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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 8, 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, May 8, 2017, at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

Commissioner Ronda Jones – absent

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

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

#### **INVOCATION**

Chairman Walker asked Vice Chairman Lankford to deliver the invocation.

Vice Chairman Lankford 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 May 8, 2017

Agenda.

Commissioner Booth requested to add a Closed Session for personnel to today's

Agenda.

The Board did not have any issues with adding a Closed Session to today's meeting.

Chairman Walker, with consensus of the Board (Commissioner Jones absent), directed the Clerk to add a Closed Session after the Action Agenda.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup> Agenda as amended.

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

### **COMMENTS – Commissioners/Manager**

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

County Manager Morris did not have any comments.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life "As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof, said the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it" (Jeremiah 49:18)
- The Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation received a \$1 million Golden LEAF Grant that will be used for economic development in the 12-county region

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Would like to thank each person who has taken their time to come out and take part in Stokes County Government
- As always, it is an honor for me to be working for you

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Would like to thank everyone for being here today
- Attended the John Burwell Excellence in EMS Award Banquet along with County Manager Rick Morris last week

Chairman Walker commented:

- Attended the YVEDDI Board of Directors' Meeting this past week along with Vice Chairman Lankford

- Business as usual
- Much of YVEDDI's funding is grant funding – sounds like things are currently stable
- Lot of services depending on whether or not they receive grant funding
- County Manager Morris will be presenting his recommended Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget at the next regular meeting – May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Attended the Stokes County Retiring Teachers Banquet last week – school system has about 40 teachers retiring this year – very nice event
- Welcome everyone at today's meeting
- Appreciate those willing to be involved in Stokes County Government

## **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. The following spoke during Public Comments:

**Sri Ananda Sarvasri**

1060 Tyler Road

Walnut Cove, NC

**Re: Happy, Healthy, & Green**

Mr. Sarvasri provided the Board of County Commissioners a copy of the following:

### **“Why Addicts Don't Seek Help and What to Do About it”**

- 96% of addicts (and their families) never seek help (4% will seek treatment)
- They are invisible unless arrested or hospitalized
- Even if facilities and counselors were available, they would not be used by 96% of affected families
- Here are some of the major reasons why those caught in the grip of addictive behavior don't seek help and how families can provide a practical solution to reverse addiction nationwide
- First, let's look at why they don't seek help...
  1. Don't want to stop – After all, that is what addiction is! (35-40%)
    - a) Attachment to Pleasure – People get hooked on the experience, even if temporary
    - b) Denial – Unwilling to admit addiction – EGO – Resistance to and fear of facing a painful reality
    - c) No Good Options – No proven low-risk success with any conventional treatments
      - The two most common interventions, counseling and treatment drugs do not work
    - d) Unaware of healthy, effective ways to overcome pain, addiction, and create a state of inner happiness without drugs
  2. Fear (30-35%)
    - a) Fear of the Pain of Withdrawal – unwilling or unable to face the pain
    - b) Fear of More Addictive “Treatment” Drugs such as methadone
    - c) Fear of Losing Grounds – Being committed to an institution, losing control of their life

- d) Fear of Failure – they may have tried to quit on their own without success, or seen the failure of others (even with treatment)
    - Their fear is backed by a valid reason
    - Most outpatient programs have little success 3-5% typically, (1-2 year after completion)
    - Outpatient programs of 30-90 days often must be repeated 6-7 times to eventually gain a success rate approaching 50% or more (and still require continued aftercare)
  - e) Fear of criminal record, admission of using illegal drugs
  - f) Social Repercussions – fear of being stigmatized and ostracized socially and professionally
  - g) Unaware of alternative, natural ways to overcome fear, pain, and suffering
3. Expense of Treatment (30-35%)
- a) Unable to afford costly treatment
  - b) Loss of Job and Loss of Income – in order to attend residential programs for 30-90 days
  - c) High Financial Risk – no guarantee of success
    - Residential programs typically have only 50% success at best, after 90 days
    - Even expensive residential program must often be repeated
  - d) Unaware of free, effective, self-treatment options

#### **“The Bottom Line”**

- No conventional programs, inpatient or outpatient, can claim a cure for addiction
- In fact, they often claim there is no cure - “Once an Addict, Always an Addict”
- The addict will be fighting the addiction for life
- This is a blatant admission of the failure of conventional rehab therapies

#### **“Causes of Failure”**

- No conventional treatment programs address the neurochemical cause of addiction or provide natural, straight forward methods to take charge of one’s own biochemistry and neurochemistry
- They rarely, if ever, reverse the biologic, emotional, and mental causes of addiction

#### **“Requirement for Success”**

- Only an innovative solution can have reliable success by addressing the neurochemical causes of addictive behavior – typically with a 80-95% success rate (or more)
- A total cure is expected with the simultaneous use of multiple self-treatment methods, guided and supported by one’s own family
- Families helping their own family is the only practical solution
- By all calculations, every other option is far more expensive than is possible to implement
- The family approach only requires that family members study and implement the methods
- There is no cost, no risk
- No exposure to the three primary drawbacks listed above

#### **“The Advantage of the Family Guided and Family Supported Approach”**

1. No cost – No risk
2. Everyone learns the underlying causes of addiction and how they are reversed
3. No requirement of admission of guilt, weakness, or potential of being stigmatized or ostracized
4. Family members care more for their own than most outsiders – whole families are healed

5. Everyone comes out wiser, stronger, and more empowered to live a happy, healthy, expanded, quality of life
6. It is much easier, faster, and cheaper to educate families via the internet (for free) than to build and run prisons, build and run residential treatment centers, or hire hundreds of thousands of therapists to address the national epidemic today (even if they could demonstrate success)
7. It is a much more comprehensive and powerful approach than has ever been available

#### **“Study the Guide”**

- The Guide is available for families now to help themselves and other family members
- It is free as an online study guide in your browser or ebook download;  
<http://RebuildHealth.com/guide>
- Read on any computer, smartphone, tablet, or music player with an EPUB reader
- You can read EPUB books with the free Adobe Digital Editions, available for any computer or use your favorite EPUB reader

#### **“Costs for Reb”**

- Inpatient Costs
  - Lowest cost \$7000/month, 90 days = \$21,000 (average \$10,000 per month = \$30,000) Under 50% effective – often repeated 3 times
- Outpatient Costs
  - \$100-\$500 per session. Twice/week minimum = \$800/month, 90 days = \$2,400 (3-5% effectiveness)
- Detox
  - \$600-\$1,000 per day
- Stokes County News will be publishing an article in this Thursday’s paper
- Working on getting Duke Energy to place something in their electric bills each month
- Looking for a place, possibly a school, to provide instruction to families about helping their own family overcome addiction
- This is sort of the end of the project that I have been working on to get Stokes County the Happiest, Healthiest, Greenest County in the Nation
- Want to start looking at green technologies, solar technologies, agricultural, things to jumpstart the county into a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century

#### **Ellen Peric**

1095 Wheeler Smith Road

Lawsonville, NC

RE: **Arts Update**

Ms. Peric presented the following comments to the Board of County Commissioners:

- Last two (2) weeks have been busy
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – the Stokes County Arts Council hosted a reception for two (2) artists that are currently featured for the month in the Apple Gallery
  - Meigan Parrish Milleson and Sharon Densmore are the featured artists
  - There was a big turnout for these two (2) on April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Their work will hang through the month of May
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - There was another in the series of “Stokes Uncorked” at the Green Heron
  - This class lets each participant complete a painting to take home

- April 29<sup>th</sup> - Stokes County Arts Council presented the “Triad Shakesperience”
  - They presented the “Trojan War” – a staged reading
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Stokes County Arts Council is happy to have back for the 6<sup>th</sup> year, the UNCSA Jazz Ensemble
  - They performed in King Central Park and the rain held off - making a great afternoon - This was a free event and well attended
  - The Arts Council sold concessions – all proceeds from concessions goes to the Arts Scholarship Fund

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Hanging Rock State Park Gallery
    - Justine Luzwick is the featured artist – Justine is one of our Stokes County Arts Teachers and her work includes photography, as well as painting
    - She also teaches at our Stokes Uncorked Series
- May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Green Heron – 6:00 pm
  - Stokes Uncorded Painting Services
  - \$25 cost
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> (7pm and 4pm respectively)
  - The Arts Place
  - “Steel Magnolias” presented by the Nonesuch Playmaker – one of the best attended plays
  - \$12 Admission
- June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - The Arts Place
    - Danbury Songwriters Season Opener
    - \$5.00 Admission – 7 pm – every Thursday
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Luna’s Train Farm and Event Center – Westfield – great facility
    - Art Auction, demonstrations, food by Jeffrey Adams Restaurant, music and more
    - Fundraiser for the Arts Place of Stokes
    - Tickets \$50
- Help us get the word out regarding these upcoming events

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation to those who spoke at today’s meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of March 6, 2017 – Goals/Budget Work Session
- Minutes of March 15, 2017 – Goals/Budget Work Session
- Minutes of April 4, 2017 – Planning Meeting

- Minutes of April 24, 2017 – Regular Meeting

### **District Resource Center - Budget Amendment #73**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #73.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>District Resource Center</b>				
100.4321.350	Maint & Repair – Equipment	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$505.00</u>	<u>\$505.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$505.00</b>	<b>\$505.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds from drug screening fees for the repairs of a lawn mower.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$505.00** 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.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3433.410	District Resource Center Fees	<u>\$363.00</u>	<u>\$505.00</u>	<u>\$868.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$363.00</b>	<b>\$505.00</b>	<b>\$868.00</b>

### **Health Department - Budget Amendment #74**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #74.

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

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Health Department</b>				
110.5104.260	Departmental Supplies	\$17,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$27,500.00
110.5104.352	M&R Buildings	\$00.00	\$5,852.00	\$5,852.00
110.5104.230	Medical Supplies	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>\$21,500.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$29,852.00</b>	<b>\$54,852.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Health Department has received one-time funds from the State to be used for general health department purposes – these funds will be used for needed supplies and some M&R to the Health

Department building.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$29,852.00** 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. These revenues were deposited into the GA2C revenue line item and can be carried over into the next fiscal year if not spent prior to 06-30-2017.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
110.3301.000	General Aid to County	<u>\$86,660.00</u>	<u>\$29,852.00</u>	<u>\$116,512.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$86,660.00</b>	<b>\$29,852.00</b>	<b>\$116,512.00</b>

#### **Health Department - Budget Amendment #75**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #75.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
	<b>Health Department</b>			
110.5103.230	Medical Supplies	<u>\$45,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,616.00</u>	<u>\$46,616.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,616.00</b>	<b>\$46,616.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Family Planning Program has received additional one-time funding from the Health Mothers Health Children Program. These funds will be used for medical supplies.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$1,616.00** 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. Funding must be expended by May 31, 2017.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
110.3301.004	Family Planning	<u>\$104,803.00</u>	<u>\$1,616.00</u>	<u>\$106,419.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$104,803.00</b>	<b>\$1,616.00</b>	<b>\$106,419.00</b>

#### **Health Department - Budget Amendment #76**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #76.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Health Department</b>				
100.5192.180	Departmental Supplies	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,815.00</u>	<u>\$12,815.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,815.00</b>	<b>\$12,815.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Food & Lodging Program is receiving additional funding of \$7,814.00 for an outstanding compliance rating for food and lodging establishment inspections. These funds will be used to pay a portion of the subscription cost for the CDP Program used for food and lodging inspections.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$7,814.00** 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. Funding must be expended by May 31, 2017.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.234	Food & Lodging	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$7,814.00</u>	<u>\$7,814.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>	<b>\$7,814.00</b>	<b>\$7,814.00</b>

#### **Health Department - Budget Amendment #77**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #77.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
<b>Health Department</b>				
100.5100.000	Salaries	\$521,285.00	\$5,875.00	\$527,160.00
100.5100.090	Social Security Tax	\$33,925.00	\$363.00	\$34,288.00
100.5100.091	Medicare	\$7,935.00	\$84.00	\$8,019.00
100.5100.100	Retirement	\$40,273.00	\$442.00	\$40,715.00
100.5100.110	Health Insurance	\$87,709.00	\$992.00	\$88,701.00
100.5100.111	Dental Insurance	<u>\$4,912.00</u>	<u>\$56.00</u>	<u>\$4,968.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$696,039.00</b>	<b>\$7,812.00</b>	<b>\$703,851.00</b>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Bioterrorism Program has received additional one-time funds from NC Emergency Preparedness Section. These funds will be used for salaries and fringe for the staff assigned to

the Bioterrorism Program.

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$7,812.00** 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. Funding must be expended by May 31, 2017.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3301.255	Bioterrorism	<u>\$28,236.00</u>	<u>\$7,812.00</u>	<u>\$36,048.00</u>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$28,236.00</b>	<b>\$7,812.00</b>	<b>\$36,048.00</b>

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Jones absent.

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

### **Cardinal Innovations Healthcare – Quarterly Report**

County Manager Rick Morris introduced Senior Community Executive Ronda Outlaw, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, who was in attendance for today's meeting to present the Quarterly Report Powerpoint:

- Fiscal Year 2016-17 – Quarter 2
- Involuntary Commitment Training
  - Presented an update on Statutes and Requirements: Mark Botts, UNC School of Government
  - Dialogue Re: Local Agency Interface
  - Locations:
    - Davie - 03-14-2017
    - Rockingham - 03-29-2017
  - County Manager Rick Morris along with representation from the Sheriff's Office and EMS were in attendance for the training session held in Rockingham County
  - The most significant part of these trainings was the opportunity for a community conversation process
  - Had all the relevant players at the table – provided an opportunity to address the points of interface where the processes of each different agency meets and overlaps
  - The goal of the training sessions was to streamline the process and include customer experience when individuals have to be part of the Involuntary Commitment Process
  - In Stokes County, the process is working pretty well
  - We like to do training such as this that provides concrete outcomes for counties

- Fiscal Year 2017-18 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Planning
  - Have been working with counties regarding funding for the upcoming 2017-18 Fiscal Year
  - This gives the Board of County Commissioners an opportunity to target funding for services and needs that were not covered by either Medicaid or state dollars
  - The Process
    - Partner with County Management
    - Address identified Gaps and County Priorities
  - Identified Priorities
    - Safety Net & Crisis Services
    - Improved Access to Care
    - Diversion – Hospital EDs & Jails
  - Meeting Local Needs – what other counties are considering
    - Awareness & Treatment of Opioid & Substance Use (Rockingham, Stokes, & Forsyth)
    - Stepping up Initiative (Forsyth & Rockingham)
    - EMS/Paramedicine (Forsyth, Rockingham & Stokes)
    - County-Operated Clinical Services (Davie)
  - Very interesting process
  - Believe the counties really embraced the process
  - Pleased to have the Board's input
  - County Manager Morris and DSS Director Elmes attended the work sessions
- DSS Collaboration
  - Training on Processes & Timelines – working with DSS on where you need to go to get services
    - Rockingham – 02-17-2017
    - Stokes – 03-10-2017
    - Forsyth – 04-13-2017
    - Davie – to be determined
  - Proactive Case Staffing
    - Very well received in all the counties, particularly in the rural counties
  - Designated “Points of Contact”
    - Streamlining interactions between Cardinal staff and DSS staff
  - Regional DSS Directors’ Meeting
    - Started in April 2017
    - First meeting was very well attended with county managers also attending
      - Manager Morris called in from California for the meeting
    - Positive, productive, collaborative meeting
    - Will definitely have more in the future
- Child Services Action Plan
  - Status
    - All action steps completed per 04-04-2017 meeting with County Manager, DSS Director, and County Attorney
    - No additional concerns or complaints have been raised
    - Will still track all complaints received from DSS
    - Follow up meeting planned for August 2017

- Community Engagement as it relates to the Opioid Issue in Stokes County
  - Community Partners Meeting – Key Local Collaborations – has provided a forum for discussions about identifying local concerns and needs and working towards resolution of the identified issues
  - Community Partners Meeting in Stokes has been the scene of much discussion and problem solving about the opioid use along with substance use
  - The community concern is so great that it has reached this Board
  - The Board has expressed its concern and taken great action that is beginning to attack some of this problem
  - Think we all recognize that this is a National Epidemic – not unique to Stokes County, although, we hope our solution is unique to Stokes County
  - There is no silver bullet and not an easy fix
  - My work and experience in this county, community relationships and energy are strong locally
  - There is a tremendous desire to work together
  - Community Partners Meeting produces a lot of productive discussion
  - Some of the resources currently in place that will position the County well to take on this task:
    - 2-1-1 Community Resource System (Stokes)
      - Approved by the Board of County Commissioners
      - This will give people a telephonic access to treatment and resource options
    - Behavioral Health/Judicial/DSS Forum (Forsyth)
      - Approved by the Board of County Commissioners to place this new position in DSS – Substance Abuse Counselor
    - Opioid Crisis Committee (Rockingham)
    - EMS Pilot Initiative (all counties)
      - Brings the emergency services into the fight by providing them with training, skills, and tools to help address substance abuse problems with people that they encounter with their daily operation
- Community Readiness to Impact Opioid Crisis
  - Available Resources
    - 2-1-1 Community Resource System- Coming
      - Guides individuals to treatment and resources
    - Stokes County DSS Position – New
      - Partners with law enforcement, EMS, DSS
      - Local knowledge/relationships support members and facilitate linkage to care
      - Embedded in local agency i.e. Stokes DSS
    - EMS “Alternative Destination” Pilot
      - Funds transport to non-hospital venues
      - CIT-trained paramedics
    - Community Partners Meeting
      - Ongoing forum for community dialogue, planning, and progress checks

- Highland Avenue Center – Summer 2017
    - Transport by law enforcement and EMS
    - Access to clinical assessment, crisis response and treatment around the clock
    - Recover-focused care
    - Will help eliminate those long stays in the Emergency Room
- Cardinal Innovations' Role
  - Community-Based Resources
    - Access Call Center
    - Local Behavioral Health Provider Network
    - Community Engagement Department
      - Supports and expands local efforts; increases awareness via training; supports access to care
- You have some things already in place, you are not starting from scratch
- You have a tremendous opportunity to do something positive about this opioid issue
- Stokes Opportunity Center – Update
  - Transition is continuing
  - Seeking community input regarding the transition of the Opportunity Center to a more community based model
  - Stakeholder Meeting was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> with 15 attendees
    - Two county commissioners were in attendance at that meeting
    - National Consultant, Creative Abundance, was on site for two weeks to work with staff, community, and individuals who receive services, to put in place some new kinds of programming that helps people use their creative skills and helps give them the opportunity of choice
    - They may choose to continue to do the production work on site
    - They may choose other options as well
    - Paintings, arts, and making projects have all continued even after the consultant left the site
    - Next stakeholders' meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and will be at the Stokes Opportunity Center
- Will be happy to answer any questions before moving on to the Dashboard Report

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion/question/comments.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Community Executive Ronda Outlook that whoever responds first to the incident would be responsible for transporting the patient

Community Executive Ronda Outlook responded:

- Several EMS Paramedics have taken the Crisis Intervention Training that helps them to recognize when a person may have a substance abuse problem
- EMS, along with the Sheriff's Department can both transport patients

Chairman Walker requested Community Executive Outlaw to provide the Board with a brief explanation of what Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) is.

Community Executive Outlaw responded:

- CIT – a model started in the Midwest that targets law enforcement officers
- It was started in order to train law enforcement officers how to recognize when they came into contact with a person who might be experiencing a behavior difficulty
- CIT helps to recognize what is a behavioral health problem and not a criminal problem
- Also receives training on how to interact with that person and how to de-escalate the situation so the chances of someone getting hurt are reduced

Vice Chairman Lankford continued:

- Noted that there should not be two departments going to a behavioral situation

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Community Executive Outlaw that when the Highland Center is open, Stokes County Deputies can transport the patient there and then leave with no long waits

Community Executive Outlaw responded:

- Law enforcement officers will be able to transfer custody at the Highland Center
- Currently, individuals are taken to Forsyth Hospital
- The plan has been all along that the Winston Salem Police Department will provide off duty law enforcement officers and that Daymark would contract with them to provide the transfer custody service
- Police Department has now stated that they may not have enough staff for the 24/7 operation
- Other counties' officers may be able to work off duty if desired
- Once the person is left at the facility, an assessment is done to determine if the individual needs hospitalization – if hospitalization is needed, the patient would be transferred
- My understanding is that once the individual is discharged, Daymark will be taking the individual home

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Are there any new providers in the future for Stokes County?
- Confirmed with Community Executive Outlaw that there is an assessment being done to determine services in the County
- Results should be done in early summer
- Will be providing the assessment information to the Board of County Commissioners once it is completed
- There are some gaps that we already know that our network staff is currently working on
- Want to evaluate what is needed in Stokes County

Commissioner Mendenhall had no comments.

Chairman Walker commented:

- Very encouraged with some of the steps Community Executive Outlaw is describing
- I know our Sheriff likes the sound of his Deputies not having to stay with people day after day
- Confirmed with Community Executive Outlaw that Stokes County Deputies may have a chance to work some off duty once the new Highland Center is up and running
- Stopped by the Opportunity Center when Creative Abundance was there and was very impressed with what was going on – Opportunity residents were very engaged in what they were doing
- Encouraged to hear Community Executive Outlaw say that the production work would still be an option at the Opportunity Center
- Would like to compliment the CEO of Monarch for her approach in dealing with the Opportunity Center and trying to blend things together in ways that are least disturbing - looking and thinking outside the box

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Attended the Stakeholders' Meeting along with Vice Chairman Lankford
- Very pleased to see some of the programs coming back to the Opportunity Center
- Also pleased to see some of the individuals going out into the community, but still being able to return to the Center

### **Cardinal Dashboard**

- Dashboard report gives you an overview of providers and services
- The charts being presented today cover the first half of the year (July-Dec 2016)
- Looking at some ways to revise this report so that it can be distributed more quickly in the future
- Charts are based on a 90-day lag – providers have 90 days to file a claim
- Provided charts with the following information:
  - Stokes County Funding
    - Reports on Maintenance of Effort Funding
    - Only reflects the funding that is managed by Cardinal
      - Currently managing Insight Human Services and Monarch
    - Other funding is managed by the County
    - Unspent funds will be retained by the County in a special fund for usage for behavioral health services only
  - Innovations Registry of Unmet Needs
    - Serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are waiting for an Innovations slot – funded by Medicaid
    - Funding is awarded by the state that can't be changed
    - Normally a slot is only open when someone decides to go off
    - The numbers normally stay the same unless new slots are given by the State
    - High level of need that is very expensive

- Stokes County has a waiting list of 83
- Child Members Served by Diagnosis (3-17)
  - Mental Health
  - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
  - Substance Use
- Adult Members Served by Diagnosis (18 and over)
  - Mental Health
  - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
  - Substance Use
- Members Served and Expenses by Service Category – Medicaid
  - Distinct number of Members being served
  - Innovations (ICF) is the most expensive service
  - Most served through outpatient
- Members Served and Expenses by Service Category – State
  - Outpatient served the most
  - As the inpatient services decrease, the hopes are that more people are being served outside of the hospital
  - Expenses are greatest with inpatient services
- Members Served and Expenses by Service Category – Crisis Services
  - Facility Based Crisis:
    - One served by Medicaid and seventeen served by State
    - Medicaid Cost of Services = \$1,089
    - State Cost of Services = \$23,118
  - Mobile Crisis
    - Nine served by Medicaid
    - Twenty-four served by State
    - Medicaid Cost of Services = \$894
    - State Cost of Services = \$3,609
- Top 10 Providers in Stokes County
  - Daymark Recovery Services, Inc.
  - Youth Haven Services, Inc.
  - Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center
  - Wake Forest University Health Services
  - Insight Human Services
  - Monarch
  - PQA Healthcare, Inc.
  - The Neil Group, Inc.
  - North Carolina Baptist Hospital
  - InPatient Consultants of North Carolina, P.C.
- Access Call Center Data
  - Shows how quickly the phone is answered
  - Want to answer as quickly as possible – four seconds
- Call Abandonment Rate
  - Want to make sure people who are trying to call get connected
  - Cardinal Innovations target is 5% maximum – Cardinal is 1.8%

- Will be glad to answer any questions regarding the Dashboard report

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Appreciate the detailed report
- The advanced information in the Agenda was very valuable

Chairman Walker commented:

- Questioned Director Outlaw if there was anything in the information presented today that stands out positive or otherwise?

Community Executive Outlaw responded:

- Very pleased to be able to report to the Board about improvements with the situation with DSS
  - This was a great concern not only in Stokes, but across the Cardinal footprint
  - As painful as it was that it had to be brought to our attention, we needed to know and appreciated it being brought to our attention
  - We are pleased that things are better and do not want to let that drop
- Encouraged that there is such a positive community interest and energy around attacking the problem of substance use in general and opioids in particular
  - Don't know what will happen on a national level or with our state legislators
  - At one point, there was talk of some funding that would come to help fund awareness and treatment for opioid use
  - The proposed bill also had language about prescriptions – monitoring prescriptions more closely
  - Substance use is a big problem not only for the individual, but also for the family
  - Hope we can all work together to see progress with this issue

With no objection, Chairman Walker requested DSS Director Elmes to comment

about what Community Executive Outlaw stated about the improvements with the situation between DSS and Cardinal.

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- I, like Community Executive Outlaw, am very pleased with the progress that has been made between Cardinal and DSS by working together
- Like everything else, nothing is accomplished unless there is teamwork
- We have a good working relationship

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation to Community Executive Outlaw for the very detailed presentation.

## **Stokes County Community Health Assessment**

County Manager Rick Morris introduced Administrative Officer Wanda East who presented the Stokes County Health Department Community Health Assessment 2016 for Health Director Emily Naylor.

Administrator Officer Wanda East presented the following comments:

- Data collection began August 2016 and collected through October 2016. Results were entered into Survey Monkey and statistics/graphs were pulled from Survey Monkey and were compared to other counties and statistical websites. The following information was identified as top health priorities and concerns by the citizens of Stokes County:
- Ten Leading Causes of Death in Stokes County 2015
  1. Cancer
  2. Disease of the heart
  3. Cerebrovascular diseases
  4. Chronic lower respiratory diseases
  5. All other unintentional injuries
  6. Alzheimer's disease
  7. Influenza/pneumonia
  8. Intentional self-harm (suicide)
  9. Diabetes
  10. Motor Vehicles
- According to the Vital Records for Stokes County between 2013-2016, there have been a total of 29 deaths that were ruled as suicide. These numbers are always high for Stokes and we feel are related to lack of knowledge about mental health treatment that is available in the county. Also, there is always the issue of our residents not having the transportation to get help. Most of the suicide deaths were for the age ranges of 40-70. Out of the 29 deaths 20 were in this age range. Stokes County has a higher rate of 18.4 deaths related to suicide per 100,000 population compared to North Carolina's rate of 12.7 related suicide deaths per 100,000.
- The CHA Committee members from various constituents and agencies identified, analyzed and prioritized community health problems using the primary and secondary data that were both qualitative and quantitative. The following were just a few issues that were considered when choosing top health priorities:
  - 1) the county's growing substance abuse (drugs and alcohol) issues
  - 2) mental health services/issues that might influence the community's ability to address the health priorities
  - 3) the growing number of chronic health conditions related to obesity or lack of physical activity
  - 4) the access of care to individual within very rural parts of Stokes County
  - 5) lack of community transportation.
- The Stokes County Community Health Assessment Committee reviewed the results from the 2016 Community Health Assessment Community Survey; discussed focus

group questions along with the secondary data collected and developed a list of health priorities for the county. All members from these two committees represent various groups of individuals with diverse experience and knowledge. The top three health priorities chosen to focus on are:

1. Substance Abuse
2. Mental Health
3. Chronic Disease

- The committee selected these three health priorities for Stokes County in hopes to improve mental health care being offered and increasing access to care. These areas are to be addressed by the various county agencies and committees including Stokes Health Alliance, Healthy Carolinians, and through health promotion within Stokes County.

Administrative Officer East also noted:

- Actual Community Health Assessment 2016 is approximately 200 pages
- The full document is available upon request
- Reiterated the top three priorities:
  - 1. Substance Abuse
  - 2. Mental Health
  - 3. Chronic Disease
- The survey had 84 questions
- Sent out over 2,000 surveys
- Youth surveys went to all middle school and high school students with very good response
- Also sent out adult surveys
- Will be glad to answer any questions

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Very informative information
- Appears we are still on track

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Agree with Vice Chairman Lankford – very informative information

Commissioner Mendenhall had no comments.

Chairman Walker questioned Administrative Officer East if there was anything in the

Assessment that really stood out?

Administrative Officer East responded:

- Not really
- Top priorities are the same as previous years
- One priority that is not on the assessment this year is access to prenatal care, as you know the Health Department started a prenatal clinic that is really going well

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation to Administrative Officer East for the presentation of the Community Health Assessment.

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

### **Funding Allocation Recommendation – Maintenance of Effort – Behavioral Health Services**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following funding recommendation for the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Funding for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18:

#### **Fiscal Year 2016-17**

<b>Fiscal Year 2016-17</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD July – Dec. Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Projected Annual Expenses</b>
<b>Insight Human Services</b>	\$56,000	\$23,696	\$32,304	\$56,000
<b>Monarch</b>	\$156,259	\$78,130	\$78,130	\$156,259
<b>NC 2-1-1</b>	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Narcan Kits for Law Enforcement/EMS</b>	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Behavioral Health/ Substance Abuse Case Manager</b>	\$7,000		\$7,000	\$7,000
<b>Media/Education</b>	\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>Medication Storage Lock Boxes</b>	\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>Critical Incident Training</b>	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Transportation - Members</b>	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000

<b>Total Stokes County Discretionary Funding</b>	<b>\$254,259</b>	<b>\$101,826</b>	<b>\$152,434</b>	<b>\$254,259</b>
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<b>Balance carrying Forward</b>	<b>\$144,561</b>			
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**Fiscal Year 2017-18**

<b>Fiscal Year 2017-18</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD July - Dec. Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Projected Annual Expenses</b>
<b>Insight Human Services</b>	\$56,000			
<b>Monarch</b>	\$156,259			
<b>NC 2-1-1</b>	\$5,000			
<b>Jail Diversion</b>	\$25,000			
<b>Narcan Kits for Law Enforcement/EMS</b>	\$10,000			
<b>Behavioral Health/ Substance Abuse Case Manager</b>	\$40,000			
<b>DSS Placements/CCA Assists Possible Psychiatrist or Psychologist To Provide Psychological and Parenting Assessments</b>	\$35,000			
<b>Treatment Services</b>	\$30,000			
<b>Media/Education</b>	\$15,000			
<b>Critical Incident Training</b>	\$10,000			
<b>Medication Storage/Lock Boxes</b>	\$6,561			
<b>Transportation -Members</b>	\$10,000			
<b>Total Stokes County Discretionary Funding</b>	<b>\$398,820</b>			

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County Manager Morris commented:

- As the Board is aware, Cardinal has a different approach in allocating the Stokes County Funding for mental health
- Cardinal is giving the Board of County Commissioners discretion as to where some of Stokes County funding is spent
- There are two fiscal years that need to be dealt with by the Board – Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18
- This funding has been mentioned in all the meetings that DSS Director Elmes and I have been attending in regards to Cardinal
- We have been gathering information on what other counties are considering and particularly from the counties who have already been in Cardinal
- This is the best recommendation that we can come up with after talking to several people
- Any funding not allocated can be carried over to the next fiscal year
- We actually need two approvals – one for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016-17 and one for Fiscal Year 2017-18 which will be placed in the recommended budget (Board can always change the Fiscal Year 2017-18 during the budget process)
- With the Fiscal Year 2016-17 recommendation, there will be approximately \$144,561 that can be carried over to Fiscal Year 2017-18
- Think Community Executive Outlaw needs to know the intentions of the Board for Fiscal Year 2017-18 funding
- Will be glad to answer any questions
- Can be considered at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting

Community Executive Outlaw noted that the format being recommended can be used once the Board approves the funding allocation.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Booth questioned if there was any funding left from CenterPoint from Fiscal Year 2015-16?

County Manager Morris responded:

- Do not believe there was any funding remaining with CenterPoint during Fiscal Year 2015-16, but will be glad to check

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager position is included in both recommendation
- Confirmed with Finance Director Julia Edwards, that the funding is in a special fund – Maintenance of Effort
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that any remaining funding can be carried over from year to year

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the funding does not have to be allocated; funding will remain in the special fund until allocated
- Concerned if all the funding is used, then there will be no funding available to fund the Substance Abuse Case Manager position

DSS Director Stacey Elmes commented:

- The new position is budgeted in both Fiscal Years – 2016-17 and 2017-18

County Manager Morris responded:

- The new position can be funded from the \$398,820 that is allocated each year for mental health services
- The funding not used by Cardinal is at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, as long as, it is used for behavioral health services

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that the \$40,000 for the Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager is only an estimate – that does not include the federal/state funding that can be pulled down for this position and the estimate includes overhead

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Have no issues with the recommendation for Fiscal Year 2016-17, but would like to take Fiscal Year 2017-18 into the budget discussions

County Manager Morris responded:

- Will put the Fiscal Year 2017-18 recommendation in the recommended budget unless directed otherwise by the Board
- The Board will have an opportunity to change the recommendation for Fiscal Year 2017-18 during budget work sessions

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Have no issues or questions with the recommendations

Chairman Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that estimated funding can be changed if not used in a particular line item

County Manager Morris responded:

- Working with Cardinal to make sure the County financially reconciles the amount not spent by Cardinal

Chairman Walker continued:

- Questioned Community Executive Outlaw how this recommendation would be used by Cardinal?

Community Executive Outlaw responded:

- Will use this information to see where there are gaps and to see if Cardinal can do something about them
- For example, just recently Cardinal's Medical Director wanted to know if any of the counties served by Cardinal was furnishing Narcan kits to their departments
- Cardinal will be tracking only the funding that is managed by Cardinal – currently Insight Human Services and Monarch
- County will be responsible for tracking the all expenses and funding from the discretionary funding not allocated to Cardinal
- Cardinal will actually manage some, all, or none
- It is up to the County if you want to manage all the funding which includes providers, but that creates a whole new set of problems
- The County is actually already managing the funding that has been allocated for transportation

Chairman Walker confirmed with Manager Morris that the county staff had no issues with managing the unspent discretionary funding.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the amount allocated for mental health services is the same for both Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18 = \$398,820
- Reiterated that the line items can be amended if needed

Finance Director Julia Edwards commented:

- Reiterated that the funding has been placed in a separate fund – Maintenance of Effort which will have its own Fund Balance
- This fund will show up separately in the annual audit

Clerk Bullins requested direction from the Board regarding the recommendations for the next Agenda.

The Board discussed placing the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recommendation on the Action Agenda for consideration and the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Recommendation would be placed in the manager's recommended budget.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board (Commissioner Jones absent), directed the Clerk to place the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Recommendation on the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Action Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board (Commissioner Jones absent), directed Manager Morris to place the Fiscal Year 2017-18 in his recommended budget.

## **Social Services Monthly Report**

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

- Metrics (As of April 2017):
  - Income Maintenance
    - NC FAST – In Compliance
      - Child care to go live in June
      - CIP/LIEAP to go live in July
      - Social Workers currently training in NCFast System
    - WorkFirst – In Compliance
      - 63 open cases
      - \$13,038 in benefits delivered
    - FNS – In Compliance
      - 2,773 open cases
      - 5,838 participants
      - \$628,774 in benefits delivered
    - Adult Medicaid, Family & Children's Medicaid – In Compliance
      - Medical Assistance
        - 8,222 open cases
        - 8,924 participants
      - Special Assistance:
        - 176 open cases
        - \$71,831 Special Assistance benefits delivered
  - Child Support – In Compliance
    - Serving 1,375 children with collections at \$219,684
  - Program Integrity – In Compliance
    - 180 open cases
    - Collected \$6,487.22 with \$1,193.44 of collections retained in the county
  - Child Day Care – In Compliance
    - 95 children on the waiting list
    - \$96,997.75 spent
  - Foster Care
    - Foster Care Services – Needs Improvement
      - 117 children in custody
      - Four (4) children exited care in April and Six (6) entered care
      - Monitoring thirteen (13) children that have been returned to their families
      - Yellow because of vacancies and the number of children in custody
    - Foster Care Home Licensing – Needs improvement
      - Currently have 22 licensed foster homes
      - Working to complete the licensing requirements for fifteen (15) families that completed MAPP Class
      - 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
    - none
- Child Protective Services
  - Investigations – In Compliance
    - Received 41 reports involving 34 children
    - There were 21 reports accepted for investigation
      - Five (5) of these were found in need of services
    - Have 51 active CPS investigations open
    - Offered services in two (2) cases
  - Case Management – In Compliance
    - Ten (10) open cases
  - Assists to other Counties
    - Five (5) assists
- Adult Services
  - Adult Protective Services – In Compliance
    - Received seven (7) reports
    - Five (5) reports were screened in
    - One (1) 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-nine (79) open cases
  - CAP DA – In Compliance
    - Sixty-nine (69) 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
    - Three (3) offer services home visits (not APS related)
- Supervision (Staff/Supervisor Ratio) - Needs Improvement
  - State standard says one supervisor per five (5) child welfare social workers, so the need still exists for a supervisor position
- Staffing (Years of Service) – In Compliance
  - Four (4) vacancies
    - Social Worker – Foster Care
    - Social Worker – Adult Services
    - Income Maintenance Caseworker
    - Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager

- New position – Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager has been approved by the State and is being posted internal
- Will go external next week if no qualified applications are received
- Medicaid Transportation – In Compliance
  - 248 clients served - \$17,854 spent
- Clerical – In Compliance
  - 694 Walk Ins
  - No Fishing Licenses disbursed

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **A Profile of Older Americans: 2016**

DSS Director Elmes provided the Board with a copy of “A Profile of Older Americans: 2016” produced by the Administration on Aging Administration for Community Living – US Department of Health and Human Services. (May is Older Americans Month)

#### **Foster Care Month – May 2017**

DSS Director Elmes noted that May is Foster Care month – the month that we celebrate the generosity and love shown whenever a family opens their heart and home to a child in need of protection.

DSS Elmes noted:

- Annual Foster Family Picnic is scheduled for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Germanton Park from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Most of our foster parents and children will be in attendance
- Stokes County is in desperate need for more foster families
- DSS currently has over 100 children in foster care yet only a few openings in our current homes

#### **Senate Bill 594/House Bill 608 – Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act**

Director Elmes provided the Board with the following information regarding the proposed Senate Bill 594/House Bill 608 – Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act:

Senators Tamara Barringer, Kathy Harrington, and Tommy Tucker introduced SB 594 – Family and Child Protection and Accountability Act that proposes to initiate a collaborative and deliberate process to transform North Carolina’s child welfare system. The bill would essentially:

- Restructure social services for standardization and efficiency – consolidating county DSS agencies into no more than 30 regions by 2022 to standardize practices and reduce inter-county disparities in service and workforce;
- Reform the North Carolina Department of Social Services – give the state greater authority to enforce performance standards; including the creation of a statewide practice model;
- Create a Child Welfare Transformation Council – bring in a third party to evaluate and reform the child welfare system, create a council to align children’s services across government agencies;
- Establish a Foster Care Driving pilot;
- Include a pilot to help stabilize children in therapeutic foster care;
- Reduce the time to permanency for children in foster care;
- Shorten the processing time for foster care licensure

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The basic premise of the SB (and identical companion HB) is that the current structure and oversight of 100 County Departments of Social Services is failing miserably. The Senator(s) have cited several recent reports that indicate the need for major reform. These reports are attached for your convenience and are

- Child and Family Services Reviews – North Carolina – Final Report – December 2015
- North Carolina Statewide Protective Services Evaluation – March 2016
- Community Executive Summary: A Road Map for Improvement (put together by the North Carolina Association of Social Services Directors)

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A list of some of the preliminary pros/cons of this proposed legislation (not exhaustive):

Pros:

- ❖ The “system” DOES need some reform!  
The NCACDSS in conjunction with DHHS recently completed a comprehensive Program Improvement Plan that addresses many of the key areas of concern noted in this legislation. They have not allowed ANY time for these changes to be implemented. These changes are noted in the Community Executive Summary: A Road Map for Improvement that is provided for your review.
- ❖ Smaller/rural counties with less resources could potentially benefit from being regionalized with larger/richer resourced counties.
- ❖ The “burden” for ensuring the safety, well-being, and protection of the state’s most vulnerable children would presumably be “shared” in this model.

Cons:

- ❖ A huge bill with a hodge podge of concerns all thrown in together. (Multi-faceted components will require thorough and comprehensive review and sudden/swift movements to fully adopt this legislation would likely be chaotic and detrimental without deep analysis and study.)
- ❖ The state “reformed” managed care a few years back into a similar type model and by and large that reform has not produced the intended positive impact.
- ❖ The draft legislation limits the number of “seats” that County DSS representatives will have around the table to two. In comparison, they propose that 6 total seats be provided to

legislators (those who don't have expert knowledge or understanding of a very massive and complex system).

- ❖ So many unanswered questions:
  - Would county employees become state employees?
  - How would board structure work?
  - Funding?
- ❖ Transformation of this type should be data driven. The state does not have a reliable data system to even begin to pull data for this type of massive overhaul.
- ❖ There is not currently a state infrastructure to be able to support this reform. A solid and reliable foundation is needed to build upon and that does not exist.
- ❖ The state already puts the burden of funding on the county (aside from federal reimbursements). How will they propose to pay for such a massive and complex overhaul without a fully sound funding plan?
- ❖ No state has passed the CFSR (this is the review process cited as one of the major reasons this reform is needed).
- ❖ Overlooks important variation in culture and uniqueness of different counties/regions in the state.

DSS Director Elmes commented:

- Also provided the Board with a timeline prepared by Senator Barringer, who co-sponsored Senate Bill 594 for the NC Child Protection and Accountability Act
- North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services (NCACDSS) has met with Senator Barringer regarding Senate Bill 594
- The biggest thing about Senate Bill 594 that concerns the NCACDSS is the consolidation of Social Services
- Senate Bill 594 wants to make 30 Department of Social Services as supposed to 100 – regionalization
- Members of NCACDSS were meeting with Senator Barringer today, should receive a report of the meeting in the morning
- Rumors are that the Senate is planning on throwing this bill in with the budget bill and that means it will pass
- So many unanswered questions at this point

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that it is uncertain at this time what criteria would be used to place the counties in a region
- Taking the autonomy away from the individual counties would be very devastating

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Have been told, unofficial, that Senator Barringer sees the larger counties such as Wake, Mecklenburg, etc. as standalone counties and that Senator Barringer sees 10-13 counties

in the state that are poorly performing and that this bill will take care of those 10-13 counties that are performing poorly

- Stokes County is not performing poorly
- Believe that if Stokes County was measured, we would be one of the best in the state
- We take care of our kids

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Hypothetically speaking, the larger counties would keep their own directors and it is unknown at this time whether the smaller counties would even have a director

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- It is unknown what actually will be done about the directors
- All we have been told is that there will be regions
- Agree with Commissioner Mendenhall about taking the autonomy away from the individual counties
- As small as Stokes County is, who knows who we would be in with
- Very concerned about this proposed bill

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- I can tell you that regionalism is not the right process
- Have seen that with Piedmont Triad Regional Council which went from 4 counties to 12 counties
- It does not work
- Everything goes to the larger counties
- Will call Senator Barringer about this issue

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Know that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has spoken to Senator Barringer soon after she proposed the bill and told her the NCACC opposed the proposed bill
- My understanding is that Senator Barringer was very upset
- Know that a few counties have already done a resolution regarding opposition to this bill
- Would be happy to get the Board a copy of that resolution

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- We need to lobby on this bill

The Board unanimously (with Commissioner Jones absent) agreed to have DSS Director Elmes provide the Board with a copy of the approved resolution concerning opposition to this bill.

Chairman Walker suggested the Board give him authority to execute the resolution and send it on to Raleigh.

Chairman Walker continued:

- This sounds like something that we need Senator Randleman's help on
- She has force in the Senate and knows her way around
- The sooner we can get her and Representative Kyle Hall involved the better
- Senator Randleman might could help us in the Senate – she knows her political options very well

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Will be glad to speak to Senator Randleman today after the meeting

DSS Director Elmes:

- Understand NCACDSS is going to Raleigh on County Assembly Day to discuss this legislation

Chairman Walker commented:

- Don't see why one senator thinks they can push a bill like this through

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Understand she has a lot of support

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Have to take into consideration where Senator Barringer is from – Wake County
- Probably has a lot of the larger counties with her since they will not be impacted

Chairman Walker commented:

- Believe the division across the state is 88 small counties and 12 major counties that have a lot of clout

Chairman Walker requested Vice Chairman Lankford to get back with the Clerk regarding his call to Senator Randleman.

Chairman Walker questioned if Representative Hall should be contacted?

Commissioner Mendenhall noted that he would be glad to contact Representative Hall today.

Commissioner Booth questioned if the Board needed to give concurrence about the Chairman executing the Resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 594?

The Board had no issues giving Chairman Walker authority to execute the Resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 594.

The Board unanimously (with Commissioner Jones absent) agreed to have Chairman Walker execute the Resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 594.

DSS Director Elmes also provided the Board with the following information:

- Child & Family Services Reviews – North Carolina Final Report – December 2015 (from the US Department of Health & Human Services –Administration for Children & Families)
- North Carolina Statewide Child Protective Services Evaluation (from the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services Division of Social Services – March 1, 2016)
- Community Executive Summary: A road Map for Improvement – The North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services to address North Carolina Child & Family Services Review (from North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services)

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation to DSS Director Elmes for her detailed monthly report.

#### **Tax Administration Report – April 2017**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following informational data for the April 2017 Report for the Board's review:

<b>Fiscal Year 2016-17</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Collected Amount</b>	<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>Under Budget</b>
<b>Current 2016 Taxes</b>	\$20,420,409.00	\$20,189,500.68		\$230,908.32
<b>Percentage = 98.87%</b>				
<b>New Schools F-Tech Fund</b>	\$1,317,445.00	\$1,339,192.99	\$(21,747.99)	
<b>Percentage = 101.65%</b>				
<b>Prior Taxes</b>				
<b>County Regular &amp; Motor Vehicles</b>	\$450,000.00	\$437,228.24		\$12,771.76
<b>Percentages = 97.16%</b>				

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

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Releases less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (April 2017) at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review:

<b>Releases Less Than</b>	<b>\$100 Real/Personal</b>	<b>Property</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Carlos Williams	11457-2016-2016	\$72.64
	11457-2015-2015	\$76.63

11457-2014-2014	<u>\$80.62</u>
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$229.89</b>

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

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refunds more than \$100 – Real and Personal Property (April 2017) at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review with consideration for approval at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

<b>Refunds Mores Than \$100 Real/Personal</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
First Baptist Church			
Of Walnut Cove	29384440	\$591.44	Religious Exempt
Scotty E. Shelton	34204616	\$179.03	Vehicle Sold
Kenneth G. Sharp Jr	16525696	\$304.25	Vehicle Sold
Westmoreland			
Construction Co. Inc	35539987	\$399.66	Change of County
Lamer D. Martin, Jr.			
Melissa A. S. Martin	2121-2016-2016	<u>\$112.66</u>	Double Listed
<b>Total Amount</b>		<b>\$1,587.07</b>	

### **Late Application for Religious Exemption for 2016**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Late Application for Religious Exemption Application for 2016 at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board's review with consideration for approval at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

- Taxpayer: First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove
  - Bill number #29384440
  - Owns: 2016 American Bus
  - Assigned Tax Value = \$55,796
  - Requesting a late application for the year 2016 for religious exemption
  - Review of the application and accompanying documents indicate that First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove qualify for the exemption and a full refund of \$591.44
  - Tax Administration recommends approval by the Board of County Commissioners of this late application

### **Discount for Early Payment of Annual Bills**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following information regarding the 2%

discount for payment of annual tax bills (real and personal) prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> per NC General Statutes 105-360(c):

- Unless the Board of County Commissioners chooses to alter this policy, the Tax Department Annual Bills will continue to reflect the offering of the early payment discount
- The Board of County Commissioners does not have to take any action to continue the existing policy
- If the Board of County Commissioners wishes to amend the existing policy, the Board of County Commissioners must amend the existing resolution
- The Board then must submit the change to the Property Tax Division in Raleigh for approval and then publish once in a newspaper
- The following is the amount of discount taken on all Tax Codes for early payment of taxes:

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

Chairman Walker questioned Administrator Oakley what would be his recommendation regarding the 2% discount.

Administrator Oakley responded:

- Keeping the 2% gets a majority of the tax revenue into the county during the month of August each year
- If you need that revenue for operations, I would recommend keeping the 2% discount
- If you decide to eliminate the 2%, then your big revenue month would be December instead of August
- Would not have the use of the revenue until December

- The 2% discount has been the county's policy for a long, long time
- Does help out the elderly and those living on a tight budget

### **Discussion – Motor Vehicle Gap Billing**

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following information regarding the Motor Vehicle Gap Billing:

- Vehicle Gap Billing has just started
- The Gap Bill is for someone who was late paying their motor vehicle taxes
- Those late, will be getting a bill
- The State of North Carolina currently does not know exactly how they want to collect this GAP Billing
- Right now they are collecting it as personal property – considering an untagged vehicle as personal property
- To change the minimal tax bill right off from \$1.00 to \$3 or \$4 to adjust the Gap Billing would not be a big deal
- Will have a lot of residents upset when the County tries to collect the GAP Billing which would possibly only be a \$1.14 or \$1.50
- With it being attached to personal property, then that would include everything
- Would recommend to wait until fall and see what the state does about this GAP Billing
- My recommendation would be to wait until the State of North Carolina decides the GAP Billing is not personal property, but is motor vehicle
- Would then consider possibly changing the write off from \$1.00
- It is currently being classified personal property and changing the write off amount to \$5.00 could cause issues

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the following be placed on the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Consent

Agenda:

- Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Late Application Religious Exemption for 2016

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussions/questions/comments.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Questioned Tax Administrator Oakley when the state may decide about this GAP Billing being motor vehicle instead of personal property

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- Have been told it would be decided by August, but as slow as the state is, I believe it will be in the fall

Vice Chairman Lankford continued:

- Confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that there would be 4 divisions if the state changed this GAP Billing as motor vehicle instead of personal property – Real property, personal property, motor vehicle and motor vehicle (GAP Billing)
- Believe we should wait until the state decides

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Per the report submitted by Tax Administrator Oakley, looks like the Tax Office will meet their budget for Fiscal Year 2106-17 as far as revenues

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- Believe the Tax Office will meet the budgeted amount for tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2016-17
- Still have two months to go

Chairman Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that business is as usual in the Tax Office

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Consent Agenda:

- Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property
- Late Application Religious Exemption for 2016

Clerk Bullins requested clarification regarding the 2% discount for payment of Annual Tax Bills (real and personal) prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Board unanimously (with Commissioner Jones absent) agreed to keep the 2% discount for payment of Annual Tax Bills (real and personal) prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Trades Facility – Forsyth Tech Community College – Annual Operating Commitment**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Annual Operating Commitment for the proposed Trades Facility to be located on the Forsyth Tech Community College campus:

- Ken Jarvis, Forsyth Tech Community College, requested the revised NCCCS 3-1 form that reflects the addition of the \$1,500,000 received from Golden LEAF Foundation for the Trade Shop building to be located on the Forsyth Community College in Stokes County be approved by the Board of County Commissioners

- Upon confirmation of the award of the grant, this increases the building from 3,500 sq. ft. to approximately 7,000 sq. ft.
- The increase size of the facility doubles the county's commitment from approximately \$24,000 to \$44,000 for the yearly operating cost
- The Forsyth Tech Community College Board of Directors approve the amendment to the NCCC 3-1 on April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Forsyth Tech requests the approval from the Board in order to continue the project

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that this \$44,000 is only an estimate and that the County will only be responsible for actual costs which could be lower

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Just an observation, Forsyth Tech always comes out with their projections with the exact dollars that is awarded/allocated
- Hope bids will be lower

Commissioner Booth commended:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that this is not set in stone as what will be taught at the facility
- Noticed that HVAC is included on this paper

County Manager Morris commented:

- Believe this is the original capital improvement project paperwork – done before any consideration was given to the trades
- Just changed the sq. footage and the amount for maintenance

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- The trades has not been decided yet
- I represent this Board on the committee and attended the last meeting
- To my knowledge – the trades have not been decided

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Believe we discussed the trades a few months ago and it was indicated that HVAC was not going to be a trade taught at the new facility – too expensive

County Manager Morris responded:

- It is still not

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- It has not been approved as to what will be the trades at the new facility

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Believe this needs to be looked at very closely, we are increasing the size of the facility from 3,500 sq. ft. to 7,000 sq. ft. and the \$1.5 million has been awarded
- We have two commissioners that serve on that committee

Chairman Walker commented:

- Everyone at the last meeting agreed that HVAC should be a trade for the new facility if possible
- To my understanding, it was not a space factor, it is so very expensive – equipment
- Could not make it work with the budget
- It is available at the Forsyth campus in Winston Salem

County Manager Morris responded:

- It is a combination of space and money

Commissioner Booth commented:

- All these trades are available in Winston Salem, but we don't want them in Winston, we want them in Stokes County

Chairman Walker commented:

- This document is only about the annual operating costs

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Understand it is about the annual operating costs, but encourage the two commissioners to get as many trades in that facility as possible

Chairman Walker commented:

- Feel free to speak to Dr. Green or anyone at Forsyth Tech about your concerns

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Don't like the fact that we are getting ready to start the facility and still don't know what trades will be in the new facility

Chairman Walker, with consensus from the Board (Commissioner Jones absent), directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Action Agenda.

### **Head Start/Recreation Building Status**

Chairman Walker turned the Agenda item over to Vice Chairman Lankford.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Brought these concerns about the Head Start Building to the Board a couple of meetings ago
- Direction was given to Manager Morris to provide the Board with facts about the building

- Believe this is an urgent matter that needed to be discussed before the budget process, that is why it is on today's Agenda

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the

Head Start/Recreation Building located on the hospital complex:

- As directed by the Board, county staff has met with Architect Perry Peterson, Peterson/Gordon Architects, who has provided the County with preliminary assessment
- As of April 6, 2017, the County has already spent \$15,627 trying to keep a roof on the YMCA/Head Start Building but the buzzards keep tearing it off
- On 04-05-17, two facilities were visited to determine the most viable option for housing the current Head Start Program
- YMCA Building – approximately 2,000 sq. ft.
  - Overall condition of the building is poor
  - Mobile unit foundation condition is questionable – removal of the unit is recommended
  - No handicapped accessible toilet facilities
  - Roof issues – buzzards have been attacking the membrane roof – efforts to stop the damage have had limited success, but costly
  - No food preparation area
  - Room size would not be optimal – maximum width would be 11'0"
  - The following items need replacement:
    - Wood roof structure is lacking air space – replace improperly installed R-30 batt insulation
    - Wood fascias
    - Windows
    - Exterior doors
    - Wall finishes
    - Carpet and other floor finishes must be replaced
    - Plumbing
    - HVAC units
    - Electrical
  - Probably cost for renovations - \$150,000 - \$180,000
- Nurse's Building – Lower portion approximately 2,400 sq. ft.
  - Overall condition of the building is marginal
  - Accessibility ramp to playground is required
  - New playground with new fencing
  - No accessible toilets
  - Potential for two classrooms (adequate space)
  - No food preparation area
  - Covered main entrance
  - The following items need replacement:
    - Insulation
    - Wall finishes
    - Windows

- Flooring
  - Plumbing
  - HVAC System
  - Electrical
- Probably cost for renovations - \$130,000 - \$150,000
- Cost are very schematic in nature
- When requirements are developed more accurately, cost projections will be possible
- After reviewing each property, the recommendation is that the Nurse's Building is the most appropriate space to house the Head Start Program
- This location gives the program a prominent location, highly visible to the community
- The site has multiple options for drop off and pick up of the children participating in the program
- The potential of adding another classroom allows for potential future growth of the program
- Renovations to the property are extensive, but this would be a requirement for any new use of this space
- The actual configuration of the classroom space is appropriate for the number of children using the space
- Information regarding the Head Start Program provided by Director Rhonda Wrenn, YVEDDI:
  - Currently have 17 preschool children enrolled at the site
  - The classroom operates 180 days per year
  - This school year, we have been able to consistently stay fully enrolled at the site
  - Already fully enrolled for the 2017-18 school year
  - Employ two staff:
    - A teacher with a BS Degree and Birth-K Teaching License
    - An assistant teacher with a one-year certificate in early childhood
    - The 2016-17 school year will end on June 5, 2017
    - The 2017-18 school year will began on August 21, 2017
- YMCA staff is currently compiling information about usage, programs, etc. as requested

County Manager Morris also noted:

- The facility that was occupied by the YMCA is not suitable at the moment for usage
- Leaks in the roof have caused the ceiling tiles to fall in
- The YMCA is working out of the employee's house
- Discussion has been going on about possibly putting the Recreation in the double wide beside the hospital that is no longer used by the hospital
- Have talked about this a long time – had several discussions with Derick Edwards
- Believe the Head Start facility is okay for now, but needs major renovations
- Need to decide about the Head Start as soon as possible so that we can let them know of our intentions – they start another school year in August 2017
- Will be glad to answer any questions or get additional information needed by the Board

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Chairman Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Vice Chairman Lankford that he had been dealing with the Head Start issues for some time

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Notified by the director of Head Start that there were some issues with the building
- Mentioned it to County Manager and he had staff research the issues as noted in the information provided to the Board
- Staff primarily fixed most of the issues
- Now the facility (YMCA-Recreation) attached to the Head Start has major issues
- Currently the YMCA was not providing any programs in the facility before the roof issues; YMCA employee was only using the office
- I had the opportunity to see both facilities (last Thursday)
- The brick part (YMCA-Recreation) is a good solid building
- My understanding is the real problem is the buzzards that are picking the rubber membrane off the roof
- They are perching on the chimney, not sure why there is a chimney on the building
- Staff reported that the roof problems started in 2012 and have been spending money on the roof since 2012
- We don't have a fix
- My understanding with problem solving is that if you don't get a fix with the first or second idea; you have to try something else
- At some point in time, I can see us spending funding to fix this brick building
- The mobile unit is beyond repair
- Also visited the old Day Care Facility located beside the hospital
- That facility is number one
- Has a new roof – put on a few years ago
- Can be used for Head Start – Head Start is a day care type operation that is funded by the federal government
- My recommendation, as far as I see, would be to fix up the old Day Care Center for both the Head Start and the YMCA – Recreation
- Need to do as urgent as possible
- Head Start can use half and the YMCA-Recreation can use the other half

Chairman Walker questioned who controls the use of the facility?

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- The County, it is a county owned facility and the hospital does not use it
- The answer is not in any kind of agreement that it is part of the hospital

Chairman Walker noted was there a need to get the county attorney to look into that?

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- I don't know
- I called CEO Pam Tillman and she has not returned my call to see if there was any idea that they may be going to use it
- The lease agreement does not specify anything but the hospital and JRJones that I can read; maybe someone else can interpret it different, I don't know

Chairman Walker commented:

- Wonder if that would be considered part of the hospital

County Manager Morris responded:

- Not sure if the lease has a list of specific buildings in it
- Would need to get County Attorney Browder's legal opinion since it is right next to the hospital

Commissioner Booth commented:

- The facility was never used by Pioneer
- Think the roof was put about six years ago

Chairman Walker commented:

- Was there any mention of asbestos?

County Manager Morris responded, no.

Chairman Walker questioned Vice Chairman Lankford from his observation, does that look like a possible option

Vice Chairman Lankford responded.

- It is a sound building, the only question that would probably have to be a ruling on is the window height, not sure it could be grandfathered in since it used to be a daycare facility in the building
- It is going to be used as a daycare now

Chairman Walker suggested:

- Get all the answers we can by the next meeting and put this item back on the Discussion Agenda

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- That would work, but would like for the Board to be considering this because Head Start gets out in June and starts back in August
- If we have to do any renovations, they need to be started as soon as they get out of school in June and have it ready so they can start back again in August

Chairman Walker questioned if there was any other information anyone needed before the next meeting?

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Would like to follow up on Vice Chairman Lankford's comments about the facility
- The information presented to the Board shows a probable cost for renovations between \$130,000 and \$150,000
- From what Vice Chairman Lankford's comments about the building, I don't know how they can do that much on the inside of the building
- Looks like the building would be grandfathered in since it was an existing daycare and it is going back to Head Start which is a daycare
- Not changing that much
- Look at where they are now and compare the windows – can't be much difference
- Should be able to take care of the YMCA Recreation brick building
- Don't know why there is a frame on the top of that building for the buzzards to land on

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- I think that was one of the fixes that was going to help, but it did not work

Commissioner Booth responded:

- That will pull the buzzards in – having something to perch on

Chairman Walker noted that the buzzards were a protective species.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Have done a lot of research on this and there are some things that can be done to correct this situation that has not been tried

Chairman Walker commented:

- Don't understand how we went through 100s of years with no problems with buzzards eating the roofs
- Now they are eating roofs and the rubber around car windshields and the wipers

Chairman Walker questioned if the Board needed any further information?

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Would like to see the minimum cost for repairs
- When you take an architect to a facility and kind of leave it open, they always come back high
- Have seen that done before
- Would bid the project if the Board chooses to approve funding or the renovations project

County Manager Morris confirmed with the Board that they only want costs for the old daycare facility.

Chairman Walker commented:

- Vice Chairman Lankford brought up a good point, if the YMCA is not doing any programs, how much space do they actually need
- Think they are operating out of the employee's home

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- If you split the building in half, you have plenty of room for both the Head Start and the YMCA-Recreation

Chairman Walker commented:

- Need to find out how much space is really needed for the YMCA-Recreation
- Right now, think the number one priority is to find out if LifeBrite would consider making the building available for the County to use and we need to have the county attorney provide a legal opinion on that question
- Need to see the minimum costs for renovations

Commissioner Mendenhall requested to tour the facility before the next meeting.

Commissioner Booth also requested to tour the facility before the next meeting.

Chairman Walker directed the manager to arrange a time that Commissioners Booth and Mendenhall could tour the facility.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Read over the lease with Pioneer and the amendments for LifeBrite, I could not see anywhere it says about the facility
- The only thing that they are looking for are the medical buildings

County Manager Morris commented:

- Pioneer had a medical use with that space
- They were going to tear down the facility and build a new medical office
- This is probably not a black and white issue

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Would like to see CEO Tillman's perspective regarding this issue

Chairman Walker commented:

- If anyone has any other questions, please get in touch with the Clerk

Chairman Walker, with consensus of the Board (Commissioner Jones absent), directed Manager Morris obtain all the information requested by the Board for the next meeting and directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Discussion Agenda.

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

### **Proposed General Liability, Automotive, & Worker's Compensation Insurance Rates for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

Chairman Walker noted following quote from NC Association of County Commissioners for General Liability, Automotive, & Worker's Compensation which was presented to the Board at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- For Fiscal Year 2017-18
  - Worker's Compensation = \$395,194
  - Liability, Property, Automotive = \$226,658
  - Multi pool discounts = \$10,430.00

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the quote from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for General Liability, Automotive, & Workers Compensation for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for any further discussion.

With no further discussion, the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Jones absent.

### **Appointments - Stokes County Planning Board**

Chairman Walker noted the following were nominated at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Yadkin Township - Larry Snyder
- Sauratown Township – Ronnie Morris
- Snow Creek Township – Steven Spencer
- Quaker Gap Township – Gary Simmons

Chairman Walker opened the floor for any further nominations.

With no further nominations, Chairman Walker entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Chairman Walker:

- Yadkin Township - Larry Snyder
- Sauratown Township – Ronnie Morris
- Snow Creek Township – Steven Spencer
- Quaker Gap Township – Gary Simmons

Commissioner Booth:

- Yadkin Township - Larry Snyder
- Sauratown Township – Ronnie Morris
- Snow Creek Township – Steven Spencer
- Quaker Gap Township – Gary Simmons

Commissioner Mendenhall:

- Yadkin Township - Larry Snyder
- Sauratown Township – Ronnie Morris
- Snow Creek Township – Steven Spencer
- Quaker Gap Township – Gary Simmons

Vice Chairman Lankford:

- Yadkin Township - Larry Snyder
- Sauratown Township – Ronnie Morris
- Snow Creek Township – Steven Spencer
- Quaker Gap Township – Gary Simmons

Chairman Walker noted the following were re-appointed to serve on the Stokes County

Planning Board:

Vice Chairman Lankford:

- Yadkin Township - Larry Snyder
- Sauratown Township – Ronnie Morris
- Snow Creek Township – Steven Spencer
- Quaker Gap Township – Gary Simmons

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

Chairman Walker noted the following was nominated at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to serve on the Walnut Cove Senior Advisory Council:

- Angie Welch

Chairman Walker opened the floor for any further nominations.

With no further nominations, Chairman Walker entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Vice Chairman Lankford: Angie Welch  
Commissioner Mendenhall: Angie Welch  
Commissioner Booth: Angie Welch  
Vice Chairman Lankford: Angie Welch

Chairman Walker noted that Angie Welch was appointed to serve on the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council.

### **Closed Session**

Chairman Walker 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(a)(6).

Commissioner Mendenhall 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(a)(6).

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

The Board re-entered the open session of the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Animal Control**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve that complete control (department and employees) of Animal Control be given to Sheriff Mike Marshall with the budgets remaining separate and with an effective date of May 15, 2017. Vice Chairman Lankford seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for any further discussion.

With no further discussion, the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Jones absent.

County Manager Morris questioned if there was any other guidance about the Animal Control Operation?

The Board unanimously agreed, with Commissioner Jones absent, that any operational changes would be left up to Sheriff Mike Marshall.

### **Adjournment**

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

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried (4-0) with Commissioner Jones absent.

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

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**Jimmy Walker**  
**Chairman**