

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
MARCH 13, 2017

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, March 13, 2017, at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Jimmy Walker
Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford
Commissioner James D. Booth
Commissioner Ronda Jones
Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
County Attorney Tyrone Browder
Finance Director Julia Edwards
DSS Director Stacey Elmes
Tax Administrator Jake Oakley

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins – absent

Chairman Jimmy Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance for today's meeting.

INVOCATION

Chairman Walker asked Commissioner Booth to deliver the invocation.

Commissioner Booth invited those who wished to join in the invocation to please do so.

Commissioner Booth delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to approve or amend the March 13, 2017

Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the March 13th Agenda as presented.

County Manager Rick Morris requested to add the following item to today's Discussion

Agenda:

- Request from Durward Bennett and others for a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners regarding a restoration project for the old Palmetto Theatre in Walnut Cove

Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford requested to remove Item (b) – Discussion Agenda –

Opioid Issue in Stokes County – Further Discussion.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Would like to remove the item due to not having enough time to collect all the information needed for discussion

Chairman Walker commented:

- Item (b) contains additional information regarding the Opioid Issue in Stokes County for the Board's review and discussion if so desired by the Board

Chairman Walker asked Commissioner Jones if she would be willing to withdraw her motion due to the items being requested to be added and deleted had not been presented to the Board before her motion.

Commissioner Jones withdrew her motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the March 13th Agenda with the removal of Item (b) Opioid Issue in Stokes County – Further Discussion (Discussion Agenda) and the addition (Discussion Agenda) for a letter of support regarding a restoration project for the old Walnut Cove Palmetto Theatre. Vice Chairman Lankford seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with County Manager Morris that the letter of support being requested from the Board of Commissioner is to be used for grant applications for the restoration of the old Palmetto Theatre in Walnut Cove.

County Manager Morris noted that the group has already received a Resolution regarding the restoration project from the Town of Walnut Cove.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- My understanding was that an item being requested to be removed or added had to be voted on by the Board
- Don't see that has been done unless it is going to be considered with the motion to approve the Agenda as a whole
- There was a request to add an item and a request to remove an item
- There has not been a vote for either item
- Is the passing of the Agenda going to be the vote?

Chairman Walker commented:

- Would like to defer Commissioner Jones' question to County Attorney Ty Browder regarding his legal view on protocol on how to deal with this issue

County Attorney Ty Browder responded:

- Feel it can be done either way
- Can vote on the Agenda as it has been proposed to be amended or vote on each item separately
- It might be clearer if you vote on each individual item
- Would suggest to vote on each individual item to make it clearer for the record

Chairman Walker commented:

- The Board has heard the County Attorney's recommendation to vote on each item individually

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- County Attorney Browder also stated it could be done either way - individually or as a whole

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Recommend each item being requested to be added or deleted be voted on separately
- Believe it would be clearer that way

Chairman Walker asked Commissioner Mendenhall if he would be willing to withdraw his motion.

Commissioner Mendenhall withdrew his motion.

Vice Chairman Lankford withdrew his second to Commissioner Mendenhall's motion.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding County Manager Morris' request to add a letter of support regarding the Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project in Walnut Cove.

Commissioner Jones moved to add a letter of support regarding the Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project in Walnut Cove to today's Discussion Agenda. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walker noted the letter of support for the Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project in Walnut Cove would be Item (e) on the Discussion Agenda.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding Vice Chairman Lankford's request to remove Item (b) Opioid Issue in Stokes County – Further Discussion from today's Discussion Agenda.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to remove Item (b) Opioid Issue in Stokes County – Further Discussion from today's Discussion Agenda. Commissioner Booth seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Feel it is only courteous, since our Director is in attendance at today's meeting, to keep the item on today's Discussion Agenda
- Don't think any of us are totally prepared for the item
- Do not want to lose the momentum of this subject currently in our County

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- When I made the request, I made a comment about this subject matter is not something that is going to be simple and fast with something coming out positive
- It is going to take some time
- I need more time to gather additional information other than what has been provided
- I want that time to get additional information
- That is the reason why I requested to delete the item from today's Discussion Agenda
- Do not see any major issue with the request to delete the item

Commissioner Jones responded:

- That is a matter of opinion

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- It is a matter of opinion
- That is the reason I am requesting the deletion
- It does not have anything to do with anyone
- It does not have anything to do with the issue at hand
- I personally feel this is a large problem that needs to be looked at thoroughly
- Need to have all the information that I can have before I can rationally discuss it
- That is the reason I am asking

Commissioner Booth commented:

- The more information you have, the better you can discuss it
- There are some things not clear in the information we have received
- I would like to have more information concerning the issue

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- I have spoken to Chairman Walker and told him that I thought I needed more information also
- I want to get this right
- I know we can listen, but if I do not do my due diligence on this issue, I feel that I am not serving the people of Stokes County

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Maybe this should have been put on the Information Agenda
- I am not under the impression that there was any decision being asked to be made regarding the item other than to just learn
- Perhaps it is under the wrong category

Chairman Walker commented:

- One reason that I have always thought items were placed on the Discussion Agenda was to determine if more information is needed and to decide what further information is needed
- I think we have done that with other items many times in other meetings
- By having an open discussion, by having staff in attendance, by having others who support an item in attendance who have pertinent information; we can flush out what other information is needed
- Don't recall ever trying to press this Board prior to being Chairman, while serving as Chairman or during a prior Chairmanship
- Don't ever remember trying to force the Board into a premature decision
- Have always been one who believes discussion and communication are the keys to effectively working together regarding whatever issue is brought before this Board
- That is how I view this item that is on today's Discussion Agenda
- As far as the Opioid Issue in Stokes County, I agree with Vice Chairman Lankford, there is no easy answer, but we need to be working on it
- That issue is killing our people

- It is making drug addicts out of some of our young folks
- People are having their lives messed up and they will never be the same again
- So to defer action on something of this critical nature, an emergency in our County, even if it is one aspect of it, to me it is not the most responsible decision this Board can make
- However, as you have heard me say many times, I am one person on a five-person Board
- I know how I am going to vote
- I know when it comes to any issue that deals with the Opioid Issue, whether it is something that may not be quite right or something that is the best thing we can do, if it has any potential in moving us in the right direction, I am going to support it
- To wait is not always the best answer
- I don't know what information Vice Chairman Lankford needs
- I will be glad to help him get it, whether we discuss it today or not
- I just don't see a downside to discussing the issue today
- I don't know what I have missed

The motion carried (3-2) with Chairman Walker and Commissioner Jones voting against the motion to remove the item from the Agenda.

Chairman Walker stated the Item (b) Opioid Issue in Stokes County – Further Discussion would be removed from today's Discussion Agenda.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding today's Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the March 13th Agenda as amended.

Chairman Walker noted the amended Agenda added the letter of support regarding the old Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project in Walnut Cove and deleted the Opioid Issue in Stokes County – Further Discussion.

Chairman Walker called the question.

The motion carried (3-2) with Chairman Walker and Commissioner Jones voting against the motion.

Commissioner Booth questioned if there was a second to his motion to approve the March 13th Agenda as amended.

Chairman Walker stated with no second, the motion dies for lack of a second.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the approval of the March 13th Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the March 13th Agenda as amended.

Vice Chairman Lankford seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker asked County Attorney Browder exactly where this motion stands.

County Attorney Browder responded:

- The Board has before them a motion and a second to approve the March 13th Agenda as amended

Chairman Walker commented:

- That is the same motion that did not get a second the first time

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Think that was a result of some confusion
- Do not think there was any intent to not have a second to the motion
- Recommendation would be to vote on the motion that is currently on the floor to approve the March 13th Agenda as amended

Chairman Walker called the question.

The motion carried (3-2) with Chairman Walker and Commissioner Jones voting against the motion.

COMMENTS – Commissioners/Manager

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

County Manager Rick Morris commented:

- Remind the Board that the Special Session to meet with the County's Legislative Delegation is Friday, March 31, 2017 at 11:00 am (third floor conference room)
 - Representative Kyle Hall has confirmed his attendance
 - Senator Shirley Randleman is unsure at this time if she will be able to attend due to committee meetings in Raleigh

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies"

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Would like to thank everyone for being at today's meeting
- Those attending today's meeting shows me that they are interested in Stokes County Government

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Would like to welcome and thank everyone for being at today's meeting
- Would like to remind everyone that Farmer Appreciation Day is Thursday, April 6th
 - Everyone is invited to attend
 - There will be live entertainment and lots of good food
- Hope the Board has received the Soil and Water Newsletter which highlights what is being done in Stokes County

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Glad to see everyone here today
- Would like express my apologies for having to leave the meeting at 3:30 pm today due a family crisis and also a phone crisis
- Would like to note that our Clerk to Board Darlene Bullins is absent from today's meeting due to the death of her sister

Chairman Walker commented:

- Without objection, will excuse Commissioner Jones at 3:30 pm today to attend to some urgent matters
- Also would like to invite everyone to the Farmer Appreciation Day event; it is a great event for everyone, not just farmers
- Would like to welcome everyone here today for whatever reason you have attended the meeting
- Feel government does best when it is transparent and open
- You will understand more of how government works when you attend the meetings, hear the discussion, and see the vote
- Walmart had a preopening on Sunday, Commissioner Booth and myself attended the event
 - Very nice store
 - Probably going to be well used
 - Will help bring in additional revenue into the County (property tax and sales tax)
 - Would like to commend the King City Council for getting Walmart into Stokes County, could have been just a short distance away in Forsyth County – giving Forsyth County the additional revenue from property tax and sales tax
 - Grand Opening – scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30 am

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Walker 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. Each person speaking will have the floor during their three (3) minutes.

The following spoke during Public Comments:

Robert Phillips
1626 Johnson Road
King, NC
Re: Fracking

Mr. Phillips presented the following comments:

- Thank you for this opportunity to speak today
- Have some facts and figures for the Board
- A single fracking well can use up to 8 million gallons of water per operation
- A well can be fracked up to 20 times during its useful life's span
- To give you some idea of that amount of water, 8 million gallons of water is the amount of water that flows in the Dan River passed the Pine Hall measuring station approximately every 65 minutes or about 2,000 truckloads of water
- That equals about 34,000 pounds of water per truck that pushes the total weight of every truck close to North Carolina's legal limit of approximately 80,000 pounds
- Let's assume it takes about 10 days to frack a well which is one and a half weeks to drill and pump
- So in order to get that 8 million gallons to the well, it would take a string of trucks coming in and out at a rate of 200 trucks a day on our secondary roads and highways
- Each well also takes up to 40,000 gallons of chemicals
- There are some 600 or so chemicals used in the fracking fluid including known carcinogens and toxics such as lead, benzene, uranium, radium, methanol, mercury, hydrochloric acid, ethylene glycol and formaldehyde; those are just the ones that I can pronounce
- You know that if you can't pronounce the names, they can't be good for you
- Most of the chemical solutions used by the fracking companies are proprietary so we don't have any idea of what is really going into the ground
- During this fracking process, methane gas and a lot of the toxic chemicals leach out from the well and contaminate nearby ground water
- Some of this wastewater contains radioactivity at levels higher than what is safe for human contact
- In addition, this wastewater that been estimated to be more than 1 million gallons is not recovered from the well contains mineral salts that render the water with a higher level than sea water
- Whenever this leaches into the ground water sources, it renders these sources unusable for untold years, if ever
- A contaminated aquifer can spread hazardous chemicals for hundreds of miles underground so the damage effect is spread out over hundreds of square miles
- It has been documented that residents near fracking sites have an overall radon concentration almost 40% higher than those located in non-fracking sites
- Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer

Three minute time limited called.

Sri Ananda Sarvasri
1060 Tyler Road
Walnut Cove, NC
Re: Happy, Healthy, & Green

Mr. Sarvasri presented the following comments:

- It is painfully obvious that we have a health crisis in America
- All research points to our junk-food lifestyle that alters our biochemistry and neurochemistry
- With so many unhealthy people, we can never reduce the cost of healthcare or health insurance
- We know that cancer, for example, did not exist 100 years ago
- All the diseases that we see, the mental and emotional issues, the opioid epidemic are all a result of our lifestyle
- We need to make some changes
- No new insurance plan will help
- Stokes County can change the health landscape locally by doing one thing - stop supporting junk food
- Remove unnatural chemicals from our County
- Issue a memo to all County offices to stop purchasing junk food
- Have seen junk food given to children after an afternoon school program
- Health Department has junk food machines in their lobby; can't imagine our Health Department has junk food machines
- These 10 junk-lifestyle companies and subsidiaries are responsible for untold suffering and the premature death of millions of people
- We should not support them
- Provide a partial list of junk food providers
- We all know junk food when we see it
- County employees should understand how much it is hurting our County
- Instead, we should support healthy, organic foods, and snacks – real food, not fake food
- This is a beginning to stop our addictive culture
- Thank you

Lisa Lawless
1114 Lorenza Nelson Road
Westfield, NC
Librarian - Danbury Public Library
Danbury, NC
Re: Kyle Hall Visit

Ms. Lawless presented the following comments:

- Would like to invite you to see Representative Kyle Hall at the King Library on March 24th from 4-6 pm
- Will be showing Representative Hall new things that are going on in the public library
- Libraries have had visitors from Washington State and China

- Hope to see everyone at the King Library on March 24th

Ellen Peric

1095 Wheeler Smith Road

Lawsonville, NC

Re: Arts Update

Ms. Peric presented the following comments:

- I just wanted to give you all an update on the Arts Council events.
- We just wrapped up the Winter Dessert Theater Series. It kicked off with “Jimmy, The James Dean Story” – a one man play starring our own Colin Anderson – excellent performance from Colin
 - We had about 90 people attend the matinee show and about 65 the evening show. Next came “Mandela, Let Freedom Reign” – a play that has recently toured in Europe
 - We also provided this play to South Stokes High School; the students gave it a standing ovation
 - Both shows at the Arts Place were well attended. Finally we finished with “Bell Bottom Girls” a musical tribute to the 70’s
 - Again, both shows were well attended.
- We have received a lot of our retail furniture for the Arts Place Market
 - These pieces were made by the local company, Fable Porch, owned by Mark and Angela Mabe on Bob Mabe Road – outstanding pieces of furniture
 - We encourage everyone to come see them.
- We have “Stokes Uncorked” continuing – this is a painting class for adults
 - Each class has sold out and we have classes coming up March 24th and April 7th.
- Currently in the Apple Gallery we are featuring Mike Davis and Rebecca Dresser
 - Mike does woodworking and has large and small pieces on display and for sale
 - Rebecca works in photography and painting.
- Showing at Hanging Rock State Park now we have Lane Watson, a photographer.
- The show of the season comes to the Arts Place this weekend March 18th: John Cowan visits again
 - He has been coming yearly for several years now
 - Normally we schedule him for South Stokes Auditorium, but he asked to perform in the new Arts Place
 - Eddy has kept him abreast of our building progress and he wants to support us.
- Come out and experience some Art!

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation to those who spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of February 27, 2017 -- Regular Meeting

Social Services - Budget Amendment #61

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #61.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	Social Services			
100.5480.000	Crisis Intervention	<u>\$144,408.00</u>	<u>\$(20,000.00)</u>	<u>\$124,408.00</u>
	Totals	\$144,408.00	\$(20,000.00)	\$124,408.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To decrease funding for Crisis Intervention. This is 100% Federal Funding.

This will result in a **net decrease** of **\$(20,000.00)** 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
100.3301.202	Crisis Intervention	<u>\$2,371,933.00</u>	<u>\$(20,000.00)</u>	<u>\$2,351,933.00</u>
	Totals	\$2,371,933.00	\$(20,000.00)	\$2,351,933.00

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Social Services Monthly Report

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

- **Program Information**
 - Division of Health Service Regulation County Oversight Report for Second Quarter

- Second Quarter Review visit was made on February 15, 2017
- First Quarter – Stokes County was in compliance
- Second Quarter – Met expectations
- **Metrics**
 - NC FAST – In Compliance
 - Child Care to go live in April 2017
 - WorkFirst – In Compliance
 - Sixty- two (62) open child only cases
 - Two (2) open cash cases
 - \$12,743 in benefits delivered
 - FNS – In Compliance
 - 2,858 open cases
 - 6,018 participants
 - \$641,332 in benefits delivered
 - Adult Medicaid, Family & Children’s Medicaid – In Compliance
 - Medical Assistance
 - 8,134 open cases
 - 9,080 participants
 - Special Assistance:
 - One hundred and seventy-four (174) open cases
 - \$71,333 Special Assistance benefits delivered
 - Child Support – In Compliance
 - Serving 1,359 children with collections at \$198,182.03
 - Program Integrity – In Compliance
 - One hundred and eighty-six (186) open cases
 - Collected \$3,110 with \$610 of collections retained in the county
 - Child Day Care – In Compliance
 - Sixty one (61) children on waiting list for service
 - \$97,327.90 spent on day care in February
 - Foster Care
 - Foster Care Services – Needs Improvement
 - One hundred and thirteen (113) children in custody
 - More often than not, children are coming into custody because of the Opioid/Drug Issue
 - Three (3) children exited care in February and 7 children entered care
 - Monitoring 6 cases that the children have been returned to their families
 - Yellow because of the vacancies
 - Foster Care Home Licensing – Needs improvement
 - Currently have 22 licensed foster homes located in Stokes and other counties
 - Working on completing the licensing requirements for 7 families that completed MAPP in November
 - A MAPP class is being held with 17 individuals (8 families)

- This area is green because we are in compliance; however, the need for foster homes in our county continues to be great.
- Adoptions – In Compliance
 - One (1) adoption completed this month
- Child Protective Services
 - Investigations – In Compliance
 - Received 49 reports involving 56 children
 - There were 33 reports accepted for investigation
 - Six (6) of these were found in need of services
 - Have 42 active CPS investigations are open
 - Provided two (2) offer services visits
 - Case Management – In Compliance
 - Fifteen (15) open cases
 - Assists to other Counties
 - Ten (10) assists
- Adult Services
 - Adult Protective Services – In Compliance
 - Received eleven (10) reports
 - Four (4) reports were screened in
 - Five (5) reports received an offer services visit
 - Guardianship – In Compliance
 - Currently have 28 adult wards
 - SSBG/HCCBG/Payee/Adult Day – In Compliance
 - Twenty (20) open cases
 - Facility Monitoring – In Compliance
 - Monitor six (6) adult care facilities
 - No complaints received this month
 - Family Caregiver Program – In Compliance
 - Fourteen (14) open cases
 - SA IH/MAC – In Compliance
 - Seventy-eight (78) open cases
 - CAP DA – In Compliance
 - Seventy (70) 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 bodies
 - LIEAP
 - February – 73 families assisted totaling = \$19,100
- Supervision (Staff/Supervisor Ratio) – In Compliance
 - State standard says one supervisor per five (5) child welfare social workers, so the need still exists for a supervisor position
 - Three (3) vacancies for foster care social workers
 - One vacancy for an adult services social worker

- Staffing (Years of Service) -- In Compliance
 - Two (2) vacancies for foster care social workers and one vacancy for community social services assistant
- Medicaid Transportation – In Compliance
 - (243) clients served
 - \$55,080.36 spent on transportation
- Clerical – In Compliance
 - (915) Walk Ins
- Miscellaneous
 - Medicaid Convening Meeting recently held in Raleigh - Presentations
 - Medicaid – Programs and Highlights
 - Challenges Faced by County Department of Social Services in Administering Economic Services Programs
 - NCACC Medicaid Convening NCFAST Overview
 - One thing brought out in the meeting was the new Medicaid Percentage Rate (like the Food Stamps Percentage Rate) that must be kept high (timeliness measure)
 - For January – Medicaid Percentage Rate was 95%
 - For February – Medicaid Percentage Rate was 96%
 - Staff is working diligently to meet the Medicaid Percentage Rate
 - With timeliness rates, next normally comes accuracy rates
 - State will probably follow with accuracy rates
 - Do still have some small issues with NCFAST
 - Working on getting LEAP in NCFAST
 - State is working hard to get Child Welfare on NCFAST later this year, this may be difficult
 - Caregiver Lunch and Learn Series
 - April 7th – Walnut Cove – Dementia, Delirium & Depression
 - May 12th – Danbury – Dementia & Mental Illness
 - June 9th – King – Caregiving & Elder Abuse
 - Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent
 - What do I need to do to become a Foster Parent?
 - What does it cost?
 - Where do I start?
 - March is Social Work Month
 - Proclamation by Governor Roy Cooper
 - Social Workers:
 - Feed the Hungry
 - Shelter the Homeless
 - Protect the Children
 - Advocate for the Infirm
 - Counsel the Distressed
 - Empower the Victims
 - Research Best Practices
 - Inform Government
 - Protect the Vulnerable

▪ Challenge Discrimination

Chairman Walker opened the floor for questions/comments.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Commended DSS Director Elmes on the recent video about foster care that has interviews with County employees
- Still very concerned with the increasing numbers in foster care and the association of the Opioid Issue
- Love seeing the green on the metrics

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes, the yellow metrics for foster care is due to the two(2) remaining vacancies
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes, the Medicaid Percentage Rate for the County has to be above 85% - January = 95% and February 96%
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes the accuracy rate is probably not as high as the Medicaid Percentage Rate, but staff continues to work on accuracy

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Have not received any information lately regarding the Food Stamps Fraud Investigator
- Requested information regarding the fraud activity

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Investigator investigates all types of fraud – most being food stamps
- Currently have 186 open cases – working these cases to determine if fraud has been committed
- Try to get the money back from the client, but if no results will take to court

Vice Chairman Lankford continued:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that she believes having the fraud investigator is working

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Would like to commend staff for their continued dedication and hard work

Chairman Walker commented:

- Very good report
- Lots of green and very little yellow on the metrics
- Making progress
- Interesting that you mentioned the Opioid Issue in our County
- Realize it is not just Stokes County, it is all around
- Seems Stokes County is being hit as hard as the others
- If you don't think it is getting the citizens' attention, just start talking to people, doesn't take long before the topic is brought up in conversation
- The public is wanting something done to fix this problem

- Think the public is expecting to see a good effort made by this Board, county employees in general, and by everyone who can be involved in a positive way
- I am looking for the churches to start getting involved
- I would be interested in any information you can share regarding what your department is doing
- I am going to start asking agencies that we are funding some of the same questions
- What is being done to help alleviate some of the problems that are being caused by the Heroin/ Opioid Epidemic that we are dealing with?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- As far as the DSS Agency, that is something that is truly not in our purview
- Agency works with the families as best as we can, but we are not enough
- The other information provided to the Board is strictly a very small, hopeful help for some of our citizens
- It matters not where, like a position being presented to the Board, it works under DSS, Health Department, Sheriff's Department, EMS, or County Manager – it truly matters not
- There is a need in this county
- You have heard that before
- Do not want to overstep my bounds on the subject today

Chairman Walker continued:

- Have been getting calls regarding the Board viewing that position favorably
- Don't remember a day in a long time that the Opioid Crisis has not been mentioned to me
- Was asked to do a TV interview on Friday – always say yes to the news media
- Sheriff was also interviewed – could tell how important this issue is to the Sheriff
- Believe the citizens are considering this to be one of the most important crisis type issues that our county has faced in many, many years
- Very encouraged of seeing a coming together – citizens group has already been formed
- Believe in openness and transparency
- This issue to me is considered as important as any issue I have worked on in my 12 years as a commissioner
- On Board with helping DSS or anyone else/agency in doing whatever they can do to help deal with this issue
- Your department deals with this issue every day and believe you are trying to do whatever you can to bump it in the right direction

DSS Director Elmes commented:

- This is an ongoing problem
- It is not going away
- The County has the means to do a little something
- Our citizens deserve that little something
- I am tasked at DSS to serve the citizens to the best of my ability
- I am tasked by the Lord to serve mankind to the best of my ability
- This is something that I personally feel needs to be pushed

- We need to help our people

Chairman Walker continued:

- I am pushing
- I am part of the team that wants to see it dealt with effectively and to the highest degree possible
- I don't want to see people keep dying from it
- I don't want to continue to see lives and families wrecked from it
- Whatever we can do – a little or a lot – I will be there supporting it

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation for the report.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- We took an issue off the Agenda today, but it still seems to be in discussion

Chairman Walker commented:

- Talking about DSS

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- If that is what you think, but that is not my opinion of what is being discussed

Tax Administration Report – February 2017

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the February 2017 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	\$196,479,615.40		\$772,793.60
Percentage = 96.22%				
New Schools F-Tech Fund	\$1,317,445.00	\$1,296,503.28		\$20,941.72
Percentage = 98.41%				
Prior Taxes				
County Regular & Motor Vehicles	\$450,000.00	\$361,671.04		\$88,328.96
Percentages = 80.37%				

Releases Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (February 2017) at the March 13th meeting for the Board's review:

Releases Less Than \$100	Real/Personal	Property
Name	Bill Number	Amount
Kyle Austin	2700-2015-2015	\$12.42
Andrew Junior Miller	8055-2016-2016	<u>\$43.33</u>
	Total Amount	\$55.75

Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (February 2017) at the March 13th meeting for the Board's review with consideration at the March 27th meeting:

Refunds More Than \$100	Real/Personal	Property	
Name	Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Richard Lee Howell Jr	31984299	\$135.88	Vehicle Sold
Richard Dean Kirby	26425260	\$106.63	Vehicle Sold
Joseph Keith Nelson	26570243	\$136.64	Assessed In Error
Todd A. Thornton	25421194	<u>\$160.78</u>	Vehicle Sold
	Total Amount	\$539.93	

Appeal Request – Garnishment – Brandon Maser

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the Appeal Request - Garnishment:

- Brandon Maser has requested the Tax Office bring his appeal before the Board of County Commissioners for the release of Garnishment fees in the amount of \$60.00 for 2014 and 2015 dog fees
- Bill number 7169
- His request is based upon the fact that he had moved and the bills were not forwarded to his new address
- Tax Office recommends denial of Mr. Maser's request to release garnishment fees in the amount of \$60.00

Appeal Request – Garnishment – Stacey N. Horn

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the Appeal Request - Garnishment:

- Stacey N. Horn requested the Tax Office bring her appeal before the Board of County Commissioners for the release of Garnishment fees in the amount of \$60.00 for a 2103 Motor Vehicle Tax

- Bill number 836382
- Her request is based upon the fact that she had sold the vehicle and thought all taxes were paid in full
- Tax Office recommends denial of Ms. Horn's request to release garnishment fees in the amount of \$60.00

Appeal Request – 2016 Interest – Jason E. Hunter

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the

Appeal Request – 2016 Interest:

- Jason E. Hunter requested the Tax Office bring his appeal before the Board of County Commissioners for the release of Interest fees in the amount of \$10.34 for 2016 Real Property Tax
- Bill number 303881
- His request is based upon the fact that he came in to pay all his taxes and this bill was overlooked
- Tax Office recommends denial of Mr. Hunter's request to release Interest fees in the amount of \$10.34

Appeal Request – 2016 Interest – Charles Silmsner

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the

Appeal Request – 2016 Interest:

- Charles Silmsner requested the Tax Office bring his appeal before the Board of County Commissioners for the release of Interest fees in the amount of \$58.04 for 2015 and 2016 Real Property Tax
- Bill number 298549
- His request is based upon the fact that his address had been on file as Josie Lane, Rural Hall and needed to be Josie Lane, King
- Mr. Silmsner stated that he never received these bills but on August 26, 2016, there was \$1,431.24 paid which was the discounted amount for the 2016 bill
- This money was applied to the delinquent 2015 bill
- This is why the amount due for 2015 is only \$138.85
- Tax Office recommends denial of Mr. Silmsner's request to release Interest fees in the amount of \$58.04

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the following be placed on the March 27th Consent

Agenda:

- Releases Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Appeal Request – Garnishment – Maser

- Appeal Request – Garnishment – Horn
- Appeal Request – 2016 – Hunter
- Appeal Request – Interest - Silmsen

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

The Board had no issues with Tax Administrator Oakley's report.

The Board had no issues with placing Tax Administrator Oakley's request for the March 27th Consent Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following items on the March 27th Consent Agenda:

- Releases Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Appeal Request – Garnishment – Maser
- Appeal Request – Garnishment – Horn
- Appeal Request – 2016 – Hunter
- Appeal Request – Interest - Silmsen

Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) – Fiscal Year 2017-18 Funding Applications

County Manager Rick Morris introduced Chief Court Counselor Rusty Slate who was in attendance for today's meeting to present the JCPC Funding Application Recommendation.

Chief Court Counselor Rusty Slate presented the following information regarding the Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Recommendation for Funding Application:

- JCPC providers present at today's meeting:
 - Tamara Veit – Stokes Scan
 - Jim Harner – Insight Human Services, Inc.
- JCPC Projection for Fiscal Year 2017-18 = \$136,010 – the same as last year
- Have requested an increase from the Governor, do not know at this point if an increase will be approved by the State
- Can address any increase later in the fiscal year if necessary
- Have been assured that there will not be any decreases from the current allocation of \$136,010
- JCPC advertised for funding applications
- JCPC approved the recommendation at their February 17th meeting

- Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth
 - Provides Community Service/Restitution Program assists juvenile offenders in completing their court ordered community service and monetary victim restitution. Counseling for juveniles, ages 6-17, along with their families to work on issues causing discord in the family unit.
 - JCPC Legislative Allocation for Fiscal Year 2016-17 = \$77,526
 - County Match = \$23,258
 - JCPC Legislative Recommended Allocation for FY 2017-18 = \$77,526
 - County Match = \$23,258
- Stokes Scan
 - Parents and Teens Together Program serves at-risk and court involved males and females, ages 7-17 and their parents
 - JCPC Legislative Allocation for Fiscal Year 2016-17 = \$21,940
 - County Match = \$6,582
 - JCPC Legislative Recommended Allocation for FY 2017-18 = \$21,940
 - County Match = \$6,582
- Children's Center
 - Temporary Shelter care on both an emergency/crisis and planned placement basis for delinquent and undisciplined youth
 - JCPC Legislative Allocation for Fiscal Year 2016-17 = \$11,084
 - County Match = \$4,326
 - JCPC Legislative Recommended Allocation for FY 2017-18 = \$11,084
 - County Match = \$4,326
- Insight
 - Insight Human Services – addresses community drug and alcohol use, school behavior problems and family management problems
 - JCPC Legislative Allocation for Fiscal Year 2016-17 = \$25,460
 - County Match = \$7,638
 - JCPC Legislative Recommended Allocation for FY 2017-18 = \$25,460
 - County Match = \$7,638
- No real changes from the current Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget allocations
- Will be happy to answer any questions

Chairman Walker opened the floor for questions/comments.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Serve as a member on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council along with Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
- Same projected state allocation along with county match as last fiscal year

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Court Counselor Slate that the allocations only serve Stokes County residents
- Confirmed with Court Counselor Slate that temporary shelter keeps a youth out of a detention center

- Confirmed with Court Counselor Slate that each county's allocation and county match are different

Court Counselor Slate responded:

- Have suggested to the Children's Center about the need for a location in Stokes County
- While the youth is at the Center, they receive their education, treatment, and work with the families
- The daily cost slightly increased this year to \$145
- If a child is placed in a detention center, the daily cost is \$244

Vice Chairman Lankford continued:

- As I have previously stated that I want to get all the information possible
- Can the Children's Center give insight on the use of drugs?

Court Counselor Slate responded:

- The Children's Center has programs dealing with substance abuse
- Children receive medical and dental care along with assessments to determine what treatment is needed

Commissioner Jones continued:

- Very worthy programs
- Appreciate those working with these programs and you heading up JCPC
- Have my support regarding the JCPC recommendation

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Duplicate Commissioner Jones' comments
- Have known Rusty a long time and he always does a great job
- Have my support regarding the JCPC recommendation

Chairman Walker commented:

- Appreciate Vice Chairman Lankford's question
- He was asking you the same question, generally, that I was asking DSS Director Elmes – what they are doing, even though it is not directly their responsibility, to address the opioid crisis
- Confirmed with Court Counselor Slate that each provider is doing things that can and hopefully will help with this opioid situation

Court Counselor Slate responded:

- The question that I was answering related specifically to the Children's Center
- Would be happy to explain what I am doing as a leader in Stokes, Surry and Rockingham pertaining particularly to my department
- Send staff to all available training
- First step is to identify – we know it is there - how do we recognize it?

- Recognize that whatever drug abuse issue we are talking about is sometimes symptom to something else such as socioeconomics, depression, family problems, etc.
- These kids are wanting to escape
- We are seeing kids in Stokes County that are having issues with substance abuse
- We are fortunate that we have an agency (Insight) that works in Stokes County, not just for kids that already have a problem, but to offer prevention services
- As the Chief Court Counselor, I am making sure that my staff knows how to identify a problem and what to look for when they go into a home

Chairman Walker responded:

- Sounds like you are doing your part in taking active steps to ramp up our effort to deal with this opioid issue
- Encouraged by what I am hearing
- As a commissioner and a citizen of Stokes County, that is what I am looking for
- Whatever we have been doing is not enough, so what do we need to be doing in addition to what we have been doing?

Court Counselor Slate continued:

- Attended a Community Alternatives for Youth Conference last week which included a presentation regarding the opioid issue
- It is definitely out there
- One big issue brought out is the need to educate the doctors
- We have a lot of folks "drug shopping" (folks going to one doctor to another doctor trying to get prescriptions)
- There is a website that doctors can utilize to see when people have gotten other prescriptions filled

Chairman Walker continued:

- We will soon be starting on our county budget
- This discussion we are having about the opioid issue is an indication of something not being normal, from some folks perspective maybe mine included, it is nowhere near normal, it is extreme
- What you have been sharing with the Board, as far as, funding for these agencies, is that what we are looking at today?

Court Counselor Slate responded:

- Anything short of the recommendation and request is just going to be a cut in services
- Want to commend Commissioner Booth's attendance at the JCPC meetings
- Budgets are extremely tight, there is not a whole lot of movement in it
- Budgets include a lot of fund raising that helps to balance the budgets
- Any cuts to the recommendation will just simply hurt the children
- Will take as much as anyone will give us

- Stokes County is rural and does not have the resources that other urban counties do
- We hope to get more money
- Insight provides all the substance abuse treatment for the kids in Stokes County

Chairman Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Court Counselor Slate that juvenile crime has slightly decreased

Court Counselor Slate responded:

- Would hope that our services are helping that decrease, but being realistic, I am not sure that is the case, a lot possibly deals with what is being reported
- Not seeing the number of children as we have in the past, but the children that we are seeing have multiple problems – mental health, substance abuse, horrible family life
- Not the same type of children as when I started with 26 years ago

Chairman Walker continued:

- Confirmed with Court Counselor Slate that the allocation is right now more for the intervention piece

Court Counselor Slate responded:

- Stokes County Schools are contracting with Insight to do the “Safe Program” which is substance abuse prevention program
- We need every dollar we have requested so that services will not have to be cut

Commissioner Booth commented:

- County match is 30%
- There have been several past requests to the State for additional funding with no success
- If there is additional funding, it can be looked at later

Court Counselor Slate commented:

- Have heard there could be an additional \$20,000 per county this year, but will just have to wait and see
- Would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for their continued support

Chairman Walker requested direction from the Board as to this Agenda item.

Commissioner Jones recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept the

JCPC recommendation and act on it immediately if possible.

Commissioner Mendenhall agreed with Commissioner Jones’ recommendation.

The Board discussed action at the next meeting with Court Counselor Slate.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Court Counselor Slate that the item could be acted on today or at the next meeting.

Court Counselor Slate noted that action could be considered at the next meeting.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Manager to see that the item is placed on the March 27th Action Agenda.

Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project – Proposed Letter of Support

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following proposed Letter of Support for the Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project which was added to today's Discussion Agenda:

TO: To Whom It May Concern

FROM: Chairman Jimmy Walker
Stokes County Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 13, 2017

RE: Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project

The purpose of this letter is to pledge the support of the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners for the Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project being undertaken by a group of private investors who have purchased the old theatre located in the downtown district of the Town of Walnut Cove, North Carolina, which is in Stokes County. This letter will be included in grant application packages to supplement private funding for the project.

The Palmetto Theatre was a centerpiece of downtown Walnut Cove in earlier years and now has fallen into disrepair. This restoration project is designed to support the downtown revitalization of Walnut Cove and provide a multipurpose venue for concerts, arts and entertainment plus community meeting space. The theatre will seat 450 to 500 people and if restored would provide a perfect medium size venue for town and county functions that would support economic development growth for both. It would also likely serve as an anchor point for other downtown revitalization projects located in close proximity to the theatre.

Support of the Palmetto Theatre Restoration Project was approved by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Jimmy Walker, Chairman
Stokes County Board of County Commissioners

County Manager Morris commented:

- Believe the proposed Letter of Support explains the restoration project
- Can be placed on the March 27th Action Agenda for consideration by the Board
- Members of the Board may want to contact Durward Bennett for further information
- Proposed Letter of Support can be modified

Chairman Walker opened the floor for questions/comments.

The Board had no issues with the request and agreed to place the item on the March 27th

Consent Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Manager to see that the item is placed on the March 27th Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jones exited the meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

External Posting – Information Systems

Chairman Walker noted the External Posting for Information Systems was presented to Board at the March 13th meeting.

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following additional information regarding the request:

- County's Information Systems Department has two employees who do not have any Microsoft certifications – both are self-trained
- Both employees have been with the county for several years and have done an excellent job
- First time I was here, I remember saying that this was the first IT Department where staff did not have Microsoft Certifications
- Provided the Board acronyms desired in the job description – many acronyms
- Thinking strategically and long term, must consider the importance of the network and increasing demands on the network

- When the network goes down, the place literally shuts down
- Would consider changing the policy to requiring certified people in future
- Both employees are the ins and outs of our systems that continues to grow
- Critically important to keep their knowledge going forward
- Department is overwhelmed in the amount of workload
- Routine things that must be done daily is pretty much a full time job
- Receive 20 to 25 service calls a day (some onsite and others offsite)
- Have computers in vehicles in the Sheriff's Department and EMS
- Increase use of cameras
- The Mitre Corporation that does studies for the federal government did an industry study to determine the number of IT positions for private industry for computer staffing
- Their study indicates there should be one (1) IT person per 42 computers with a 17% variance either up or down depending on the network which would make it from 35 to 49 computers for one person
- Randolph County IT has 16 people
- Rockingham County has twice as many users and has 10 people in IT
- Surry County IT has 6 people
- Yadkin County IT has 4 people
- Davie County IT has 6 people
- Don't think there is any doubt that we are terribly understaffed
- Really need to fill the third position
- Staff is on call 24/7
- Have new fire department requirements because of their connection with the network
- Departments have extended wait time for installation of new software/computers
- Would encourage you to discuss this situation with department heads for their opinion on the need for additional IT support
- Would not like to pursue a contract position – contract position would be part time and not permanent
- Need for the person to be here in order for current staff to train the person
- Outside training is medium to highly expensive – can consider that for the long term
- Definitely need a person to start with helping on the service calls and basically progress and train up thoroughly getting a complete understanding of the network
- Becoming quite difficult to make things operate in what would be an acceptable kind of responsiveness
- Really like to do this to test the waters because of the current demand of IT personnel
- Not sure what type of applicants might apply, would like to benchmark that to see where we are at
- If we don't get acceptable applicants that can do this kind of work that is specialized, then we will have to figure out what we need to do to solve the problem long term
- Would be happy to answer any questions

Chairman Walker opened the floor for questions/comments.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Totally agree with the County Manager that the position needs to be filled
- The only thing that I am concerned with at this time is the two staff members
- When we get a third person, we need the assurance that there is going to be some accessibility acceptance
- The last two we got, they were just not accepted
- If the people in there now do not want to put forth the effort for acceptance of the person, we are going to continue to have a problem
- I don't see a person just sitting in there doing nothing and primarily that is what I have seen for a pretty long time
- That was why I made the suggestion (think some of the other commissioners did too) to contract so that we would start out with getting someone on board as a contract person and see if that person fits, if it does, then we can hire them permanent
- My understanding and reading of what has been published for this position, is the level of education is an Associate Degree with experience
- Need to know if the people we have now are going to be able to train the person and are they ready to do that
- Feel we need the position
- If you are going to hire someone and the people we currently have do not want to work with them, that is a problem
- That is where I am

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Can you contract with someone and then hire them?

Manager Morris responded:

- Not sure if there are many people out there that wants to contract for a position especially part time

Commissioner Booth continued:

- If the person is from a contracting company, it is full time to them

Manager Morris responded:

- The contracting companies are trained at a much higher level than what we need
- We already contract with companies when we have specific projects like server exchanges
- Those are normally paid by the hour which is very expensive

Commissioner Booth continued:

- I have seen the same thing mentioned by Vice Chairman
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the vacancy is from the employee being moved to another department where he is being praised for his work

County Manager Morris responded:

- If this discussion goes much further, feel it needs to be in Closed Session
- Can assure the Board that current staff will train the employee

- There is always a six-month probationary period to make sure the employee fits the position hired for

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Would need to watch the six months probationary period to make sure it doesn't go pass the period
- If you contract with a company, not sure we can afford a trained person

Manager Morris responded:

- With our pay scale, I am sure we would have to train the employee, would not be able to afford someone fully trained

Commissioner Booth continued:

- I am hearing from Manager Morris that if a person is hired, the six-month probationary period would be looked at very closely

County Manager Morris responded:

- Will personally be looked at very closely during the probationary period, can guarantee that
- Trying to reduce the risk you guys are currently under and find a long term solution
- Advertising on the outside will test the water to see if there is someone out there that is really interested in network operations, not just applications

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the odds of someone working from a contract agency are not very good because most of those professionals are certified and cost would be extremely high
- Think what I am hearing, the bottom line is ever who we get in and they are not probably going to be certified, will have to be trained and accepted as a team member to learn and grow

Manager Morris responded:

- Would hope the person would have some minimum level of training

Commissioner Mendenhall comments:

- My thoughts would need to be discussed in Closed Session

Chairman Walker requested if the Board would like to continue the discussion in

Closed Session.

Chairman Walker suggested the issue seems to be going toward performance issues.

The Board agreed to continue the discussion in Closed Session.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board (Commissioner Jones absent), directed

the Manager to include personnel for the Closed Session at today's meeting.

Appointments - Stokes County Community Child Protection & Child Fatality Prevention Team

Chairman Jimmy Walker presented the following list of individuals who were nominated at the February 27th meeting to serve on the Stokes County Community Child Protection & Child Fatality Prevention Team:

Team Members	Team Position
Stacey Elmes (Co-Chair)	Director of the county department of Social Services
Emily Naylor (Co-Chair)	Director of the local Health Department
Marsha Marshall	Member of DSS - Director's staff
Det Libby Reid- CCPT	Local Law Enforcement -officer
Sheriff Mike Marshall-CFPT	Local Law Enforcement -officer
Tom Langan	Attorney from the District Attorney's office
Jeannie Easter	Executive director of the local community action agency
Tony George	Superintendent or his designee
Katie Lee Langan	Local mental health professional
Jaime Kehoe	Guardian ad Litem Coordinator
Dr. Sam Newsome	Local health care provider/county medical examiner
Greg Collins	Emergency medical services provider or firefighter
Judge William Southern	District Court Judge
Susan Hairston	Representative of a local child care facility or Head Start
Samantha Brewster	Parent of a child who died before reaching the child's 18th birthday
Cindy Brown Stiltner	Substance Abuse Counselor
Additional Appointees	
Ronda Jones - CCPT	County Commissioner
Jimmy Walker - CFPT	County Commissioner
Rusty Slate or Jeana Barneycastle	Juvenile Services
Tamara Veit or Susan Cockerham	Prevention Agency
Pam Hooker	Community Representative
Sheila Bowen	Community Representative
Diana Bryant	Community Representative
Wanda East	Team Coordinator

Chairman Walker opened the floor for nominations.

There were no further nominations.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Booth moved to close the nominations. Vice Chairman Lankford seconded and the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Jones absent.

Chairman Walker polled the Board.

The Board, with Commissioner Jones absent, unanimously approved the following to serve on the Stokes County Community Child Protection & Child Fatality Prevention Team:

Team Members

Stacey Elmes (Co-Chair)
Emily Naylor (Co-Chair)
Marsha Marshall
Det Libby Reid- CCPT
Sheriff Mike Marshall-CFPT
Tom Langan
Jeannie Easter
Tony George
Katie Lee Langan
Jaime Kehoe
Dr. Sam Newsome
Greg Collins
Judge William Southern
Susan Hairston
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Cindy Brown Stiltner

Team Position

Director of the county department of Social Services
Director of the local Health Department
Member of DSS - Director's staff
Local Law Enforcement -officer
Local Law Enforcement -officer
Attorney from the District Attorney's office
Executive director of the local community action agency
Superintendent or his designee
Local mental health professional
Guardian ad Litem Coordinator
Local health care provider/county medical examiner
Emergency medical services provider or firefighter
District Court Judge
Representative of a local child care facility or Head Start
Parent of a child who died before reaching the child's 18th birthday
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Sheila Bowen	Community Representative
Diana Bryant	Community Representative
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CLOSED SESSION

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

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3)
- 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(a)(6)

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

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3)
- 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(a)(6)

Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Jones absent.

The Board re-entered the opened session of the March 13th meeting.

External Posting – Information Technology

Chairman Walker entertained a motion.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to approve the external posting for a vacant Information Technology Systems Analyst position. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- I want to make sure the two current staff members interview the applicant

Chairman Walker called the question.

The motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Jones absent.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Booth moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy Walker
Chairman