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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
JUNE 23, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a Recessed Budget Work Session (from June 21, 2017 Budget Work Session) for the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget in the third floor conference room of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Friday, June 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm with the following members present:

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

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

Chairman Jimmy Walker called the recessed Budget Work Session to order and welcomed those in attendance.

**INVOCATION**

Chairman Walker asked Commissioner Mendenhall to deliver the invocation.

Commissioner Mendenhall 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.

## **YVEDDI Headstart – Danbury Location**

Chairman Walker noted that there was some business to take care involving the YVEDDI Headstart facility before budget discussions.

Chairman Walker requested Vice Chairman Lankford to update the Board regarding the future usage of the facility by YVEDDI Headstart.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Attended a tour along with Manager Morris, county staff, and YVEDDI representatives of the former “Y” facility for possible usage
- At present time, there is one class of four-year olds with seventeen (17) students which would require about half of the 2,200 sq. ft. building
- The other part of the facility could be used for another class from birth to three-year olds (receives more federal money for this age group)
- Interior has to be taken completely down
- Needs a metal roof (A-Frame) which would help with the interior framing
- Needs handicap baths
- Remove outside chimney
- Needs warming kitchen
- Outside space is adequate
- YVEDDI is very much interested
- YVEDDI would like to stay if at all possible
- Could stay in the same their current location until the renovations are done

County Manager Morris commented:

- Believe the students would not be able to occupy their current location during renovations of the facility (can check to verify)
- Would first have to have an air quality test done before occupying their current location

Vice Chairman Lankford continued:

- First estimate for renovations was \$130,000 to \$150,000
- YVEDDI representatives have stated that YVEDDI could possibly provide some of the funding

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

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Could YVEDDI provide an estimate as to what they think they could contribute

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Not sure about the amount at this time

- YVEDDI is currently renovating another facility – received a \$90,000 grant to help with the renovations

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Would make a big difference if we knew how much YVEDDI could contribute
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that YVEDDI currently pays \$400 per month for rent
- Would take a long time to ever recover the costs for the renovations (approximately 32 years just to cover renovations – does not include yearly maintenance costs)

Chairman Walker commented:

- Discussed with YVEDDI representatives yesterday about what kind of involvement financially could YVEDDI provide – even discussed possibly some type of long term lease or ownership if YVEDDI funded the renovations
- Don't know an exact answer right now
- Would like to hear what direction Vice Chairman Lankford would like to proceed

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- We currently have a brick building that had a leaky roof that was not repaired
- Due to a leaky roof, there has been a lot of roof damage
- Do not want to see the building completely eliminated
- Building can be renovated and used
- Can't understand why we would ever want to demolish a county building if renovations could be done
- Would like to put \$150,000 in Capital Reserve for future renovations
- If we decide not to continue with the renovations, can always be transferred back to the General Fund
- This way, we could take time to see what needs to be done

Chairman Walker commented:

- With no further information, will continue with the recessed Budget Work Session

### **Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget**

Chairman Walker opened the floor for open discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Would like to know if we are supposed to be considering the recommendation from Vice Chairman Lankford regarding the placement of \$145,000 to \$150,000 in Capital Reserve

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Yes, definitely

Chairman Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the funding could be placed in Capital Reserve
- Understand the importance of this facility to Vice Chairman Lankford and will try to take that into consideration
- If we were going to put \$145,000 into Capital Reserve for this possible project, would hope Vice Chairman Lankford would consider what is important to some of the rest of the Board members
- Two things that come to mind would be economic development director and drug officers for me

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Not ready to discuss that right now

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with County Manager Morris that there would be no obligation if the Board chose not to do the renovations
- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards that the funding would stay in Capital Reserve until the Board made a decision on whether to spend or not spend
- Too many unknowns right now to make a decision
- Understand YVEDDI has a facility in Lawsonville that they could possibly use
- When it takes 32 years to recoup the funding for renovations through rent payments, it is something that you really have to think about
- If YVEDDI could contribute some of the funding, that could change things
- Think this can't be decided today

Chairman Walker commented:

- I had told Vice Chairman Lankford that I would try to support his project because I know this is very important to him but it does concern me that he wants me to support his project but can't support things that are important to me

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Don't have a problem putting this in Capital Reserve, because it is not a definite commitment
- What I do have an issue with is that I can't see the difference with all the questions and unknowns than I do with the Superior Court Filing System request – this is more money
- We took out the filing system for Superior Court because there was so many questions – there are a lot of more unknowns with this project
- Little surprised that all those renovations could be done for \$145,000
- Don't have a problem with placing into Capital Reserve

Chairman Walker polled the Board regarding placing \$145,000 in Capital Reserve for this possible renovation project:

- Commissioner Jones: add to Capital Reserve

- Commissioner Mendenhall: add to Capital Reserve
- Chairman Walker: will add to Capital Reserve with reservations because if I feel like if one commissioner pushes a certain Agenda item, it is only fair that commissioner consider what other commissioners want
- Commissioner Booth: if no commitment to that building, could add to Capital Reserve

Chairman Walker opened the floor for any motion regarding the Fiscal Year 2017-18

Budget.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the manager's recommended budget with amendments approved by the Board of Commissioners during all previous budget work sessions along with placing \$145,000 in Capital Reserve, adding one (1) Narcotics Agent and one (1) DARE Officer to the Sheriff's Department budget and a full-time economic development director starting at approximately \$55,000/annually with increases based on merit with a 62 cents Ad Valorem Tax Rate and a 4 cents Forsyth Tech/School Construction/Renovations Tax Rate. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Have had four budget planning sessions
- The following were things decided during those budget planning sessions that were presented to the manager as guidance concerning the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget:
  - No Ad Valorem property tax should be considered
  - .50 Fire Tax should be considered
  - No new positions that would grow government should be considered unless the need for the new position could be justified as a very urgent or an essential justification need
  - No new reclassifications of personnel should be considered unless needed to remain legal and comply with current labor laws
  - Requirement for the County General Fund Balance to remain above 20% with a goal of 24-25%
  - Allow the school system to maintain a current expense fund balance of \$250,000
  - Include a 2% COLA for full and part time employees
  - Use a 97.25% collection rate per recommendation of the Tax Administrator along with consensus of the Board of County Commissioners
- This Board agreed to these items that I have just read and minutes would also reflect what I just read

- Evidently, we don't believe in fairness – Matthew 5:45 said that God knew that people would not be fair, but he is fair because he makes his sun shine on the good and the evil and also he lets the rain fall on the just and unjust – that is fair
- We got things in this budget that are not fair
- I have heard every member of this Board said that their intent, as a county commissioner or a person who is representing the general public, is to be fair, honest, and straight forward – you have not done that in this budget, friends, I am telling you that you have not done that in this budget
- You have not been fair
- There have been things done for one department and not for another – that is what I am considering not to be fair
- It is on your own conscious of fairness
- If you want to be fair, you do it right
- If you don't want to be fair, then tell the people that you are serving as a public servant and you don't want to be fair

Chairman Walker commented:

- When you talk about urgent – we have people dying from drug overdoses, lives and families being destroyed and the Sheriff telling me what he needs
- I find the Sheriff Marshall very credible and don't think he asks for things that he does not need
- I find those two positions as being very urgent in need
- Sheriff Marshall has also told that if drug epidemic changes and we don't need those positions any longer, he is willing to take that into account at any given time
- In the meantime, I consider his request is a very urgent situation – worst crisis this county has faced in many, many years

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I think perception to fairness is different for different people
- I think the minutes would reflect that I did not absolutely say all these things had to be done
- I left room for wiggle room and flexibility because that is how I do it
- I never said it had to be this and with no tax increase
- We did agree on the Fund Balance
- We did agree on a 2% COLA, but as far as positions, for me, it was left open along with the tax rates because I do not want to go into a budget and already have my mind made up before I have reviewed all the material
- There might have been three (3) that was absolute, but I was not

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Concerning the opioid addiction – this is not just in Stokes County, it is all over the nation
- Started when all these pain killers were introduced by doctors and pharmaceutical companies stating that they were only 1% addictive in the 90's
- You can see where we are at now

- We have put on person to help get those with addiction the help and treatment they need – it has not been filled yet
- We need to step back and see where we are –see what that new position can do to help
- Talked to medical professionals – it takes three (3) years of rehabilitation to get someone off opioids – three (3) years
- It is a long term thing, not a quick fix
- Discussed with Cardinal about only having one (1) provider in Stokes County that provided short term rehabilitation
- Stated then that we needed more providers
- Just learned this week that we now have Youth Haven in Walnut Cove who can provide treatment to adults and youth
- Now have two providers
- But we have got to step back and see what can be done
- Have to take in consider our court system
- Know that people are being arrested under Sheriff Marshall as they were under Sheriff Joyce, but when they go to court, they get slapped on the back of their hand and released – going back on the streets to continue to sell
- Right now, I don't know how this problem is going to be solved, but I feel that adding two (2) employees is not going to solve the problem
- Need to step back and see what that one position can do
- We looked at this budget line item by line item
- We have eliminated approximately \$800,000 from this budget – we compromised on those things
- I think it was given that this is a conservative board that does not want to grow government
- That is what is being said about Washington – stop growing government
- We have to look at revenues versus expenditures
- While I have been a commissioner for the past several years, we have had to pull dollars from our Fund Balance to balance the budget
- Two years ago, it was balanced by taking approximately \$2 million from Fund Balance
- Last year, it was balanced by taking approximately \$2 million from Fund Balance
- This recommended budget has approximately \$1.5 million coming from Fund Balance to balance the budget
- Next year, it is probably going to be the same thing – using Fund Balance to balance the budget
- Not sure about next year's revenue – you have Walmart
- We have to be conservative
- We have got to balance the budget without taking so much out of Fund Balance
- If I knew we were going to just throw everything in this budget, I would have looked at the cutting of equipment differently
- I would have looked at giving employees a one-grade increase instead of a 2% COLA

- Look at what we did with the schools – principals are getting a 10% raise and teachers are getting a 5% raise along with everyone else getting a 3% raise – our employees are only getting a 2% raise
- I would have done things different but there is a motion on the floor now and can't go back
- If I had known we were not going to have a conservative budget, I would have done things different

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Agree with Chairman Walker's explanation – using the word - urgent

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Want to talk specifically about the economic development director position that just hit the floor
- There is an excellent story in the Stokes News this week – Tourism on the Rise
- We already have a director of economic development along with an economic development tech working with the director
- In fact, this article is primarily about the new telephone application about tourism
- The article states there has been about a 5% increase in tourism
- We have done things to also increase economic development and you never hear anything about it
- We had a hospital that was getting ready to go under – that hospital has several employees working – that is economic development
- We have got a Walmart – that is economic development
- We have got eight (8) Dollar General Stores – that is economic development
- We have got potentially more small businesses coming in – that is economic development
- Don't understand why there is a need for a full-time economic development director when we already have one
- I am not in favor of an economic development director at this point in time
- All indicators are looking positive
- As far as the urgency, I will have to agree with Commissioner Booth, we don't know yet how this opioid thing is going to fit
- We are trying to get different groups involved
- We know that the Sheriff Department is doing their job – every week you see where there has been a drug bust – pictures in the Stokes News
- Like Commissioner Booth said, they catch the same ones and just let them go
- In the state budget, there is extra dollars for this opioid epidemic
- The national budget is also putting extra dollars for this opioid epidemic
- We have got additional monies coming for this opioid epidemic
- We are jumping out in front before we even see what is going to be available
- That is the reason why I don't see the urgency right now as what you all are making out it is
- Going back to the fairness



- If you are going to agree on a budget frame and then go back on your own word, I don't have much confidence in you, I am going to be honest with you

Commissioner Booth commented:

- As far as economic development , I would like to speak to that
- We lost our economic development person who was here five (5) years
- I can't get any of the commissioners who were on the board during that five (5) years to tell me what was done during that five (5) years – jobs, businesses, etc.
- Can't get them to tell me anything because it is not there

Chairman Walker responded:

- I have offered

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Be glad to listen when it is your time
- When the position became vacant, it was the decision of this Board except for one new commissioner, that we combine David Sudderth's duties to include economic development – his job had always included economic development
- David is the one that got the eight (8) Dollar General Stores even when the director was here
- Know there were things told about new possibilities that never came through
- David has even put a business in a vacant facility that had been vacant for years
- Economic development director did not have anything to do with getting Sheetz and Walmart to King
- Got some potential more news regarding new businesses that can't be discussed right now that David has been working on
- Last year, put a new position in economic development – that person has done great putting in new apps, helping with advertising and marketing
- There a 10-12% increase in visitation to Hanging Rock State Park last year
- Hanging Rock State Park has already had a 5% increase in visitation this year
- Believe David and his staff had something to do with marketing the Park – increasing those visitations
- Former director was being paid close to \$95,000 with benefits
- Only added \$20,000 to David's salary
- Getting a lot more done for less money
- David is doing an excellent job
- Have not heard anyone say he is not doing a good job
- Do not know why we want to change things at this time
- David could retire, but wants to continue to work
- David loves the challenge with the economic development
- He is willing to keep on doing these duties
- Can't understand why we would want to change things when things are working so well
- Things are going in the right direction

- As Vice Chairman Lankford noted, look what this county has done to keep the hospital opened until a new provider took over – put in approximately \$1 million before LifeBrite came – that is economic development
- We have a \$6 million community college – that is economic development
- Put sewer lines from Danbury to Meadows – that is economic development
- We have water in that area with new wells – that is economic development
- Lot of this has been done while David served as economic development director
- We have funded RiverStreet to try to get internet to unserved and underserved residents in Stokes County (committed \$1.6 million) that is economic development
- Do not know why that job has to be considered at this time
- Have a person in that position now that is going a great job
- Have an excellent employee with IT experience working with David
- Why do we want to spend more money
- This is a conservative county
- This is a conservative board
- We are growing the school approximately \$2 million – that is a lot of additional funding
- The manager’s recommended budget was a 7.2% increase, but we have cut his recommended budget

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Not going to belabor the point
- Now is the time we need to be grabbing all we can to provide jobs for people
- When the former economic director was here, there was a recession shortly after he came
- When Morgan was here, he made \$50,000
- When Wood was here, he made \$79,000
- Motion is to hire at \$55,000 and base it on merit
- We do not want to pick just anyone
- The point is that we need to have someone to pick up this momentum that is going on right now
- Feel this very important that we do this now
- Lastly, the budget that was recommended by the manager had all the criteria this Board wanted:
  - 2% COLA
  - No tax increase
  - Fund Balance at 20% or better
- We went through these sessions and compromised
- I did not want to compromise, but I did because it was the right thing to do
- We don’t need to go on a spending trip, but we do need to do some catch up when we can
- Economic development director and two (2) Sheriff Department positions doesn’t come close to what is being set aside for a project (\$145,000)
- We eliminated \$800,000 from the recommended budget
- These positions will benefit every citizen in this county – not a group

- All the criteria was met in the manager's recommended budget

With no further discussion, Chairman Walker called the question.

The motion carried (3-2) with Vice Chairman Lankford and Commissioner Booth voting against the motion.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the fire service tax and fire department budgets.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the budgets for Service District, King Fire District, Walnut Cove Fire District and Rural Hall Fire District along with the fire tax being \$0.08 cents.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

With the no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director Edwards noted that she could have the Budget Ordinance done within about ten (10) minutes.

Chairman Walker recessed the meeting to allow Finance Director Edwards to finalize the Budget Ordinance.

Chairman Walker called the recessed meeting back to order.

During the recess, information was requested by Vice Chairman Lankford regarding the adoption of the Budget Ordinance today. Chairman Walker directed the Clerk to obtain that information from County Attorney Browder.

Clerk Bullins reported County Attorney Browder's response:

- There are three (3) stipulations in adopting a budget ordinance:
  - Can't be adopted until after ten (10) days from the time the Board receives the budget and it is adopted
  - There has to be a public hearing before a budget ordinance can be adopted
  - The budget ordinance has to be adopted on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - All these have been done

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the following Budget Ordinance

presented by Finance Director Julia Edwards:

APPENDIX A

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the **County of Stokes**, State of North Carolina:

**SECTION I.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018* in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

100.4120.000	Administration	\$	210,029.00
100.4380.000	Animal Control		329,693.00
100.6150.000	Arts Council		111,965.00
100.9910.000	Contingency		320,000.00
100.4950.000	Cooperative Extension		178,886.00
100.9100.000	Debt Service		4,785,647.00
100.4321.000	District Resource Center		169,204.00
100.4920.000	Economic Development		814,060.00
100.4170.000	Elections		237,522.00
100.4325.000	Emergency Communications		834,141.00
100.4330.000	Emergency Management		115,289.00
100.4370.000	Emergency Medical Services		3,516,189.00
100.5192.000	Environmental Health		271,417.00
100.4130.000	Finance		426,168.00
100.4340.000	Fire Marshal		234,672.00
100.5920.000	Forsyth Tech		193,221.00
100.4141.000	GIS/Mapping		203,923.00
100.4110.000	Governing Body		1,001,967.00
100.5100.000	Family Health Center		749,533.00
100.4210.000	Information Systems		268,743.00
100.4320.000	Jail		1,771,130.00
100.4150.000	Legal		78,000.00
100.6110.000	Libraries		487,286.00
100.4360.000	Medical Examiner		102,000.00
100.5200.000	Mental Health		-
100.4960.000	Natural Resources		184,401.00
100.6121.000	Parks		32,579.00
100.4910.000	Planning		400,508.00
100.4190.000	Public Buildings		1,153,046.00
100.4131.000	Purchasing		84,654.00
100.6130.000	Recreation		117,484.00
100.4180.000	Register of Deeds		234,619.00
100.4142.000	Revaluation		164,645.00
100.5911.000	School -- Current Expense		10,968,860.00
100.5860.000	Senior Services		593,924.00
100.4310.000	Sheriff's Department		3,639,250.00
100.5310.000	Social Services		4,836,889.00
100.5840.000	Aid to Blind		2,270.00
100.5850.000	Child Daycare		1,192,278.00
100.5450.000	Medicaid		15,000.00
100.5410.000	Public Assistance		2,555,131.00
100.4720.000	Solid Waste		1,340,662.00
	Special Appropriation		506,494.00
100.4160.000	Superior Court		66,000.00

100.4140.000	Tax Administration	819,761.00
100.4250.000	Vehicle Maintenance	198,970.00
100.5820.000	Veteran Services	21,377.00
100.9820.960	Transfer to Capital Reserve	245,000.00
100.9820.984	Transfer to SRMH Fund	74,999.00
100.9820.991	Transfer to School Capital Outlay/Capital Reserve Fund	-
100.9820.989	Transfer to Health Department Medicaid Title XIX	650,020.00
100.9820.992	Transfer to Schools/F.Tech Fund	1,139,775.00
100.9820.993	Transfer to Mental Health MOE	395,820.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 49,045,101.00</b>

**SECTION II.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the General Fund in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 24,156,960.00
Other Taxes & Licenses	6,885,109.00
Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenues	964,000.00
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues	8,309,136.00
Permits and Fees	346,120.00
Sales and Services	2,892,471.00
Investments Income	150,000.00
Miscellaneous	44,448.00
Transfers	2,780,431.00
Proceeds from Financing	917,822.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	1,598,604.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 49,045,101.00</b>

**SECTION III.** The appropriation to the Board of Education's current expense account shall be allocated from the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018* as follows:

Schools- Current Expense	\$ 10,874,290.00
Poplar Springs Operations	\$ 94,570.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,968,860.00</b>

**SECTION IV.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Board of Education's current expense account for this fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Appropriated from General Fund	\$ 10,674,290.00
Penalties & Interest (General Fund)	\$ 200,000.00
Transfer from New School/F Tech Fund	94,570.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,968,860.00</b>

**SECTION V.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the School Capital Outlay/Capital Reserve Fund to the Board of Education's Capital Outlay account for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Schools Capital Outlay	\$1,500,800.00
Transfer to General Fund-Debt Service	828,773.00
Public School Capital Building Fund-Lottery Funds	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,329,573.00</b>

**SECTION VI.** It is estimated that following revenues will be available for the School Capital Outlay/Capital Reserve Fund to the Board of Education's Capital Outlay account for this fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017*

and ending *June 30, 2018*.

BOE 1/2 cent Sales Tax-Article 40	975,000.00
BOE 1/2 cent Sales Tax-Article 42	850,000.00
Public School Capital Fund-Lottery Funds	-
Transfer from General Fund	-
Transfer from New School/F. Tech Fund	1,500.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	503,073.00
Interest (Schools funding)	-
BOE Fund Balance-Transferred from Current Expense	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,329,573.00</b>

**SECTION VII.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Public Buildings	\$ 245,000.00
Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital	10,000.00
Transfer to General Fund	12,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 267,500.00</b>

**SECTION VIII.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Transfer from General Fund	\$ 245,000.00
Transfer from Stokes Reynolds Hospital Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Public Buildings	12,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 267,500.00</b>

**SECTION IX.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Transfer to School Capital Outlay & Capital Reserve Fund	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**SECTION X.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Capital Projects Fund for fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

General Contract	\$ -
Financing Cost	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**SECTION XI.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Regional Sewer Fund for fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Sewer Fees	\$ 125,354.00
Interest	\$ -
Fund Balance	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 125,354.00</b>

**SECTION XII.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Regional Sewer Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Salaries & Wages	\$ 26,293.00
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On Call	625.00
Social Security	1,669.00
Medicare Tax	391.00
Retirement	2,044.00
401K	150.00
Group Insurance	4,576.00
Dental Insurance	285.00
Unemployment Insurance	270.00
Term Life Insurance	51.00
Auto Fuel	2,000.00
Departmental Supplies	2,000.00
Telephone	2,000.00
Utilities	13,000.00
Training	1,500.00
Maint. & Repairs Equipment	20,000.00
Maint. & Repairs Auto	3,500.00
Miscellaneous Contractual Services	30,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,000.00
Equipment	14,000.00
Improvements	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 125,354.00</b>

**SECTION XIII.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the New Schools/F.Tech Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 1,366,394.00
State Collected MV Taxes	145,991.00
Transfer from General Fund	1,139,775.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,652,160.00</b>

**SECTION XIV.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the New Schools/F.Tech Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Schools/F Tech-Debt Service-Fund Balance	\$ 711,502.00
Transfer to School Capital Outlay Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Transfer to General Fund	1,939,158.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,652,160.00</b>

**SECTION XV.** There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of four cents (\$.04) per one hundred (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 located within the New Schools/F.Tech Fund for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the Schools/F.Tech Fund. The rate is based on an estimated valuation of property of \$3,512,580,509 for the purpose of taxation and an estimated collection rate of (97.25%). Motor Vehicle Tax rate is based on estimated valuation of \$364,976,711 and a (100%) collection rate. This fund was established to accumulate funds for debt service payments and operating expenses for New Schools/F.Tech projects.

**SECTION XVI.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Enhanced 911 Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

E-911 Charges	\$ 265,496.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 479,312.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 744,808.00</b>

**SECTION XVII.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Enhanced 911 Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Telephone	60,000.00
Maint. & Repairs to Equipment	202,000.00
Departmental Supplies	1,000.00
Training	10,000.00
Misc. Contractual Services	231,325.00
Equipment	232,936.00
Equipment Non Capitalized	7,547.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 744,808.00</b>

**SECTION XVIII.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Mental Health MOE Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Transfer from General Fund	\$ 395,820.00
ABC Bottle Tax	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 398,820.00</b>

**SECTION XIX.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Mental Health MOE Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

ABC Bottle Tax	\$ 3,000.00
Transportation for Stokes Opportunity Center	8,000.00
Monarch	156,259.00
Insight Human Services	56,000.00
NC 211	5,000.00
Jail Diversion	25,000.00
Narcan Kits for Law Enforcement/EMS	10,000.00
Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager	40,000.00
DSS Placements/CCA Assists/Psychiatrist	35,000.00
Treatment Services	30,000.00
Media/Education	14,000.00
Critical Incident Training	10,000.00
Medication Storage/Lock Boxes	6,561.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 398,820.00</b>

**SECTION XX.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated to the Debt Service account for the payment of principle and interest on the outstanding debt of the County of Stokes and expenses related thereto for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Schools-Principal	\$ 2,330,413.00
Schools-Interest	1,391,397.00
<b>Total Schools Debt Payments</b>	<b>\$ 3,721,810.00</b>
Capital Leases-Principal	\$ 1,030,139.00
Capital Leases-Interest	33,698.00
<b>Total Capital Leases</b>	<b>\$ 1,063,837.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,785,647.00</b>

**SECTION XXI.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Debt Service account for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Transfer from School Capital Outlay/Capital Reserve	\$ 828,773.00
Lottery	450,000.00



Transfer from Schools/F.Tech Fund	1,651,867.00
IRS Interest Refund QSCB QZAB	791,170.00
Rent Autumn Square	62,300.00
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-
Appropriation from General Fund	1,001,537.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,785,647.00</b>

**SECTION XXII.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated to the Public Assistance Accounts for payments to recipients of Public Assistance for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Public Assistance	\$ 2,555,131.00
Medical Assistance	15,000.00
Aid to the Blind	2,270.00
Child Day Care	1,192,278.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,764,679.00</b>

**SECTION XXIII.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Public Assistance Accounts for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Federal/State Contribution	\$ 2,661,251.00
Appropriation from General Fund	1,103,428.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,764,679.00</b>

**SECTION XXIV.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Danbury Water Fund for the operation and activities of the fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Salaries & Wages	\$ 29,271.00
On Call Pay	700.00
Social Security	1,859.00
Medicare Tax	435.00
Retirement	2,275.00
401K	200.00
Group Insurance	4,881.00
Dental Insurance	304.00
Unemployment Insurance	300.00
Term Life Insurance	54.00
Professional Services	-
Telephone	1,350.00
Postage	550.00
Utilities	10,000.00
Maint. & Repairs Equipment	15,000.00
Printing	300.00
Misc. Contractual Services	6,000.00
Departmental Supplies	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Employee Training	1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	2,500.00
Equipment	14,000.00
Equipment Non Capitalized	-

Improvements	25,000.00
Principal-County	9,451.00
Interest-County	2,459.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 133,289.00</b>

**SECTION XXV.** It is estimated that the following revenue will be available for the Danbury Water Fund in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Water Fees	\$ 133,289.00
Tap Fees	\$ -
Interest	\$ -
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 133,289.00</b>

**SECTION XXVI.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Stokes Reynolds Hospital Fund for the operations and activities of the fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Hospital Operations	\$ 75,000.00
ER Services	-
SRMH Inc. Expenditures	-
Transfer to Capital Reserve	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 85,000.00</b>

**SECTION XXVII.** It is estimated that the following revenue will be available for the Stokes Reynolds Hospital Fund in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Hospital Lease Payment	\$ 10,001.00
SRMH Inc. Revenue	-
Transfer from General Fund	74,999.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 85,000.00</b>

**SECTION XXVIII.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the King Fire District for the operation and activities of the District for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

City of King	\$ 435,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 435,000.00</b>

**SECTION XXIX.** It is estimated that the following revenue will be available for the King Fire District Fund in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

District Fire Tax	\$ 327,888.00
Prior Year Tax	5,000.00
State Collected MV Taxes	48,099.00
1 Cent Sales Tax	23,000.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (40)	23,513.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (42)	7,500.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 435,000.00</b>

**SECTION XXX.** There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seven and one-half cents (\$.08) per one hundred (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 located within the King Fire District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the King Fire District. The rate is based on an estimated valuation of property of \$421,449,093 for the purpose of taxation and an estimated collection rate of (97.25%). Motor Vehicle Tax rate is based on estimated valuation of \$60,123,767 and a (100%) collection rate.

**SECTION XXXI.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Rural Hall Fire and Rescue District Fund for the operation and activities of the District for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

<i>Misc. Contractual Services</i>	\$ 86,595.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,595.00</b>

**SECTION XXXII.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Rural Hall Fire and Rescue District Fund in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

District Fire Tax	64,099.00
Prior Year Tax	1,500.00
State Collected MV Taxes	9,196.00
1 Cent Sales Tax	5,500.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (40)	5,000.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (42)	1,300.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,595.00</b>

**SECTION XXXIII.** There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seven and one-half cents (\$.08) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 located with the Rural Hall Fire and Rescue District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the Rural Hall Fire and Rescue District. The rate is based on an estimated valuation of \$82,389,490 of property for the purpose of taxation and an estimated collection rate of (97.25%). Motor Vehicle Tax rate is based on estimated valuation of \$11,494,882 and a (100%) collection rate.

**SECTION XXXIV.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Walnut Cove Fire District Fund for the operation and activities of the District for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

<i>Misc. Contractual Services</i>	\$ 298,412.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 298,412.00</b>

**SECTION XXXV.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Walnut Cove Fire District in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

District Fire Tax	233,502.00
Prior Year Tax	5,000.00
State Collected MV Taxes	30,152.00
1Cent Sales Tax	12,500.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (40)	12,500.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (42)	4,758.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 298,412.00</b>

**SECTION XXXVI.** There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seven and half cents (\$.08) per one hundred dollars (100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 located within the Walnut Cove Fire District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the Walnut Cove Fire and Rescue District. The rate is based on an estimated valuation of \$300,131,145 of property for the purpose of taxation and an estimated collection rate of (97.25%). Motor Vehicle Tax rate is based on estimated valuation of \$37,689,696 and a (100%) collection rate.

**SECTION XXXVII.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Stokes County Service District Fund for the operation and activities of the District Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

South Stokes	\$	272,871.00
Danbury		190,021.00
Sauratown		285,554.00
Stokes-Rockingham		227,588.00
Northeast Stokes		272,325.00
Francisco		214,892.00
Lawsonville		249,133.00
Pinnacle		245,156.00
Westfield		68,396.00
Pilot Mountain		21,377.00
Pilot Knob		21,660.00
Double Creek		174,553.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>2,243,526.00</u></b>

**SECTION XXXVIII.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Stokes County Service District in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Fund Balance Appropriation	\$	99,562.00
Service District Fire Tax		1,637,260.00
Service District Fire Tax-Prior Year		35,000.00
State Collected MV Taxes		156,704.00
1 Cent Sales Tax		150,000.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (40)		130,000.00
1/2 Cent Sales Tax (42)		35,000.00
Interest		-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>2,243,526.00</u></b>

**SECTION XXXIX.** There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seven and one-half cents (\$0.08) per hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 located within the Stokes County Service District purpose of supplementing the revenues of the Stokes County Service District. The rate is based on an estimated valuation of \$2,104,447,935 of property for the purpose of taxation and an estimated collection rate of (97.25%). Motor Vehicle Tax rate is based on estimated valuation of \$195,879,402 and a (100%) collection rate.

**SECTION XL.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Health Department Title XIX Fund for the operation and activities of the Health Department Medicaid Title XIX Fund for the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Adult Health Program	\$	343,082.00
Child Health Program		339,295.00
Family Planning Program		344,623.00
General		97,600.00
Prenatal Program		174,783.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,299,383.00</u></b>

**SECTION XLI.** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Health Department Title XIX Fund in the fiscal year beginning *July 1, 2017* and ending *June 30, 2018*.

Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues	\$	386,313.00
Sales & Services		233,000.00
Miscellaneous		29,750.00
Transfer from General Fund		650,020.00

Fund Balance Appropriated

**TOTAL**

**\$ 1,299,083.00**

**SECTION XLII.** The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund outlined under the following conditions:

A. Budget Officer may transfer amounts between object-of-expenditure within a department up to \$5,000 and a monthly report to the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Budget Officer may transfer amounts up to \$5,000.00 between departments of the same fund with an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

C. Budget Officer may not transfer any amounts between funds nor from any contingency appropriation within a fund.

D. Budget Officer may not transfer any funds from salary and wages accounts or capital outlay line-items to other line-item accounts without a report and approval by the Board of Commissioners.

**SECTION XLIII.** During the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, the Stokes County Board of Education is authorized to transfer, at its discretion, funds up to \$1,000,000 from the local Current Expense account fund balance to the Capital Outlay account in order to supplement the appropriation provided for in Section V of this ordinance.

The Stokes County Board of Education shall furnish the Stokes County Board of Commissioners a copy of the Board of Education's approved Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and any amendments thereto. Stokes County Board of Education's annual audit shall include a compliance section for the County funding and requirements.

**SECTION XLIV.** There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of sixty-two cents (\$0.62) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 located within Stokes County for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of Stokes County. The rate is based on an estimated valuation of \$3,512,580,509 property for the purpose of taxation and an estimated collection rate of (97.25%). Motor Vehicle Tax rate is based on estimated valuation of \$364,976,711 and a (100%) collection rate.

**SECTION XLV.** Copies of the Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, Finance Director, and the Tax Administrator for direction in the performance of their duties.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2017.**

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- I would like to take it home and review it

Chairman Walker commented:

- Don't remember a budget changing from when the budget was approved and the budget ordinance was adopted – does staff remember an incident

Clerk Bullins and Finance Director Edwards could not remember a specific time.

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Yes, it has happened
- It happened eight (8) years ago when Dr. Carroll presented a new budget before the budget ordinance was adopted

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Chairman Walker that anything could be changed before the Budget Ordinance is adopted if there are three (3) votes

Commissioner Booth moved to give Stokes County employees a one (1) grade increase instead of a 2% COLA. Vice Chairman Lankford seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

With no further discussion, the motion failed (2-3) with Chairman Walker, Commissioner Jones, and Commissioner Mendenhall voting against the motion.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Budget Ordinance presented by Finance Director Edwards. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

With no further discussion, the motion carried (4-1) with Vice Chairman Lankford voting against the motion.

Vice Chairman Lankford noted it is hard to review this Budget Ordinance in a very short time.

Chairman Walker noted that if any commissioner found something incorrect in Budget Ordinance, it could be brought back to a regular meeting for consideration.

### **Adjournment**

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

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to adjourn the Budget Work Session. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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**Jimmy Walker**  
**Chairman**