

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
NOVEMBER 14, 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, November 14, 2016, at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

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

Chairman Inman delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to approve or amend the November 14, 2016 Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the November 14th Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- Stokes County Operation Medicine Drop Program
 - Total Doses Collected since 2010 = 1,247,880.45
- Our Communities Working Group
 - Our Communities of Northwest Stokes Working Group met with county officials and staff on November 2, 2016
 - Provided the Board of Commissioners with information provided at the November 2nd meeting:
 - Quarterly Report for Third Quarter – 2016
 - Information discussed at the November 2nd meeting
 - Communities Working Group would like to see a draft copy of the transfer agreement so they have an idea of what it would include if/when that point is reached
 - The transfer agreement must be for a public purpose and include language that the property will revert back to the County if not being used for a public purpose
 - Have requested County Attorney Browder draft a copy for the Board to review
 - Would like to know if there are any specific conditions that the Board would like to have included in the transfer agreement

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life “For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding” (Psalms 47:7)

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone to our meeting today
- Francisco Property
 - Attended, along with Commissioner Lankford, the monthly meeting last week regarding the Francisco Property
 - Got the impression from the meeting that the group would like to see a draft transfer agreement as soon as possible
- Attended the Stokes Partnership for Children event, along with Commissioner Lankford, which was a very nice event
- Soil and Water sponsored the recent Area Two Soil and Water Fall Meeting held at Camp Hanes last week
 - Approximately 110 from Area Two attended
 - Had 40 Supervisors attending, the most ever

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Agree with Vice Chairman Booth, my impression from the meeting was that the group would like to see a draft copy as soon as possible

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Welcome everyone here today
- Learned a lot from talking to citizens during this past election; a very positive part of the election process
 - Gives people a chance to express their views and concerns
 - Seems there is some level of controversy with this election; probably more than most that I can remember
 - Hopefully it will all settle down reasonably fast, maybe doing so already
- Hope everyone will keep Commissioner-Elect Mendenhall in their prayers, understand his prognosis is good
 - Know he is looking forward to serving on this Board
- Getting very close to the opening of the new community college with additional expansion in the near future
 - Confirmed with Manager Morris that staff had been through another meeting with the Golden LEAF Foundation to answer specific questions about the grant application for funding for the additional building for vocational and that Golden LEAF will announce the first of December who will be invited to submit a full application for funding
 - Confirmed with Manager Morris that the Forsyth Tech/County application is for \$1.5 million and should be decided by February-March 2017

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Good to see everyone here today
- Apologize for the missed meetings last week – scheduling conflict
- Just did a little math and over the past six (6) years, Operation Medicine Drop has collected almost 2,000 pounds of pills – outstanding achievement
- One thing that has really been on my mind is the results of the sales tax referendum on the ballot 20 (for)/80 (against)
 - Taking this a little personal in the fact that we failed to educate our citizenry on how painless this is, how voluntary, and how fair this would have been to property taxpayers to offset some of the ad valorem taxes
 - Disappointed in that results
 - Not sure we will ever get another opportunity
 - Feel we should have done more educating the public
 - Shocked with the results
 - If we have another opportunity, may want to consider possibly doing some marketing/educating because this is for the good of all

Chairman Inman commented:

- Would certainly agree with Commissioner Jones regarding the sales tax referendum results
- Also very disappointed with the results

- Saw that the results were exactly the same in some adjoining counties
- Feel it was more of people rising up against the establishment
- Let's face it, when you are sitting where we are the establishment

Commissioner Jones responded:

- Some rather large bonds in other counties were voted in

Chairman Inman commented:

- Hope this Board would look at this sales tax again
- Feel it is one of the fairest taxes that you can levy in a county because you have such a small percentage of the people who live in the county that actually pay ad valorem taxes
- Very minimal impact
- Estimated that a family of four spending \$200 a week on groceries would have paid less than \$50 annually for this additional sales tax
- Feel this would have been a very good option

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Anytime you put the word "tax" out, don't care what kind it is, it turns people off
- That is just a proven fact

Chairman Inman responded that he absolutely agreed with Commissioner Lankford's comments.

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Just wanted to mentioned that Stokes Partnership raised approximately \$22,000 match for state funding at their recent event

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Realized that the sales tax referendum that was on the ballot was in trouble by the number of people coming up at the polls and asking questions about the sales tax question that was on the ballot
- It was an indication to me pretty quick that people weren't sure about the tax and what it was going to be used for
- It seemed that a lot of the voters did not have enough information
- Some people did realize and made comments that this would be a fair tax since everyone did not pay property tax and that visitors would be paying the sales tax
- Think we have a couple of years to educate the public and put it back on the ballot in two years

Chairman Inman commented:

- Would like to congratulate Commissioner Walker on his re-election and to Commissioner Elect Ronnie Mendenhall

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 presented the following comments:

A Comparison of Two Food Systems for the Community

I am continuing with my suggestions to make Stokes County the Happiest, Healthiest, Greenest County in the nation. This presentation is a comparison between two agricultural systems and the potential to improve physical, mental, and emotional health in Stokes County

Commercial Agriculture in North America

There is a serious problem with agriculture in North America. As described in a previous document, our agricultural system has progressively undermined, even destroyed, the rich texture and abundant vitality of soil life that is necessary for healthy crops and thereby healthy foods. This extreme loss of nutrition has resulted in an epidemic of degenerative disease and mental and emotional instability. Beginning with mechanization in the early 1900s and continuing with toxic ammonia fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and finally GMOs, we have reduced the mineral content of commercial food products by orders of magnitude.

A recent study, published in the *Journal of Organic Systems*, has linked the widespread use of GMO crops to an increase in 22 diseases. Evidence is mounting that residues of glyphosate, found in Roundup and other herbicides, exist in both plants and animals. They interfere with many metabolic processes.

When we combine the poisoning of our soils and crops with extensive commercial food processing (to increase shelf life), plus adding unnatural chemicals, we have created a perfect storm for the deterioration of physical, mental, and emotional health. Studies show the dramatic increase in degenerative diseases over the past century and these diseases are increasing exponentially.

Because of the rapid acceleration of degenerative disease, we have only a short time to take action. Fortunately, solutions are well known and proven for both a change in agricultural practices to natural organic methods and minimizing the consumption of processed foods which rob us of minerals, vitamins, and enzymes.

We can compare our current agricultural practices with the experience of "blue zones" around the world.

The Amazing Blue Zones

Throughout the world, there are certain locations where people have very few diseases and live long healthy lives to over 100 years. These places are called Blue Zones. The discovery of Blue Zones began with a National Geographic study into the longest living, healthiest cultures in the world.

Applying the principles discovered in these Blue Zones, communities have reduced healthcare claims by 49%. The State of Iowa is aiming to become the healthiest state in the nation by applying the principles discovered in these Blue Zones.

Main Principles

Local foods from Mineral Rich Healthy Soils

Lifestyle Choices:

- Plant-Based Organic Diet
- Modest Exercise – Walking and Gardening
- Quite Time – Meditation, Prayer (Getting to Stillness)
- Living with a Purpose
- Community of Friends with Healthy Lifestyles

Making Meals Healthier in Our Schools and Homes

School Chef Ann Cooper got it right 10 years ago. She has over 40 years' experience as a Chef, 17 years in the schools.

TED Talk – <https://www.ted.com/talks>

Ann Cooper talks schools lunches #t-1162609

Ann Cooper's websites:

<http://www.chefannfoundation.org>

<http://www.saladbars2schools.org>

http://www.the_lunchbox.org - (includes training video)

Community Gardens in the Schoolyard

I have created a gardening concept for ultra-low-cost, raised-bed, organic gardening. We could create extremely low-cost community gardens at every school. Both students and community members could tend the gardens during the growing season. This could be part of the farm to table project. The gardens could provide food for low income families.

We could also create Solar Greenhouses at every school to provide fresh foods during the winter. There are new designs that require no energy for heating. The parents of school children could raise money for these solar greenhouse.

Mr. Sarvasri also spoke on the following:

- Recently spoke to District Attorney Tom Langan who is very interested in reducing recidivism through nutrition
- Also met with Assistant Superintendent Tony George and Director of Child Nutrition Lisa Dillon, Stokes County School System, who are also very interested in doing something in the schools but felt restricted by the USDA regulations
 - They want to find a way to get around the USDA regulations

- Did some research and found out that School Chef Ann Cooper has over 40 years' experience as a chef with 17 years being in the schools
- Another good idea is a community gardens in the schoolyard which could be part of the USDA Farm to School Resources
- Also looking at creating Solar Greenhouses at every school to feed the school children and those in the county that need food
- Have found that the unemployment rate is actually higher than the government actually admits
 - If measured by the old standards that existed before Ronald Reagan, the actual unemployment rate is running at about 23%
 - Feel this is why people are hesitate to vote to increase taxes
 - Lot more people hurting than we realize
 - If you track the way it is calculated, when a person runs out of benefits, they are considered no longer unemployed even though they do not have a job
 - It is just playing with numbers
 - Thought this is something that you should know
- First two interests are the jail and the children, then start the public at large
- One interesting statistic was the Amazing Blue Zone with Iowa wanting to become the healthiest state in the nation by applying the principles discovered in these Blue Zones

Clerk called time.

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 October 24, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes of October 31, 2016 – Special Called Meeting
- Minutes of November 1, 2016 – Emergency Meeting
- Minutes of November 3, 2016 – Recessed Meeting

Emergency Management - Budget Amendment #35

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #35.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Emergency Management				
100.4340.510	Equipment	\$00.00	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00
100.4340.511	Equipment – Non Capitalized	<u>\$7,600.00</u>	<u>\$34,400.00</u>	<u>\$42,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$7,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$50,500.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds from Homeland Security Grant Program to purchase five portable light towers. Stokes County is the grantor for these funds. The portable light towers will be distributed to Stokes, Rockingham, Davidson, Caswell, and Yadkin Counties.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$43,000.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.262	Emergency Management	<u>\$36,000.00</u>	<u>\$43,000.00</u>	<u>\$79,000.00</u>
	Totals	\$36,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$79,000.00

Capital Projects Ordinance

Finance Director Julia Edwards presented the following Capital Projects Ordinance for School Projects for the Board's review and approval at the November 14th meeting:

Capital Project Ordinance

BEIT ORDAINED BY THE Governing Body of the County of Stokes, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is for the paving at Chestnut Grove Middle School, roof at Germanton Elementary School, additional funding for lights at North Stokes High School baseball field, replacement of lights at South Stokes High School baseball field and replacement of lights at Lawsonville Elementary School ball field. Funds being transferred from the Chestnut Grove roofing project.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Chestnut Grove Middle School Roofing Project
Construction – 400.5921.600 - (\$570,949.00)

Chestnut Grove Middle School Paving Project
Construction – 400.5921.601 - \$50,000.00

Germanton Elementary School Roofing Project
Construction – 400.5921.602 - \$400,000.00

North Stokes High School Baseball Field Lights
Construction – 400.5921.603 - \$4,079.00

South Stokes High School Baseball Field Lights
Construction – 400.5921.604 - \$101,870.00

Lawsonville Elementary School Baseball Lights
Construction – 400.5921.605 - \$15,000.00

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Section 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose of making payments as due.

Section 7. The Finance Director is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3.

Section 8. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

Section 9. Copies of this Capital Project Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2016

J. Leon Inman – Chairman

Ernest Lankford - Commissioner

James Booth - Vice Chairman

Jimmy Walker - Commissioner

Ronda Jones - Commissioner

Darlene M. Bullins - Clerk to the Board

Board of Commissioners – Organizational Meeting – Monday, December 5, 2016

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the date of Monday, December 5, 2016 at 10:30 am for the Board's Organizational Meeting for their review and approval at the November 14th meeting.

November 14, 2016

Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 12:00 noon for the Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon for their review and approval at the November 14th meeting.

Equipment Request – Solid Waste Department

County Manager Rick Morris presented the Equipment Request for Solid Waste for the purchase of a scrape blade for the Board's approval (presented at the October 24th meeting).

County Manager Rick Morris also provided Budget Amendment #34 for funding:

Solid Waste - Budget Amendment #34

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #34.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Solid Waste			
100.4720.250	Auto Supplies	\$90,000.00	\$(4,800.00)	\$85,200.00
100.4720.510	Equipment – Non Capitalized	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$4,800.00</u>	<u>\$4,800.00</u>
	Totals	\$90,000.00	\$00.00	\$90,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Auto Supplies to purchase a scrape blade package.

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.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Economic Development - Holder Family Property – Option to Purchase

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Option to Purchase on the Holder Family Property which was presented to the Board of Commissioners at the October 24th meeting:

- Visited the property with Interim Economic Development Director David Sudderth
- Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth will be presenting information in regards to some of the questions the Board had at the October 24th meeting

Interim Economic Development Director David Sudderth presented the following information regarding the Holder Family Property:

- The County of Stokes acquired the options to these parcels of land in 2014 with the hope of being able to promote an economic development site that would be attractive to potential clients
- This project began when Alan Wood was the Economic Development Director
- Believe that the idea behind obtaining these property options was to budget funds each year to further develop the site with the hopes of eventually making it a “Shovel Ready” site
- Shovel ready is when a site is immediately ready for a client to occupy
- To the best of my knowledge, the only activity to take place on the property was a “Phase One” Environmental Assessment associated with the proposed “Project Rover” a few years ago; county was not chosen for the project
- It appears there has been no further activity or attempt to make the necessary improvements to the property with hopes of reaching this “Shovel Ready” status.
- There are (2) two options with (2) two separate property owners
- The Holder property is a 62.535 acre tract and would provide the most useable land for a development site
- The CF Properties, LLC parcel is a 7.97 acre tract that primarily would be used as an access parcel to allow a road to be completed from Newsome Rd. to the Holder property
- The (2) parcels are located within the City of King’s Planning and Inspection jurisdiction
- Any use of the property must be approved by the city
- Spoke with Todd Cox, Planning Director for the City of King and he stated that no solar farm proposal for this site had been submitted
- City of King has amended its ordinance for solar farms
- There are public utilities which are available off of Newsome Rd., but as to date have not been extended to the property

- Currently these sites are marketed as land with the availability of public utility services
- Most of the inquiries that I receive looking for sites are requesting more than just raw land
- Feel that a plan of development with a greater investment in the property will be necessary to draw the type of interest that the county was hoping for when the properties were first optioned
- This follows the path that I think was originally intended
- If the county has an inclination of investing in the improvements necessary for the site, then retaining the option for the property would make sense
- It is my understanding that if the county subordinates its option to the lease it would allow the county to retain its right of "First Refusal" if the solar company finds after their due diligence that the property is unsuitable for their needs
- A solar farm development normally does not create a large increase in the tax base nor does it create substantial employment; however, it may be the best use of the property unless further effort is made to enhance the site
- If the Holder property is released, then I would see no need of keeping the option on the CF Properties, LLC parcel.
- I have been contacted by Carlos Holder, one of the owners of the property
- Mr. Holder stated that his family would like to divest themselves of the property and he mentioned the County buying the property outright and offered the potential of financing the purchase
- City of King would have to approve the placement of a solar farm on the property

Phase One Environmental Assessment

- The assessment includes the following: Inspecting sites to identify potential environmental liabilities, such as, vent or fill pipes to locate USTs, transformers or capacitors to identify potential PCB sources, asbestos containing materials, hazardous chemical storage, and other sources of environmental contamination
- Interviewing property managers to determine historical use and activities at the property
- Reviewing regulatory environmental files maintained by state and local governments
- Reviewing regulatory environmental data bases, such as, the National Priority List (NPL), State Hazardous Waste Sites list, and Leaking UST list, to name a few
- Reviewing neighboring properties to evaluate the potential for off-site contamination
- Researching aerial photographs, soil conservation surveys, city records, environmental liens, and environmental permits
- Reviewing other available environmental information and reports
- As the Interim Economic Development Director I have had few inquiries concerning this property
 - Contacted by a realtor a few months ago and then heard rumors that a company wanted to install a solar farm on the site
 - Emailed a packet concerning the parcels to one perspective client a few weeks ago

- Following up with the prospect, they stated that the site did not fit their needs.
- Carlos Holder Property
 - 62.535 acres
 - PIN# 5991-06-39-0480
 - Option began on June 17, 2014 and ends on June 17, 2019. The option requirements for the county consist of the county paying the yearly property tax on the property until the option runs out. The taxes are paid out of the professional services line item account in the Economic Development Department.
 - Property Tax – Paid in August to receive discount
 - 2014 - \$2,586.65
 - 2015 - \$2,624.79
 - 2016 - \$2,642.78
 - 2017 - ?
 - 2018 - ?
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 - Total Property Tax paid - \$7,854.22 as of November 2016
 - Total expenditure to date for the county to keep the option to the Carlos Holder property is \$7,854.22
- CF Properties, LLC - formerly Mitchell James Properties, LLC
 - 7.97 acres
 - PIN# 5991-06-37-3904
 - Option began on March 20, 2014 and ends on March 31, 2019. The option requirements for the county consists of the county paying the yearly property tax on the property until the option runs out, plus beginning in the calendar year 2016 the county will pay the property owner a “Earnest Money Deposit” for the remaining (3) three option years. The (3) three year total of this “Earnest Money Deposit” is \$4,500.00.
- Earnest Money Deposit Requirements
 - 2014 – Extension “A” Earnest Money – Property Tax levied by Stokes County
 - 2015 – Extension “B” Earnest Money – Property Tax levied by Stokes County
 - 2016 – Extension “C” Earnest Money – Property Tax levied by Stokes County plus \$1,000.00
 - 2017 – Extension “D” Earnest Money – Property Tax levied by Stokes County plus \$1,500.00
 - 2018 – Extension “E” Earnest Money – Property Tax levied by Stokes County plus \$2,000.00
 - Property Tax - Paid in August to receive discount
 - 2014 - \$1,685.66
 - 2015 - \$1,710.52
 - 2016 - \$1,722.24
 - 2017 - ?

- 2018 - ?
- Total Property Tax paid - \$5,118.42 as of November 2016
 - Earnest Money Deposit – Extension C – 2016 is \$1,000.00
 - Total expenditure to date for the county to keep the option to CF Properties, LLC property is \$6,118.42
 - Parcel was basically put under option for the purpose of providing highway access off Newsome Road
- Total County Expenditure for both property options as of November 2016 = \$13,972.64
- Believe former Economic Development Director Alan Wood had plans to request funding each budget cycle to hopefully have a “shovel ready” project
- Parcels would need improvements in order to market the property
- Do not believe this is a marketable parcel
- Holder Property does have access off of Meadowbrook Drive
- My opinion is that there is not enough time before the option expires to do anything to make the parcel more marketable
- Reiterated that the Holder Family wants to get rid of the property

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with County Attorney Browder that purchase price in the agreement to purchase the Holder Property is \$969,000 and the Holder Family would be willing to finance the purchase
- If the County has no intention of buying the property, the County needs to give up the option to purchase
- Confirmed with County Attorney Browder that the option on both parcel expires in June 2019

Interim Economic Development Director David Sudderth commented:

- There is actually nothing right now to show someone except for the land
- Believe that former Director Wood was going to try to get the parcel “shovel ready”

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Agree with Interim Director Sudderth that former Director Wood’s intentions were to develop the property into a ‘shovel ready’ location so that the County would have something to market

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Remember that former Director Wood had a potential buyer for the property that would possibly bring several hundred jobs to Stokes County
- Believe that is why the parcel was put under option

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Trying to connect all the dots
- Seems the main topic regarding the Holder Property is for location of a solar farm

Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth responded:

- Understand that the solar company does not want to enter into a lease with the Holder Family unless the County releases their option to purchase

County Attorney Browder commented:

- Solar Company does not want to enter into a lease as long as the County holds the option to purchase
- Carlos Holder, who is representing the family, does not have the authority to enter into a contract with the solar company as long as the County has the option to purchase

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Questioned County Attorney Browder what his thoughts were regarding the option to purchase?

County Attorney Browder responded:

- County can keep the option to purchase until June 2019 as long as the County continues to pay the property taxes on the Holder Property
- County does have the right to purchase the Holder Property at \$969,000
- If the County does not take any action, the Holder Family will not be able to enter into a lease with the solar company
- Solar company has requested the Holder Family enter into a lease for a potential solar farm
- The proposed lease has a due diligence clause which could take a year
- The solar company would determine if it is feasible to put a solar farm on the Holder Property
- Basically, the County has two (2) options:
 - Can release the option to purchase (County would not have any further option to purchase the property)
 - Subordinate the option to purchase to the lease (advantage would be if the solar company determined it was not feasible to place a solar farm on the parcel, the County would retain its option to purchase)

Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth commented:

- This property is being marketed every day by realtors
- Solar farms do not normally generate a lot of tax revenue
- Solar farms do not create a lot of jobs
- If the County does not have any intentions of enhancing the property in the next year or so, then maybe a solar farm is the best use for the property

Commissioner Walker confirmed with County Attorney Browder the County's options:

- County can do nothing – current option will continue as long as the County pays the property taxes until June 2019
- County can subordinate the option to the solar farm's lease
 - If the solar company decided to not place a solar farm on the property, the County's option to purchase would remain

- If the solar company decided to place a solar farm on the property, the County would have to release its option to purchase
- County can release its option to purchase
- If the County chose to release its option to purchase the Holder Property, recommend the County release its option to purchase the CF Properties, since it was placed under option to access the Holder Property

Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth commented:

- Need to keep in mind that the County started paying earnest money (\$1,000.00) for the CF Properties in 2016 and that earnest money increases in 2017 and 2018
- If the County continues to keep the option to purchase, the County would need to decide where the County goes from now regarding the two parcels

Commissioner Walker confirmed with County Attorney Browder that the Holder Family is very much interested in entering into a contract with the solar company.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Seems I always come up with a different perspective
- Remember this option regarding the two parcels
- Do remember the goal was to hopefully make the parcel “shovel ready”
- County has already spent \$13,972.64 to hold the two parcels that we can’t use
- Certainly can’t afford to buy it
- In favor of the solar farm
- Could not have a more cleaner or quieter industrial business in the area
- See a plus with a solar farm that can partner with Duke Energy
- Considering the subordinate option, but can go with releasing both parcels
- Need to move on and see what happens

Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth commented:

- If the County subordinates the lease and it takes the solar company a year to do the due diligence, it will probably be sometime in early 2018 before a decision is made
- If the solar company decides not to place a solar farm on the parcel, that only leaves about a year and a half for the county to do something to enhance the property

Commissioner Jones continued:

- Could go with releasing both parcels, but will consider subordinating the lease if other members of the Board feel strongly about seeing what happens with the parcel

Chairman Inman commented:

- Right now the nation’s economy still faces a very uncertain future in the industrial development side, that is what this property is – raw land with really no infrastructure
- Site planning costs for this parcel is going to be phenomenal
- You buy an investment property to made a good return on investment such as the Venable property purchased by the County

- Do not believe it would be a good investment for the County
- Believe in leaving investments up to the investors who have plenty of money
- Don't see it getting better

Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth commented:

- Most developers do not want raw land
- Most developers want buildings with high ceilings, good locations, etc.
- This land will be marketed even if the solar farm does not work out

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- When this site was being considered, there were only two other sites in the running
- Do not believe the County needs to continue the option

Chairman Inman commented:

- There are some good options in the County such as Pinnacle

Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth noted the need to partner with the City of King if there were future plans for this site.

Interim Economic Development Director Sudderth continued:

- Recommend the County releases its option to purchase due to the lack of time and funding

Commissioner Walker confirmed with County Attorney Browder that the solar company has up to one year to do the due diligence.

Chairman Inman commented:

- County basically has three options
 - Release its option to purchase
 - Subordinate the lease
 - Do nothing and continue to pay the taxes and earnest money

Commissioner Walker questioned if the County had to give the solar company a year to do the due diligence?

County Attorney Browder responded that it was not up to the County to determine how long the solar company needs or wants to do due diligence.

Chairman Inman questioned what was the pleasure of the Board regarding the Holder Family Property?

The Board discussed releasing both parcels.

The Board unanimously agreed to release its option to purchase both parcels and to place the item on today's Action Agenda in order for the Holder Family to move forward with the solar company.

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

Social Services Monthly Report

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

- Metrics (As of October 2016):
 - Income Maintenance
 - NC FAST – In Compliance
 - Child Care to go live in January 2017
 - WorkFirst – In Compliance
 - 66 open cases
 - 118 participants
 - FNS – In Compliance
 - 2,831 open cases
 - 5,969 participants
 - \$448,167 in benefits delivered
 - Children's Medicaid – In Compliance
 - Medical Assistance
 - 7,925 open cases
 - 8,925 participants
 - Special Assistance:
 - 188 open cases
 - Child Support – In Compliance
 - Serving 1,350 children with collections at \$207,220
 - Program Integrity – In Compliance
 - 170 open cases
 - Collected \$7,663 with \$977.62 of collections retained in county
 - Child Day Care – In Compliance
 - 181 children on waiting list for service
 - \$91,434 spent
 - Foster Care
 - Foster Care Services – Needs Improvement
 - 100 children in custody during the month of October and monitoring 2 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
- 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
- Adoptions – In Compliance
 - Four (4) adoptions completed this month
- Child Protective Services
 - Investigations – In Compliance
 - Received 51 reports involving 47 children
 - There were 27 reports accepted for investigation
 - Have 50 active CPS investigations are open
 - Case Management – In Compliance
 - (15) open cases
 - Assists to other Counties
 - (9) assists
- Adult Services
 - Adult Protective Services – In Compliance
 - Received 4 reports
 - (2) reports were screened
 - (2) reports received an offer services visit
 - Guardianship – In Compliance
 - Have 30 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
 - One complaint received this month
 - Family Caregiver Program
 - (15) open cases
 - SA IH/MAC – In Compliance
 - (76) open cases
 - CAP DA– In Compliance
 - (67) 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
 - No 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
 - Currently fully staffed
- Medicaid Transportation – In Compliance
 - (457) clients served
 - \$59,604 spent on transportation
- Clerical – In Compliance
 - (1,253) Walk Ins
 - (1) Fishing License disbursed
 - (38) Voter Registrations turned in
- Family Caregiver Month – 2016
 - November 2016
 - Urge all citizens to acknowledge and support family, friends, and neighbors who are helping those with special needs
 - The theme for National Family Caregivers Month is “Take Care to Give Care”
- National Adoption Month
 - November 2016
 - Out of the 100 children that Stokes County has in custody, 23 of them are legally free for adoption
 - 8 are ages 0-5
 - 6 are ages 6-10
 - 4 are ages 11-14
 - 5 are ages 15-17
 - Of the 23 children free for adoption, 19 of them are in pre-adoptive placement waiting for the paperwork/court work to be completed so the adoptions can be finalized

DSS Director Elmes commented:

- Things going pretty good, but had a hard time putting yellow on foster care on the metrics with 100 children in custody; wished I could have put a color between yellow and red

DSS Director Elmes provided the Board with information from Northwoods regarding the Electronic Document Management for Social Work Programs along with information of which other counties are using parts of the Social Work Program.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that it seems that the older children in foster care have more difficulty in being adopted than the younger children
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that most teens usually age out of foster care
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that kids who age out of foster care are not tracked by DSS, but could be tracked in other systems

Commissioner Walker commented:

- Happy to see foster care yellow instead red
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the slight decrease in foster children (only a few) prodded yellow this month instead of red
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that caseloads are over capacity and that the agency could go to court next week and get 10 more kids
- Encouraged by the progress that the report indicates
- Unless I am missing something, feel Director Elmes is very interested in the Northwoods program

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Very interested for the sake of the employees and the department
- Noted that there are different combinations of Northwoods program
- Believe Child Support and Income Maintenance are fine right now
- Social Workers really need this program
- Have several options that the County can consider with the Northwoods programs
- County can either rent or buy the software program
- Program will save social work time which saves money
- Program can also help employee burnout and keep employees from leaving

Commissioner Walker continued:

- Spoke to Northwood representatives at the County Commissioners' Annual Conference
- Very interested in the program
- Very interested in the manager's take on this program
- Have heard a lot of good things from the counties that are already using the programs

Vice Chairman Booth commented:

- Encouraged with the improvements since May and June
- During budget time, all I could see was red
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the department is fully staffed at the moment except for the part time temporary worker to assist with transportation and monitoring foster care visits
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the metrics should stay out of the red if the department is able to train new employees and retain employees unless there is an increase in foster care children

- Encouraged with metrics before May, in a month's time, it went red everywhere and now back to no red
- Commend you on what you have done to bring it back to yellow with no red

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Appreciate information from DSS Director Elmes regarding the Northwoods so that the Board can take time to review before discussion
- Feel like Vice Chairman Booth, we are making some headway which says a lot to you and your staff

Chairman Inman expressed his appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the DSS staff.

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation for the monthly report.

Tax Administration Report – October 2016

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the October 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	\$11,914,858.19		\$8,505,552.81
Percentage = 58.35%				
New Schools F-Tech Fund	\$1,317,445.00	\$785,516.09		\$531,928.91
Percentage = 59.62%				
Prior Taxes				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$450,000.00	\$227,570.89		\$222,429.11
Percentages = 50.57%				

Releases More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (October 2016) at the November 14th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the November 28th meeting:

Releases More Than \$100	Real/Personal	Property	
Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Joe Bailey Nunn	293740-2016-2016	<u>\$870.98</u>	Forestry Use Value Approved for 2016 by BOCC
	Total Amount	\$870.98	

Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (October 2016) at the November 14th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the November 28th meeting:

Refunds More Than \$100	Real/Personal	Property	
Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Michael W Livengood	32657026	<u>\$112.73</u>	Vehicle Sold
	Total Amount	\$112.73	

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

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 November 28th Consent Agenda:

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

2017 Revaluation – Update

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following 2017 Revaluation Update:

- The bulk of our sales analysis have been completed and most temporary Real Property Values have been established; however, will continue to monitor sales trends with the tentative values already established by the Appraisal Department subject to change prior to the final taxpayer notification of new assessments in February 2017
- At this time, the best projections for the 2017 Revaluation reflect approximately a three (3%) overall total County Real Property Value increase from our current levels
- The majority of the increase in value will be residences (homes) and businesses (commercial buildings).
- Vacant land sales are showing very little increase
- The amount of Real Property increase will vary from neighborhood to neighborhood and parcel to parcel across the County, depending upon the location and individual property characteristics
- At the January 9, 2017 Board of Commissioners' meeting, the Tax Office will plan to present the Board a spreadsheet report and map graph layout, outlining the Assessed Value changes reflected in the 2017 Revaluation by township and municipality

- The temporary part time appraisal position that was approved by the Board of Commissioners for September-October has been very helpful in providing the needed assistance in moving our Revaluation closer to completion
- It was greatly appreciated and do not see the need for any additional help for the months of November and December
- Depending upon the number of inquiry calls and Real Property Value Appeals received following the notification of new values in February, it may become necessary for the Tax Office to approach the Board and request an additional two months of temporary part time appraisal help for the March-April time frame
- Analysis of sales trends will continue for the balance of 2016, with final value notifications being mailed to taxpayers during February of 2017

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

Chairman Inman confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that the County was on track with the 2017 Revaluation and that a full detailed report would be presented to the Board at a January 2017 meeting.

The Board discussed the projected 3% overall total County Real Property Value increase with Tax Administrator Oakley.

Commissioner Lankford extended his appreciation for the Revaluation update.

Commissioner Walker noted with only a 3% property value increase, it was going to make this next fiscal year's budget even more difficult.

Chairman Inman commented:

- Real estate market continues to be strong
- North Carolina continues to be a destination state
- Our tax department does an excellent job with placing fair market values on property

Vice Chairman Booth confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that the projection 3% increase in value would produce approximately \$450,000 to \$500,000.

Tax Administrator Oakley also noted that the new 2016 construction growth will be included in the 2017 Revaluation.

Commissioner Walker noted that there was some rather large homes being built across the County.

Chairman Inman expressed appreciation to Tax Administrator Oakley for the 2017 Revaluation Update.

Fair Labor Standards Act – Exempt versus Non-Exempt

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the new Fair Labor Standards Act regarding Exempt positions being changed to Non-Exempt on or before December 1, 2016:

- All exempt employees must have an annual salary of at least \$47,476.
- The County has the following exempt positions that do not meet the new annual salary standard of \$47,476:

DSS

Admin. Officer - DSS
Child Support Supervisor I
Income Maint. Administrator I
Income Maint. Supervisor II
Income Maint. Supervisor II
Social Work Supervisor II
Social Work Supervisor III
Social Work Supervisor III

District Resources

District Resource Director

EMS

Training Officer

Health Department

Admin. Officer - Health

Senior Services

Senior/Program Director

Sheriff's Department

Detective Lieutenant
Detective Lieutenant
LT/Dare/SRO/ Comm Prog Officer
Jail Captain

Tax Department

Assistant Tax Administrator

Vehicle Maintenance

Vehicle Maint. Supervisor

Veterans

Veteran Service Officer

- The County has two options:
 - Classify these employees as non-exempt employees who will now start accruing compensatory time for any hours worked over their standard schedule
 - Bring the employee's annual salary to \$47,476 which will have an annual estimated cost of \$148,908.65
 - Salary = \$128,043.89
 - Fringes (FICA, 401(k), Retirement) = \$20,864.76
- Manager's recommendation would be to reclassify these positions to non-exempt effective 12-01-2016.

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board discussed those employees, if approved to be classified as non-exempt, would accrue compensatory time and the cost to increase each employee's salary to \$47,476,

Commissioner Lankford and Vice Chairman Booth both noted that compensatory time would be monitored by the Department Head.

The Board had no issues with County Manager's recommendation to reclassify the positions presented to Non-Exempt.

Commissioner Walker confirmed that the positions could be reverted back to exempt once the salary exceeds the \$47,476 if approved by the Board.

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.

Proposed Bid – Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a proposed bid for Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property:

- Per NC General Statutes 160A-269, an advertisement for upset bids was placed in the Stokes News along with being posted on the County Web Page pertaining to the sale of tax foreclosed surplus parcel 6979-03-43-7584, Deed/Page 661/820 – Lot 7 Delta Acres
- Total outstanding taxes and legal fees are \$1,900.77
- Upset bid process started on September 29, 2016 and ended on October 10, 2016

- Initial Bid = \$2,045.81 received from Brandon Inscore (presented to the BOCC at their September 26, 2016 meeting)
- There was no upset bid
- The Board of Commissioners has the option of accepting or rejecting the offer from Brandon Inscore
- Tax Administrator Jake Oakley and Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall recommend accepting Mr. Inscore's offer to purchase this tax foreclosed surplus property for \$2,045.81

Chairman Inman opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with the bid received from Brandon Inscore.

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

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

Appointments – Triad Community Board – Cardinal Innovations & CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors – Discussion

Chairman Inman presented the following information regarding the appointments for the Triad Community Board and CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors:

- CenterPoint Human Services – Board of Directors
 - Final meeting to address dissolution of the CenterPoint Board is scheduled for January 26, 2017
 - Chairman Inman will be attending with no voting privileges
 - Chairman Inman is no longer eligible to serve as a voting member
- Triad Community Board – Cardinal Innovations
 - First meeting scheduled for January 19, 2017
 - Appointments Needed:
 - Client or Family Member – Chairman Inman has agreed to serve if so desired by the Board
 - Community Stakeholder – Pam Tillman has agreed to serve if so desired by the Board
 - Commissioner or designee

The Board discussed holding off appointments until the new Board is seated in December.

Commissioner Walker confirmed with Chairman Inman that CEO Tillman has requested to be nominated for the new Triad Community Board.

Chairman Inman commented:

- The meetings for the new Triad Community Board will be quarterly at North Point in Winston Salem

The Board unanimously agreed to hold off appointments until the new Board is seated on December 5, 2016.

Chairman Inman, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the appointments on the first meeting in December.

Appointments – Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCPC)

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following recommendation from the JCPC:

- Re-Appointments:
 - Gina Calloway King Parks & Rec.
 - James Booth County Commissioner
 - Kim Palmer BOCC Appointee
 - Stacey Elmes Stokes
 - Barbara Stevens BOCC Appointee
 - Tamara Veit Stokes SCAN
 - Rusty Slate Chief Court Counselor
 - Terri Fowler Unlimited Success
- New Members:
 - Stephanie Tuttle Stokes Friends of Youth
 - Tiffany Cole BOCC Appointee
 - Melanie Tudor Youth Haven
 - Brittany Newsome Insight
- Resignations:
 - Clyde Stewart Stokes Friends of Youth
 - Jeff Matkins Insight
- All re-appointments and new appointments will term 06-30-2018
- Officers for Fiscal Year 2016-17:
 - Chairperson – Kim Palmer
 - Vice Chair – Gina Calloway
 - Secretary – Tiffany Cone

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Booth nominated the following:

- Re-Appointments:
 - Gina Calloway King Parks & Rec.

- James Booth County Commissioner
- Kim Palmer BOCC Appointee
- Stacey Elmes Stokes
- Barbara Stevens BOCC Appointee
- Tamara Veit Stokes SCAN
- Rusty Slate Chief Court Counselor
- Terri Fowler Unlimited Success
- New Members:
 - Stephanie Tuttle Stokes Friends of Youth
 - Tiffany Cole BOCC Appointee
 - Melanie Tudor Youth Haven
 - Brittany Newsome Insight

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus, directed the Clerk to place the nominations on the November 28th Action Agenda.

Appointment – Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation (PTRDC)

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding re-appointment of Commissioner Ernest Lankford to the Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation:

- PTRDC requests the re-appointment of Commissioner Ernest Lankford for another three (3) term
- Commissioner Lankford has served since 2014 and has agreed to serve

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Booth nominated Commissioner Ernest Lankford.

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Inman, with full consensus, directed the Clerk to place the nomination on the November 28th Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Appointments – Stokes Aging Planning Committee

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins presented the following information regarding appointments to the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee:

- Vacancy – Resignation from Erma Perkins
- Stokes County Aging Planning Committee will be meeting in December to discuss recommendations
- Board has the option to nominate an appointee for consideration

Chairman Inman opened the floor for nominations.

There were no nominations from the Board.

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, directed the Clerk to place the appointment on the November 28th Action Agenda.

Economic Development - Holder Family Property – Option to Purchase

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the Option to Purchase the Holder Family Property discussed at today's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to release/terminate its Option to Purchase the Carlos Holder Property (5991-06-39-0480) and the CF Properties, LLC (5991-06-37-3904). Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fair Labor Standards Act – Exempt versus Non-Exempt

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the County Manager Rick Morris' recommendation to reclassify the following exempt positions presented at today's meeting to non-exempt:

DSS

Admin. Officer - DSS
Child Support Supervisor I
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Income Maint. Supervisor II
Income Maint. Supervisor II
Social Work Supervisor II
Social Work Supervisor III
Social Work Supervisor III

District Resources

District Resource Director

EMS

Training Officer

Health Department

Admin. Officer - Health

Senior Services

Senior/Program Director

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Detective Lieutenant
Detective Lieutenant
LT/Dare/SRO/ Comm Prog Officer
Jail Captain

Tax Department

Assistant Tax Administrator

Vehicle Maintenance

Vehicle Maint. Supervisor

Veterans

Veteran Service Officer

Commissioner Lankford moved to reclassify the following exempt positions to non-exempt:

DSS

Admin. Officer - DSS
Child Support Supervisor I
Income Maint. Administrator I
Income Maint. Supervisor II
Income Maint. Supervisor II
Social Work Supervisor II
Social Work Supervisor III
Social Work Supervisor III

District Resources

District Resource Director

EMS

Training Officer

Health Department
Admin. Officer - Health
Senior Services
Senior/Program Director
Sheriff's Department
Detective Lieutenant
Detective Lieutenant
LT/Dare/SRO/ Comm Prog Officer
Jail Captain
Tax Department
Assistant Tax Administrator
Vehicle Maintenance
Vehicle Maint. Supervisor
Veterans
Veteran Service Officer

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Bid -- Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property

Chairman Inman entertained a motion regarding the proposed Bid for Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property presented at today's meeting:

Commissioner Jones moved to accept the bid from Brandon Inscore in the amount of \$2,045.81 for surplus tax foreclosed Property (parcel #6979-03-43-7584). 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 Lankford moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and

fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(6).

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the opened session of the November 14th meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman