement received from Dr. Patricia Mitchell, CECD, Rural Economic Development Division, regarding the \$250,000 allocated by the General Assembly for review and approval.

County Manager Morris noted the following:

- This agreement must be executed by the County in order to get the \$250,000 appropriated by the General Assembly
- County Attorney Ty Browder has reviewed and approved the proposed agreement
- Request the item be moved to today's Action Agenda in order to get the money in the county's account

The Board unanimously agreed to place the item on today's Agenda.

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

Letter of Support – Circulator Transportation Route in King – YVEDDI

County Manager Rick Morris presented a request from YVEDDI for a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners regarding a circulator transportation route in King.

County Manager Morris noted:

- YVEDDI Transportation Director Jeff Cockerham presented the concept at the July League of Government Meeting in King
- Letter of Support will be used for grant purposes
- The first loop will be from King to Danbury and then back to King
- Walnut Cove will be added at a later time
- YVEDDI is planning to apply for a \$150,000 grant that must be matched 50/50
- County's match for the first loop is approximately \$32,254
- City of King's match for the first loop is approximately \$23,486
- Remaining match will come from fees and YVEDDI
- Would request direction from the Board regarding the submission of a support letter

Health Director Scott Lenhart, who serves on the Transportation Stakeholders Committee will be submitting the following support letter:

October 5, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Letter of Support for a Connector Route in Stokes County.

As Stokes County Health Director, I have seen firsthand how the lack of transportation has on individual health care. Many times individuals seen at our health department must decide on health care, rent, food or prescription medicine with a limited source of income. Transportation to our agency and even outside medical facilities is often needed for follow up care or specialty care and because of transportation these individuals often fail to follow through on their medical care.

I am writing to express my support for a Connector Route for the Stokes County area. Providing a scheduled public transportation connector route in Stokes County is very much needed and would bring a variety of opportunities to residents and the businesses as well. The proposed route could help bridge the gap in the mobility needs for seniors, employees, employers, and those people looking to further their education and advance their skills. When asked, transportation is always a major obstacle for low income, disabled or elderly people. The expense of owning, insuring and maintaining a vehicle is beyond many people's ability. A connector route would provide for them a transportation option that they currently do not have.

For seniors and the disabled a connector would assist their independent living by allowing them the opportunity to interact socially and financially in the community while shopping and being able access needed services such as medical appointments. Employees will have reliable transportation to and from work, therefore promoting a steady household income. Employers will benefit by a more stable attendance of employees. Residents will have access to reliable transportation services on a published schedule which will allow them the opportunity to attend classes and obtain the educational services and skill building programs that are offered. This will also encourage self-sustainability and confidence to compete in today's job market.

We would encourage any elected official or grant approval staff to approve and fund this much needed service. Relying on friends, family or taxi service for transportation is often times not feasible. Therefore you have my support for the proposed connector route in Stokes County.

If you have any questions you have my contact at the numbers listed above.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones noted this was a small, but good step in the right direction.

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Believe this could be marked as a medium step in the right direction
- The program would eventually connect the county
- Things are coming together
- It has to start somewhere

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- YVEDDI Board did pass the proposal
- Not sure how it will work, but you just have to try things sometime

The Board unanimously agreed to request the manager to place a letter of support from the Board on the October 24th Action Agenda for consideration.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the County would have an opportunity to review and accept the grant once the grant has been awarded
- Expressed concerns with what happens when the grant funding no longer exists
- Have to consider if you write a letter of support, that normally means you will support the needed funding for the project
- Grants always have a stopping point that tends to be turned over to the county for funding

Commissioner Walker commented:

- My understanding is that the program, when fully operational, should be self-sufficient
- Have to start somewhere
- Have to try something to help transportation issues within the county

The Board agreed to have Director Jeff Cockerham be at the next meeting.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the Action Agenda with a draft support letter for the Board's consideration

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – 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:

- One remaining Civilian appointment

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Booth nominated Robert Knight for the civilian appointment.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman polled the Board:

Commissioner Lankford: Robert Knight

Chairman Inman: Robert Knight

Vice Chairman Booth: Robert Knight

Commissioner Walker: Robert Knight

Commissioner Jones: Robert Knight

Chairman Inman noted that Robert Knight was unanimously approved to serve as a civilian appointment to the Stokes County Fire Commission.

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

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding the Appointment to the Town of Danbury – Planning/Board of Adjustments – ETJ – Regular Member:

- Donnie Mabe was nominated at the September 26th meeting

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 Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Inman polled the Board:

Commissioner Jones: Donnie Mabe
Commissioner Walker: Donnie Mabe
Vice Chairman Booth: Donnie Mabe
Chairman Inman: Donnie Mabe
Commissioner Lankford: Donnie Mabe

Chairman Inman noted that Donnie Mabe was unanimously re-appointed to serve as a ETJ Regular Member for the Town of Danbury – Planning/Board of Adjustments.

Appointments – Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins noted the Walnut Cove Senior Services Advisory Council has one vacancy:

- Council is still seeking recommendations

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 Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the October 24th Action Agenda.

Proposed NC Rural Economic Development Broadband Grant Agreement

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the Proposed NC Rural Economic Development Broadband Grant Agreement presented at today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to approve the Proposed NC Rural Economic Development Broadband Grant Agreement. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

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

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(6).

Commissioner Jones moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(6).

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the opened session of the October 10th 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.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman