

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 10, 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, July 10, 2017, at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
County Attorney Tyrone Browder
Jail Captain Debbie Tuttle
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 July 10, 2017 Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the July 10th Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS – Commissioners/Manager

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

County Manager Morris had no comments for today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- As I say at each meeting, appreciate everyone coming out to our meetings
- It means a lot to me to see people involved in our county government
- Good to see everyone today

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Would also like to thank each one for being here and taking part in our county government

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Always good to see folks at our meetings
- Several months ago, I ordered a flag disposal box from NC Association of County Commissioners to place in the administrative building
 - Tax Administrator Jake Oakley has adopted the disposal box and I am sure he will find an appropriate location for the box
 - This is a way to respectfully dispose of worn out flags
 - Want to make it accessible for public use

Chairman Walker commented:

- Seems I average missing about one commissioners' meeting every three years or so
 - Would like to publically thank Vice Chairman Lankford for chairing the meeting
 - This was a family event that I felt could not be missed especially with my son's upcoming surgery
- Always good to see people at our meetings regardless of the reason that brought them here
- Hope everyone always feels welcome and that their time at our meetings is well spent

- To me, seems to be a better process when citizens are involved
- Want to thank those in attendance for today's meeting

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:

Ellen Peric

1095 Wheeler Smith Road
Lawsonville, NC

RE: Update on the Arts

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

THE ARTS PLACE

- Has been a tremendously business the past few weeks
- Retail store opened officially on July 1st
- Artists and Artisans were on hand to welcome customers to the store as well as Higher Grounds coffee shop
- Visitors are coming from across the nation – our first sale on Saturday was to a gentleman from Quebec
- Another day a couple from California bought an original oil painting by Sandy Murray
- Locals are finding gifts for friends and family and picking up some items for themselves
- Folks were there yesterday looking for a wedding gift
- Have various price moments, we have something for everyone
- Summer Hours:
 - Tuesday & Wednesday (9-6 pm)
 - Thursday, Friday, & Saturday (9-9 pm)
 - Sunday (11-4 pm)
- Trying to make it as accessible to tourists as we can

UNC School of the Arts – Summer Strings Series

- This group performed at The Arts Place, King Central Park and Hanging Rock State Park through the end of June and first of July
- All performances were FREE

Local Theater Production

- “It’s A Dog’s Life” – this musical was performed at the amphitheater in King Central Park June 30th and July 1st
- A pre-show entertainment was “TEAM ZOOM” – trained dogs performing catching and jumping tricks
- Local cast and director did an excellent job and the crowd was appreciative
- This event was a coordination with the Stokes County Animal Shelter Fundraiser Group

The Apple Gallery

- Art for Vade Mecum
- Currently on display are works donated by various artists to benefit Vade Mecum
- The show was coordinated by Janis Henderson-Hunsucker and runs through July 28th
- Hoping to raise funding to renovate the cabins so people can stay here in Stokes County

Hanging Rock Gallery

- Belinda Eldridge Photography – through August with a reception on August 6th

Danbury Songwriters

- Every Thursday from 7-9 pm
- Last two (2) weeks they featured Taylor Vaden and Rebecca Dresser followed by Bruce Piephoff and Steve Kilby
- The show last Thursday was the largest attended so far with about 40 folks attending

Summer Art Camps

- Visual, Pottery and Drama camps continue through the first week in August
- Hanging Rock State Park: Art Camps will also be held here for three (3) weeks

440th Army Band Concert

- Held at King Central Park
- Fantastic Show
- Arts Council fed the band before the show and sold concessions during the concert
- Concession sales throughout the year go to our scholarship fund

Darryl Van Leer

- Performed soulful legends at the Green Heron Alehouse on Saturday night

Renovations at The Arts Place

- Will begin very soon on the upper level and lower level classrooms
- Hope to be finished by the end of the summer
- People are very excited about the project and are already wanting to know when classes will start

Sri Ananda Sarvasri

1060 Tyler Road

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: Happy, Healthy, & Green

Mr. Sarvasri presented the following comments to the Board of County Commissioners:

What Does Stokes County Stand For

At the last commissioners' meeting, we were all inspired by the presentation of the marketing team. They did a wonderful job of promoting Stokes County as a destination for recreation, especially for Hanging Rock State Park.

I suggest we expand this marketing campaign to include not only recreation, but health and happiness as well. Every successful locale has something to offer the local population and visitors that makes their region special. I suggest that we promote Stokes County as a destination for well-being, physically, mentally, and emotionally, a place for total health and happiness.

Our Healthcare System Has Failed Us

As a destination for health, we must realize that our current health system is a near-total failure. It's not working for anyone. We rank 37th worldwide, just ahead of Slovenia. The reason for this failure is that our healthcare system is politicized and the science behind it, due to greed and corruption, has become fake science. Consider this amazing quote:

"It is simply no longer possible to believe much of the clinical research that is published, or to rely on the judgement of trusted physicians or authoritative medical guidelines. I take no pleasure in this conclusion, which I reached slowly and reluctantly over my two decades as an editor of The New England Journal of Medicine."

"The pharmaceutical industry likes to depict itself as a research-based industry, as the source of innovative drugs. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is their incredible PR and their nerve."

— Dr. Marcia Angell, physician and longtime Editor-in-Chief of The New England Medical Journal

We have the medical industry to thank for the current opioid epidemic. We can no longer rely on the medical industry exclusively for our healthcare. We need to promote health in terms of natural healthcare and that means a healthy lifestyle. As Dr. C Everett Koop, former Surgeon General of the United States clearly stated, 76% of our disease is caused by our unhealthy lifestyles.

Stokes County can become the destination and a resource for North Carolina to teach and educate about healthy lifestyles. As Ernest mentioned at the last meeting, we need a conference center. We need to create the infrastructure for people to want to come here. We need facilities, healthy organic agriculture, health oriented retreats, and health oriented marketing of Stokes County as a destination to restore health and find happiness in a wonderful recreational environment. Our country was founded on life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Let's make that happen.

E. A. "Buddy" Timm

PO Box 573

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: **Property Tax**

Mr. Timm presented and read the following comments to the Board of Commissioners:

I would just like to say Thank You for not increasing our property tax.
The power to tax is the power to destroy.

We just finished celebrating America's Declaration of Independence, that espouses—that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness - That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed—Yet always limited by the natural

character of God our Creator, which would naturally be Holy, Moral, and Righteous. Because if there is something that exists today, there must be a God—since nothing comes from nothing—even if you wait billions of years.

The Right to Life that God gave you, included no Right to kill it, drug it, or prostitute it. The Liberty that God gave you, included no Right to wrong, nor to harm or infringe on another's Liberty. The Pursuit of Happiness has always been associated with owning property. If you cannot own property, you are a slave to him who controls the property.

Sadly the only solution politicians use to solve society's needs is Socialism, which is destructive to individual Rights—as declared in the Declaration of Independence. Taking from the one that has something, to provide for the one that needs something, sounds like –Karl Marx– “From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs.”

If you tax my property for someone else's needs, pretty soon I and others will not be able to afford property. If someone wants to have their kind of fun: by having children out of wedlock, doing drugs, or by becoming an alcoholic, please do not make innocent people pay for their needs or rehabilitation. That is injustice. Loan them money for their needs, and, give a tax break for charitable giving to meet those needs.

Since God our Creator revealed His Moral Law, beginning with the Ten Commandments, and Jesus said in Matthew 11: 28, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest;” there rests the solutions to mankind's problems. Our founders knew that, and enacted the Ordinance of 1787, Article III, “Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.” Forever includes now.

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 June 26, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Arts Council - Budget Amendment #1

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #1.

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
Arts Council				
100.6150.590	Improvements	\$00.00	\$184,800.00	\$184,800.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$184,800.00	\$184,800.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate USDA Grant Funding for the completion of The Arts Council Building Project (The Arts Place)

This will result in a **net increase** of **\$184,800.00** in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budgeted Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.3301.428	USDA Grant	\$00.00	\$184,800.00	\$184,800.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$184,800.00	\$184,800.00

Proposed Resolution – Establishing Capital Reserve Fund – Fiscal Year 2016-17

Finance Director Julia Edwards presented the following proposed Capital Reserve

Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016-17 for the Board's consideration and approval at today's meeting:

Project Name	Account Number	2015-16	2016-17			2016-17
		Reserve Amount	Appropriated	Amendments	Expenditures	Reserve Amount
Administration	201.4120.000	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00
Finance	201.4130.000	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$2,173.00		\$2,173.00
Elections	201.4170.022	\$39,680.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$39,680.00
Tax Administration	201.4140.000	\$29,900.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$29,900.00	\$00.00
Register of Deeds	201.4180.025	\$27,374.00	\$00.00	\$2,274.00	\$12,900.00	\$16,748.00
Public Buildings	201.4190.013	\$158,580.00	\$100,000.00	\$32,610.00	\$95,105.00	\$196,085.00
Technology	201.4210.009	\$5,423.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$5,423.00
Vehicle Maintenance	201.4250.006	\$89,217.00	\$00.00	\$34,217.00	\$00.00	\$123,434.00
Sheriff's Department	201.4310.001	\$60,000.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00
Econ. Development	201.4920.027	\$49,428.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$49,428.00	\$00.00
Emergency Comm.	201.4325.002	\$61,124.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$25,603.00	\$35,521.00
Emergency Mgmt	201.4330.001	\$17,919.00	\$00.00	\$17,958.00	\$00.00	\$35,877.00
Fire Marshal	201.4340.000	\$4,454.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$2,817.00	\$1,637.00
EMS	201.4370.010	\$50,358.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$50,358.00	\$00.00

Jail	201.4320.012	\$3,426.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$3,426.00
Health Department	201.5100.019	\$4,622.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$4,622.00	\$00.00
Environmental Health	201.5191.001	\$3,000.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$3,000.00	\$00.00
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Hosp.	201.5700.000	\$10,000.00	\$00.00	\$10,000.00	\$00.00	\$20,000.00
Forsyth Tech.	201.5912.018	<u>\$13,600.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$13,600.00</u>
Totals		\$689,105.00	\$100,000.00	\$144,232.00	\$313,733.00	\$558,604.00

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Jail Inspection Report

Jail Captain Debbie Tuttle, Stokes County Sheriff's Department, presented the following information regarding the County's recent Jail Inspection:

- Jail Inspection was performed on June 13, 2017 by Jail Inspector Roger McCoy
- Inspector McCoy did a thorough inspection of the jail
- Only deficiency noted was the following:
 - The facility exceeded the total design capacity of the jail
 - The male population was seven over the male design capacity of 52
 - A plan of correction on the deficiency cited has already been submitted to Inspector McCoy (required by July 21, 2017)
- Staff has been outsourcing inmates almost the entire Fiscal Year of 2016-17
- Still have inmates outsourced in Alamance County
- Inspector McCoy came in the middle of Superior Court; if he had been two (2) hours later, would have been in total compliance
- Very pleased with the inspection
- Inspector McCoy stated it was the cleanest jail he has been in
- Later in the month, the Jail had a federal inspection that went very well
- Still in compliance – still having to outsource inmates with bringing inmates back, if possible, in order to save money

Chairman Walker opened the floor for questions/comments.

Chairman Walker confirmed with Jail Captain Tuttle that the Jail was seven male inmates over capacity that were shipped out the same day.

The Board members commended Jail Captain Tuttle for the excellent inspection report.

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation to Jail Captain Tuttle for the report.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Social Services Monthly Report

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

- Metrics (As of July 10, 2017):
 - Income Maintenance
 - NC FAST – In Compliance
 - Child care went live in June
 - CIP/LIEAP went live in July
 - WorkFirst – In Compliance
 - 69 open cases
 - \$15,043 in benefits delivered
 - FNS – In Compliance
 - 2,794 open cases
 - 5,195 participants
 - \$632,142 in benefits delivered
 - Adult Medicaid, Family & Children’s Medicaid – In Compliance
 - Medical Assistance
 - 8,349 open cases
 - Special Assistance:
 - 176 open cases
 - \$77,880 Special Assistance benefits delivered
 - Child Support – In Compliance
 - Serving 1,372 children with collections at \$225,520
 - Program Integrity – In Compliance
 - One hundred & ninety-eight (198) open cases
 - Collected \$13,044 with \$886.47 of collections retained in the county
 - Child Day Care – In Compliance
 - Information unavailable at time of reporting
 - Foster Care
 - Foster Care Case Management – Needs Improvement
 - One hundred & eleven (111) children in custody
 - Six (6) children exited care in June and two (2) entered care
 - Monitoring eight (8) children that have been returned to their families
 - Two (2) children are receiving extended foster care benefits
 - Yellow because of vacancies and number of children in custody
 - Foster Care Home Licensing – Needs improvement
 - Currently have twenty-one (21) licensed foster homes
 - Working to complete the licensing requirements for sixteen (16) families that completed MAPP Class

- Currently, MAPP Class is being held with 27 families receiving training this month
 - 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
 - No adoptions this month
- Child Protective Services
 - Investigations – In Compliance
 - Received forty-five (45) reports involving 38 children
 - There were twenty-two (22) reports accepted for investigation
 - Six (6) of these were found in need of services
 - Have thirty-seven (37) active CPS investigations are open
 - Offered services in one (1) case
 - Case Management – In Compliance
 - Fifteen (15) open cases
 - Assists to other Counties
 - Ten (10) assists
- Adult Services
 - Adult Protective Services – In Compliance
 - Received eleven (11) reports
 - Six (6) reports were screened in
 - Five (5) received an offer services visit
 - Guardianship – In Compliance
 - Currently have twenty-five (25) 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
 - Fifteen (15) open cases
 - SA IH/MAC – In Compliance
 - Seventy-seven (77) 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
 - One (1) offer services home visit 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 exist for a supervisor position
- Staffing (Years of Service) – In Compliance
 - Two vacancies

- Social Work position
 - Clerical position
 - Medicaid Transportation – In Compliance
 - Two hundred & forty-four (244) clients served - \$50,645 billed to Medicaid for these trips
 - Clerical – In Compliance
 - Nine hundred & twenty (920) Walk Ins
 - Seven (7) Fishing Licenses disbursed
- Miscellaneous
 - Provided Board members with a copy of North Carolina's Opioid Action Plan 2017-2021 that was presented at a recent Opioid Seminar in Raleigh
 - Fire Marshal Brian Booe was able to attend the seminar
 - Provided Board members with a copy of NC Families Accessing Services Through Technology (NC FAST) Information Systems Audit June 2017
 - Report has a lot of very good information
 - Very glad to see the report include information where the State took ownership of some of the problems that Agencies have been experiencing with NCFAST
 - Policy Effective 08-01-2017 Regarding Substance Affected Infants
 - Should see an increase in the number of child protective service reports that the Agency receives because of the Section 1439 Substance Affected Infants
 - (a) Federal Policy – The Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) and Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery ACT of 2016 (CARA)
 - As amended in 2010, CAPTA set forth requirements for states to address the needs of substance affected infants
 - In 2016, the President signed CARA into law which further amended CAPTA requirement. These two laws require states to have policies and procedures in place to:
 - Require health care providers involved in the delivery and care of infants born with and identified as being affected by substance abuse (not just abuse of illegal substance as was the requirement prior to these change) withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal substance exposure or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) to notify Child Protective Services of the occurrence
 - Ensure the safety and well-being of such infants following their release from the care of health care providers by developing a plan of safe care that addresses the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of both the infant and affected family or caregiver
 - Refer such infants and caregivers to appropriate services

- Report in the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)
 - The number of infants identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
 - The number of such infants with Plans of Safe Care; and
 - The number of such infants for whom service referrals were made including services for the affected parent or caregiver
- Whether it is an accepted report will depend on safety along with other factors
- With every report received, the Agency must make sure a referral is made to the Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA)
- State is making sure that children born with these issues are properly cared for

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

Commissioner Booth confirmed the following departmental vacancies with DSS Director

Elmes:

- One (1) Social Work Foster Care position
- Two (2) Social Work Adult Care positions
 - One employee retired
 - One employee left for more money – Rockingham County

DSS Director Elmes noted:

- Recently hired the vacant Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor – will start on July 24th
- Clerical position has also been hired – will start July 17th

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Understand there is some good news – will have another mental health provider in Stokes County – Youth Haven
- Youth Haven has been providing mental health services to adults and children in Rockingham County, but currently only provides mental health services to children in Stokes County
- Have been discussing in recent meetings about the need for more providers in Stokes County – must have providers here in Stokes County to help those with opioid addiction and other mental health issues

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Youth Haven has been working with Cardinal Innovations and will start providing mental health services for adults in Stokes County in July

- Understand it will be tele-medicine that will be provided in Walnut Cove

Chairman Walker commented:

- Adding to Commissioner Booth's comments
- Very interesting that Youth Haven would have been serving adults in Rockingham County for several years and not in Stokes County
- Questioned DSS Director Elmes if she had any information or theory of why Youth Haven would not have been serving adults in Stokes County?

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Understand it is a Cardinal decision based on needs in the County

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Have personally stressed that issue (more providers) very strongly in recent meetings with Cardinal
- Have got to have providers in Stokes County to help try to solve the opioid problem
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that up to now, the only mental health provider was located in King

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Not fair to have one provider in only one part of the County

Chairman Walker commented:

- Anytime one part of the county is being served more than other parts of the county, if there is anything within reason that we can do to try to balance that out and make it more fair, feel it is certainly worth considering
- Very glad that Commissioner Booth raised the question and pushed that issue to get more providers in Stokes County
- Confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that very soon there will be two mental health providers in the County – Walnut Cove and King
- Would be nice to have a mental health provider in this area of the County too

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- Agreed, it would be great
- Having been talking with Cardinal about possibly doing something at the hospital down the road

Chairman Walker continued:

- Think that LifeBrite is still in the transition phase, trying to get their operation up and running
- May be able to do mental health services down the road
- Hope there can be services at the hospital

Chairman Walker expressed appreciation to DSS Director Elmes for the information provided at today's meeting.

Tax Administration Report – June 2017

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

Fiscal Year 2016-17	Budget Amount	Collected Amount	Over Budget	Under Budget
Current 2016 Taxes Percentage = 99.68%	\$20,420,409.00	\$20,354,117.41		\$66,291.59
New Schools F-Tech Fund Percentage = 102.85%	\$1,317,445.00	\$1,355,024.33	\$(37,579.33)	
Prior Taxes County Regular & Motor Vehicles Percentages = 108.85%	\$450,000.00	\$489,802.83	\$(39,802.83)	

Business and Personal Property Discovery Report – April, May and June 2017

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Business and Personal Property Discovery Report for April, May, and June 2017 for the Board's review:

Audit Dates	Number of Accounts	Total Value	Taxes Due
04-01-17-/06-30-17	15	\$ 51,351.00	\$547.81

Business and Personal Discoveries Billed for Fiscal Year 2016-17

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

Audit Dates	Number of Accounts	Total Value	Taxes Due
07-01-16/06-30-17	569	\$1,323,403.00	\$12,652.16

Garnishments

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Garnishments for April, May, & June 2017 along with the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Totals for the Board's review:

Audit Dates	Number of Accounts	Total Value	Taxes Due
04-01-17-/06-30-20	501	\$262,245.59	\$104,262.51

07-01-16/06-30-17 1,687 \$549,643.54 \$303,685.91

EMS Billings & Collections

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Current and Delinquent EMS

Billing for Fiscal Year 2016-17 for the Board's review:

	Transports			Medicare/Medicaid	Other
Month	Billed	Charged	Collected	Non-Billable*	Non-Billable*
Jul-16	287	\$ 190,015.90	\$ 116,548.02	\$ 60,170.24	\$34,625.55
Aug-16	332	\$ 218,584.09	\$ 124,271.79	\$ 79,635.48	\$186,385.97
Sep-16	371	\$ 246,072.75	\$ 112,786.22	\$ 82,369.95	\$2,420.03
Oct-16	409	\$ 274,592.50	\$ 135,569.75	\$ 72,277.19	\$1.23
Nov-16	327	\$ 206,644.47	\$ 142,157.35	\$ 74,860.94	\$425.00
Dec-16	230	\$ 148,205.18	\$ 106,593.54	\$ 45,322.44	\$1,835.10
Jan-17	459	\$ 297,549.05	\$97,884.43	\$ 63,449.19	\$4,307.10
Feb-17	421	\$277,124.20	\$159,669.12	\$ 81,590.15	\$2.21
Mar-17	419	\$277,650.80	\$168,546.22	\$ 80,176.27	\$1,930.46
Apr-17	469	\$311,753.65	\$153,170.69	\$ 83,554.62	\$250.74
May - 17	467	\$306,601.05	\$182,457.06	\$ 79,198.62	\$2,373.49
June -17	1,026	\$662,446.82	\$207,992.97	\$ 89,534.07	\$1,611.18
Totals	5,217	\$3,423,240.46	\$1,707,647.16	\$ 892,138.83	\$236,168.06

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

Interstate Credit Collections – DataMax

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Interstate Credit Collections –

DataTax for Fiscal Year 2016-17 the Board's review:

NC Debt Set-Off for Property Tax & EMS Accounts

Cumulative Total to Date Collected -NC Debt Setoff **\$288,128.66**

Cumulative Totals

Cumulative Total to Date Collected-Motor Vehicles \$150,968.16

Cumulative Total to Date Collected- Property Taxes \$71,121.00

Cumulative Total to Date Collected - EMS \$445,304.94

Grant Total to Date Collected - All categories \$667,394.10

Releases Less than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

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

Real and Personal Property (June) at the July 10th meeting for the Board's review:

Releases Less Than Name	\$100 Real/Personal Bill Number	Property Amount
Darrell Pilcher		
DBA Cooper Creek Services	2600-2016-2016	\$44.47
	2600-2015-2015	\$44.17
	2600-2014-2104	\$42.66
	2601-2013-2013	\$42.66
Dwight Millaway	281588-2016-2016	<u>\$45.67</u>
	Total Amount	\$219.63

Refunds More than \$100 – Real and Personal Property

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

Real and Personal Property (June) at the July 10th meeting for the Board's review

with consideration for approval at the July 24th meeting:

Refunds Mores Than Name	\$100 Real/Personal Bill Number	Amount	Reason
Daniel L & Amy McKenzie	3232-2016-2016-01	\$112.64	Boat Sold in 2015
Daileen M Davila Cruz	35851420	\$142.99	Vehicle Total Loss
Elizabeth Y Patrick	23943665	<u>\$128.75</u>	Vehicle Sold
	Total Amount	\$384.38	

Tax Administrator Oakley noted:

- The NCVTS Motor Vehicle Billing & Collection Report is not included in today's information
- That report from the State is about two (2) months behind
- Will include the entire fiscal year data in the Board's August Report
- Believe the report will show several million dollars more in vehicle value than what was exactly estimated

Tax Administrator Oakley requested to place the Refunds more than \$100 – Real & Personal Property on the July 24th Consent Agenda

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

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that the information provided regarding the Medicare/Medicaid/Other Contractual amounts are what has to be written off

Tax Administrator Oakley responded:

- County receives a Medicaid Cost Settlement that helps to offset the write offs
- Don't believe that cost settlement has been received
- After the Medicare/Medicaid write offs, believe it would be approximately an 82% collection rate
- Once the cost settlement is received, it will increase the collection rate
- Most of the funding received in a particular month is revenue for services from prior months
- Must factor in the actual date of service, billing of insurance, and receipt of payment when reviewing EMS Billing

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that there were actual charges of \$3,423,240.46 billed and actual revenue of \$1,707,547.16 received during Fiscal Year 2016-17

Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Mendenhall commended Tax Administrator

Oakley on another great year of collecting.

Chairman Walker confirmed with Tax Administrator Oakley that "business is as usual"

in the Tax Department.

Tax Administrator Oakley commented:

- Fiscal Year 2017-18 bills are being processed and should be done by the end of this week
- Completed bills will be shipped to our vendor on July 17th for mailing to taxpayers on July 27th

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the following on the July 24th Consent Agenda:

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

Tax Administration Report – June 2017

Fiscal Year 2016-17 County Yearly Collection Rate

Tax Administrator Oakley presented the following information regarding the Fiscal Year 2016-17:

July 10, 2017

FY 2016-17 Year Values

Under NCGS 105-321 and 105-354, the FY '16-17 Charge to Collect Order, the Tax Administrator was charged with the collection of Current Year Taxes based on an estimated County value of \$3,379,105,601 at a 97.47% collection rate. The Tax Office billed \$3,413,282,906 in value for ad valorem taxes assessed (real/personal property, all utilities, fire districts, Edu. Fund, Municipalities) based upon the tax rates as illustrated below.

<u>Taxing Unit</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
County	\$0.620
Ed. Fund	\$0.040
Ser. Fire	\$0.075
King Fire	\$0.075
R. H. Fire	\$0.075
W. C. Fire	\$0.075
Danbury	\$0.270
King	\$0.422
Walnut Cove	\$0.400

Below is a report showing collections on all tax districts and the collection percentage. A full detail report can be submitted upon request by Board of Commissioners.

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Collection Percentage Report

Stokes County, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Est. Budget @ 97.47% Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$20,420,409	-\$220,394	-\$26,382	\$20,354,117	100.89%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$3,293,614,229.00 estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100% Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$21,162,354	-\$220,394	-\$26,832	\$20,354,117	97.32%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$3,413,282,906.00 Assessed County Value

F-Tech New School Fund, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Est. Budget @ 97.47% Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$1,317,445	-\$14,217	-\$1,702	\$1,319,825	101.41%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$3,293,614,229.00 estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100% Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$1,365,313	-\$14,217	-\$1,702	\$1,319,825	97.81%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$3,413,282,906.00 Assessed County Value

Town of Danbury, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Est. Budget @ 97.47% Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$25,925	-\$304	-\$36	\$27,414	107.15%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$9,602,009.00 estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100% Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$28,125	-\$304	-\$36	\$27,414	98.66%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$10,416,582.00 Assessed County Value

Town of Walnut Cove, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Est. Budget @ 97.47% Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$372,320	-\$4,844	-\$442	\$406,404	110.73%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$93,079,896.00 estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100% Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$418,913	-\$4,844	-\$442	\$406,404	98.25%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$104,728,342.00 Assessed County Value

City of King – June 20, 2017**City of King, June 30, 2017**

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Est. Budget @ 97.47% Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$1,912,597	-\$26,220	-\$1,176	\$1,898,680	100.71%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$453,222,099.00 estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100% Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$1,974,634	-\$26,220	-\$1,176	\$1,898,680	97.51%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$467,922,739.00 Assessed County Value

Service Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Est. Budget @ 97.47% Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$1,491,336	-\$13,958	-\$2,385	\$1,489,396	100.98%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$1,988,449,254.00 estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100% Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$1,545,451	-\$13,958	-\$2,385	\$1,489,396	97.40%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$2,060,600,684.00 Assessed County Value

King Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County Est. Budget @ 97.47% Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$299,939	-\$3,942	-\$150	\$299,679	101.30%

The above collection amounts are based on a \$399,919,298.00 estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County **Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100%** Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$307,175	-\$3,942	-\$150	\$299,679	98.88%

The above collection amounts are based on a **\$409,567,302.00** Assessed County Value

Rural Hall Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County **Est. Budget @ 97.47%** Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$57,278	-\$749	-\$30	\$57,748	102.21%

The above collection amounts are based on a **\$76,370,387.00** estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County **Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100%** Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$59,948	-\$749	-\$30	\$57,748	97.60%

The above collection amounts are based on a **\$79,930,790.00** Assessed County Value

Walnut Cove Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County **Est. Budget @ 97.47%** Collection Rate

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$213,374	-\$2,440	-\$335	\$207,995	98.76%

The above collection amounts are based on a **\$284,499,140.00** estimation of County Value

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year County **Scroll (taxes billed) @ 100%** Collection Rate

<u>Levy Billed</u>	<u>2% Discount</u>	<u>Adjust. & Releases</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
\$217,801	-\$2,440	-\$335	\$207,995	96.73%

The above collection amounts are based on a **\$290,401,288.00** Assessed County Value

Listed below is an aggregate monthly compilation of payments (County, Education Fund, All Fire Districts and Municipalities) received during Fiscal Year 2016-17

Stokes County General Fund @ \$0.62 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$675,066.13	7. January	\$4,839,419.05
2. August	\$10,130,101.63	8. February	\$208,148.77
3. September	\$670,985.92	9. March	\$410,593.74
4. October	\$438,702.51	10. April	\$131,291.54
5. November	\$523,258.54	11. May	\$101,547.03
6. December	\$2,161,932.85	12. June	\$63,069.70
Total Collected \$20,354,117.41			

Stokes County Educational Fund @ \$0.04 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$43,720.33	7. January	\$312,695.82
2. August	\$653,983.36	8. February	\$14,050.87
3. September	\$43,358.50	9. March	\$27,977.15
4. October	\$28,511.67	10. April	\$8,950.80
5. November	\$34,218.13	11. May	\$7,226.73
6. December	\$140,377.10	12. June	\$4,754.64
Total Collected \$1,319,825.10			

Stokes County Service Fire District Fund @ \$0.075 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$44,732.06	7. January	\$486,329.73
2. August	\$640,164.93	8. February	\$15,696.51
3. September	\$44,591.33	9. March	\$32,685.97
4. October	\$33,178.08	10. April	\$11,113.90
5. November	\$37,615.62	11. May	\$8,432.30
6. December	\$129,741.82	12. June	\$5,113.56
Total Collected \$1,489,395.81			

King Fire District Fund @ \$0.075 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$12,586.17	7. January	\$32,023.73
2. August	\$181,063.09	8. February	\$3,744.04
3. September	\$8,698.71	9. March	\$6,238.37
4. October	\$6,064.92	10. April	\$1,852.84
5. November	\$8,233.93	11. May	\$1,451.72
6. December	\$36,587.42	12. June	\$1,133.66
Total Collected \$299,678.60			

Rural Hall Fire District Fund @ \$0.075 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$3,057.71	7. January	\$7,327.06
2. August	\$33,646.23	8. February	\$420.00
3. September	\$2,347.69	9. March	\$1,194.86
4. October	\$1,070.65	10. April	\$297.53
5. November	\$1,487.80	11. May	\$711.54
6. December	\$6,008.30	12. June	\$178.67
Total Collected \$57,748.04			

Walnut Cove Fire District Fund @ \$0.75 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$6,959.51	7. January	\$22,471.56
2. August	\$112,710.80	8. February	\$2,739.46
3. September	\$7,491.06	9. March	\$5,500.03
4. October	\$4,861.76	10. April	\$1,647.66
5. November	\$7,846.97	11. May	\$1,122.04
6. December	\$34,027.21	12. June	\$616.66
Total Collected \$207,994.72			

Town of Danbury General Fund @ \$0.27 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$695.22	7. January	\$5,253.55
2. August	\$14,182.94	8. February	\$165.50
3. September	\$2,103.69	9. March	\$628.15
4. October	\$701.55	10. April	\$0.00
5. November	\$1,431.74	11. May	\$14.53
6. December	\$2,237.11	12. June	\$0.00
Total Collected \$27,413.98			

City of King General Fund @ \$0.422 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$74,142.68	7. January	\$162,806.55
2. August	\$1,211,734.11	8. February	\$16,304.88
3. September	\$82,752.92	9. March	\$23,850.56
4. October	\$36,942.60	10. April	\$5,382.08
5. November	\$37,908.60	11. May	\$5,147.49
6. December	\$236,181.21	12. June	\$5,525.92
Total Collected \$1,898,679.60			

Town of Walnut Cove General Fund @ \$0.40 Tax Rate

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. July	\$7,430.55	7. January	\$45,564.36
2. August	\$230,018.06	8. February	\$1,642.76
3. September	\$18,332.87	9. March	\$3,735.02
4. October	\$8,747.05	10. April	\$1,125.62
5. November	\$11,295.24	11. May	\$1,315.68
6. December	\$76,599.67	12. June	\$597.47
Total Collected \$406,404.35			

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Collection Percentage Report on Def. Land Use, Interest, Dog Tax, and Prior Delinquent Taxes for Stokes County, City of King, Town of Walnut Cove, Town of Danbury, Educational Fund and all Fire Districts

Stokes County, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax	\$450,000.00	\$489,802.83	\$39,802.83 Over	108.85%
Def. Land Use	\$15,000.00	\$49,400.30	\$34,400.30 Over	329.34%
Interest	\$150,000.00	\$210,438.24	\$60,438.24 Over	140.29%
Dog Tax	\$35,000.00	\$30,155.77	\$ 4,844.23 Under	86.16%
Prior Dog Tax	\$1,000.00	\$1,979.65	\$ 979.65 Over	197.97%

F-Tech New School Fund, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax		\$35,199.23	

Town of Danbury, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax		\$15.78	

Town of Walnut Cove, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax		\$8,647.27	

City of King, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax		\$45,023.42	

Service Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax	\$30,000.00	\$32,315.02	107.72%

King Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax	\$4,266.00	\$5,855.35	137.26%

Rural Hall Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax	\$1,000.00	\$3,024.56	302.46%

Walnut Cove Fire District, June 30, 2017

Collection Status 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Collection of Prior Year Delinquent Taxes

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collected FY 16-17</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
Prior Tax	\$5,000.00	\$5,514.38	110.29%

Commissioner Booth commented:

- o Would like to commend Tax Administrator Oakley and his staff regarding the great collection rate this fiscal year

Annual County Settlement of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Taxes

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted for review by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, the documents below relating to the settlement of FY '16-17 taxes/prior delinquent taxes. I am requesting the approval of this Settlement to be placed on the Consent Agenda on July 24, 2017 for final approval in order to meet our schedule with our printing vendor, South Data of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, for mailing 2017 annual tax bills on approximately July 27th. The mailing of bills in July gives taxpayers time to review their tax statements and take advantage of the 2% discount offered for early payment prior to September 1, 2017.

Included are copies of the following documents/procedures:

1. Order of the Chief Accounting Officer (NCGS 105-352(b) (1) & 105-352(b) (2).

2. Resolution of Settlement (NCGS 105-373).

Item 1: (Order of the Chief Accounting Officer):

Under NCGS 105-352 I, Jake M. Oakley appointed Tax Administrator for the County of Stokes, have delivered all "Pre-Payment of Taxes / Fees" for the fiscal year of 2016-17 to the Stokes County Chief Accounting Officer. Below are source type and monies paid, also the signed acceptance of this document by Miss Edwards, according to above Statutes and report from NCPTS Tax System.

<u>Tax Code</u>	<u>Amount Pre-Paid</u>	<u>Tax Code</u>	<u>Amount Pre-Paid</u>
County (G01)	\$42,441.31	King Fire (F01)	\$581.18
Edu Fund (E01)	\$2,737.80	R.H. Fire (F02)	\$303.50
King City (C01)	\$3,757.47	W.C. Fire (F03)	\$401.92
W.C Town (C03)	\$547.17	Dogs (D01)	\$35.78
Serv. Fire (S01)	\$3,076.59	OVP (over-payments)	\$759.93

TOTAL AMOUNT PRE-PAID \$54,642.65

Item 2: (Resolution of Settlement):

"After July 1, and before he is charged with taxes for the current fiscal year, the tax collector shall make a sworn report to the governing body of the taxing unit showing:"

Report of Delinquent Real Property Taxes. The following illustration outlines the difference between the report to the Board on February 8, 2017 (advertised list) and the current number of accounts due as of June 30, 2017):

Report to the Board on February 8, 2017 (Advertised Real Property)

<u>Delinquent 2016 Tax Bills</u>	<u>No. of Bills</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>
General County/Education	3,818	\$1,442,424.77
City of King	169	\$ 106,170.80
Town of Danbury	16	\$ 1,162.84
Town of Walnut Cove	73	\$ 15,662.84

Delinquents Real Property Taxes as of June 30, 2017

<u>Delinquent 2016 Tax Bills</u>	<u>No. of Bills</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>
General County/Education	1,613	\$ 603,969.00
City of King	87	\$ 54,944.00
Town of Danbury	5	\$ 388.00
Town of Walnut Cove	39	\$ 7,946.00

Report of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes. The following illustration outlines the County and Municipality delinquent Personal Property Accounts:

Delinquent Ind. & Bus. Personal Property Taxes as of June 30, 2017

<u>Delinquent 2016 Tax Bills</u>	<u>No. of Bills</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>
General County/Education	931	\$ 30,562.87
City of King	34	\$ 2,412.70
Town of Danbury	1	\$ 14.60
Town of Walnut Cove	8	\$ 594.62

Delinquent - All Prior Years Taxes Real / Personal as of June 30, 2017

<u>Delinquent Prior Tax Bills</u>	<u>No. of Bills</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>
All tax codes	10,458	\$1,131,203.14

(County, Edu Fund, Fire Districts, Municipalizes)

Attached is a Summary list of delinquent Personal (Individual/Business) Property that applies to each Taxing Unit. The governing body may publish the list of Delinquent Personal/Business Property accounts in any newspaper in the taxing unit, at the cost of the taxing unit. A list in full detail can be submitted upon request by the Board or order for advertisement.

Below is the RESOLUTION OF SETTLEMENT / RECHARGED TO COLLECT.

Order of Compliance with GS 105-352(b)(1) and GS 105-352 (B)(2) for the Settlement of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Property Taxes

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) ORDER OF THE COMPLIANCE WITH G.S.105-
) 352(b)(1) AND G.S. 105-352(b)(2) FOR THE
) SETTLEMENT OF FICAL YEAR 2016-2017
COUNTY OF STOKES) PROPERTY TAXES

TO: THE STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR

By the powers invested in me as the Chief Accounting Officer of Stokes County, North Carolina, this order of compliance pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 105-352(b)(1) and 105-352(b)(2) is issued to you. I further acknowledge that the receipts for prepayments of taxes for the fiscal year 2016-2017 have been delivered to me, and that such prepayments have been deposited to the credit of Stokes County.

Witness my hand and official seal this 6th day of July 2017.

Julia E. Edwards

Julia Edwards, Finance Officer & Chief
Accounting Officer, Stokes County North Carolina

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2017

Darlene M Bullins
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 09-27-2019

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Report of Insolvents (Personal Property)

The undersigned Tax Administrator/Collector respectfully reports that certain personal property taxes levied for the year 2016 remain uncollected; such uncollected taxes being set out below. Said taxes are not liens upon real estate. The undersigned Tax Administrator/Collector has made diligent efforts to collect said taxes by use of remedies against personal property as provided by law but has been unable to locate sufficient property belonging to delinquent taxpayers out of which the taxes might be collected. In every instance in which the Tax Administrator/Collector has been able to discover through diligent inquiry the existence of property belonging to delinquent taxpayers within other taxing units in North Carolina, the undersigned has proceeded under the provisions of G.S. 105-364.

See Report below for Bill Number/Acct No. /Name & Principle Amount

The undersigned requests that the above-listed taxes be declared insolvent and credited upon annual [or other] settlement.

This 5th day of July 2017.

Jake M Oakley
Tax Administrator/Collector

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this the 5th day of July, 2017.

Katherine S. Young
Stokes County Notary

My commission expires on 11-2-2017.

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Personal Property Collections Report

For your information, listed below are collection amounts and collection percentages for Personal individual, Business Personal Property and Dogs for each taxing jurisdiction in the County. Please note that the overall collection percentage.

2016 Bills for Unsecured Property Taxes and Fees

Tax District	Levy Type	Net Levy as of 7/1/2016	YTD Collections as of 06-30-17	Total uncollected as of 06-30-17	Percent Collected
County - G01	Tax	\$1,194,812.42	\$1,166,102.00	\$28,710.42	97.60%

July 10, 2017

ED. Fund - E01	Tax	\$77,086.34	\$75,233.89	\$1,852.45	97.60%
Ser. Fire - S01	Tax	\$97,065.26	\$94,987.55	\$2,077.71	97.86%
Danbury - C04	Tax	\$2,851.97	\$2,837.81	\$14.16	99.51%
King City - C01	Tax	\$71,558.07	\$69,145.37	\$2,412.70	96.63%
King Fire - F01	Tax	\$8,191.28	\$7,868.49	\$322.79	95.06%
Walnut Cove - C03	Tax	\$69,287.27	\$68,692.65	\$594.62	99.14%
Walnut Cove Fire - F03	Tax	\$12,152.71	\$11,731.32	\$421.39	96.54%
Rural Hall Fire - F02	Tax	\$1,422.63	\$1,310.78	\$111.85	92.12%
Dogs	Tax	<u>\$31,137.35</u>	<u>\$30,286.74</u>	<u>\$850.61</u>	<u>97.27%</u>
Total		\$1,565,565.30	\$1,528,196.60	\$37,368.70	97.61%

Proposed Resolution - Fiscal Year 2016-17 Annual Settlement

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

RESOLUTION

COUNTY OF STOKES)

WHEREAS, Section 105-373 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for an annual settlement of the property taxes charged to the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, that, in keeping with this requirement, the attached settlement summary was provided to the Stokes County Board of Commissioners by the Stokes County Tax Administrator, Jake M. Oakley;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners:

- (1) Orders the insolvent amount for 2016 be entered into the minutes as the accepted insolvent amount, and further, that said insolvent amount be credited to the Stokes County Tax Administrator in his settlement. And;
- (2) Orders the tax liens for 2016 property taxes for the purpose of collection to be recharged to the Stokes County Tax Administrator. And further;
- (3) Orders that the settlement for delinquent (prior years taxes) be entered into the minutes, and that the uncollected balance of said taxes be recharged to the Stokes County Tax Administrator for the purpose of collection. And finally;
- (4) Orders that the 2016 property tax settlement by the Stokes County Tax Administrator be accepted in accordance with Section 105-373(e) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Adopted this the ____ day of July 2017.

Jimmy Walker – Chairman

Ernest Lankford – Vice Chairman

James D. Booth – Commissioner

Ronda Jones – Commissioner

Ronnie Mendenhall – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene Bullins – Clerk to the Board

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the proposed Resolution for the Annual Settlement of Fiscal Year 2016-17 that orders the Tax Administrator to be recharged to collect tax liens for 2016 property taxes and delinquent taxes of prior years to be placed on the July 24th Consent Agenda.

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

The Board had no issues with placing the proposed Resolution on the July 24th Consent Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the proposed Resolution on the July 24th Consent Agenda.

Charge to Collect Fiscal Year 2017-18 Taxes

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley submitted for review by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, the attached documents relating to the Charge to Collect FY '17-18 taxes. Requesting the approval of this Charge to Collect Order to be placed on the Consent Agenda on July 24, 2017 for final approval to meet our schedule with our printing vendor, South Data of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, for mailing FY '17-18 annual tax bills on approximately July 27th. The mailing of bills in July gives taxpayers time to review their tax statements and take advantage of the 2% discount offered for early payment prior to September 1, 2017.

Listed below is an outline of procedures for approval:

1. The Order of the Board of County Commissioners to collect County Taxes, (Real and Personal), NCGS 105-321.
2. The Order of the Board of County Commissioners to collect all Special District Taxes, (King, Rural Hall, Service and Walnut Cove Fire Districts), and all Municipal Taxes (Danbury, King and Walnut Cove), NCGS 105-354.

The following tax rates are to be applied to this Charge to Collect (NCGS 105-321 & 105-354) by Budget Ordinance.

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| 1. General County | (GO1) = 0.620 per one hundred dollars value. |
| 2. School Fund | (EO1) = 0.040 per one hundred dollars value. |
| 3. Service Fire | (SO1) = 0.080 per one hundred dollars value. |
| 4. King Fire | (FO1) = 0.080 per one hundred dollars value. |

Ronnie Mendenhall – Commissioner

Attest:

Darlene Bullins – Clerk to the Board

Tax Administrator Oakley requested the proposed Order for the Collection of Fiscal Year 2017-18 Property Taxes in Accordance with GS 105-321(b) and GS 105-354 be placed on the July 24th Consent Agenda.

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

The Board had no issues with placing the proposed Order on the July 24th Consent Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the proposed Order on the July 24th Consent Agenda.

Designation – Voting Delegate for NCACC Annual Conference – August 2017

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following information regarding a request from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC):

- NCACC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners designate a voting delegate for the 110th Annual Conference to be held in Durham County on August 10-13th

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

Chairman Walker commented:

- Welcome either Commissioner Booth or Commissioner Mendenhall, who will be attending the conference, to be the voting delegate
- Will also be attending and will be the voting delegate by default if necessary

Vice Chairman Lankford nominated Commissioner James Booth to serve as the NCACC Voting Delegate at the Annual Conference.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for any other nominations or volunteers.

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

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

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

- Commissioner Jones – Commissioner James Booth
- Chairman Walker – Commissioner James Booth
- Commissioner Booth – Commissioner James Booth
- Commissioner Mendenhall – Commissioner James Booth
- Vice Chairman Lankford – Commissioner James Booth

Chairman Walker noted that Commissioner James Booth would serve as the County's Voting Delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference in Durham County.

Francisco School Property – Request for Continuation of Grounds Usage

Chairman Walker requested County Attorney Ty Browder present and discuss the following proposed agreement placed in today's Agenda regarding the use of the Francisco School Property Grounds by Our Communities of Northwest Stokes (OC).

County Attorney Ty Browder submitted the following proposed agreement for Grounds Usage Between Our Communities of Northwest Stokes and Stokes County for the Board's consideration:

NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT

STOKES COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Stokes County, acting through its Board of Commissioners ("Stokes"); and Our Communities of Northwest Stokes ("Our Communities");

WITNESSETH:

Whereas Stokes and Our Communities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on May 22, 2016, under the terms of which Our Communities was to develop a plan satisfactory to Stokes, to take ownership of, and maintain as a community resource, the Francisco School Property (the "Property") by June 30, 2017; and

Whereas since May 22, 2016, Our Communities has had the use of the grounds of the Property in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding; and

Whereas Our Communities has been unable to develop a sustainable plan; and has notified Stokes that it will be unable to take ownership of, and maintain the Property; and

Whereas Our Communities has requested permission to continue using the grounds of the Property until Stokes disposes of said property; and

Whereas Stokes has agreed to the continued use of the grounds of the Property in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

1. Our Communities may use the grounds of the Property for outdoor community activities and Little League practice and games.
2. Our Communities will obtain and maintain portable toilets on the grounds.
3. The buildings on the Property may not be entered or used by anyone.
4. Our Communities shall be responsible for maintaining the grounds of the Property in a safe condition at all times except for mowing.
5. Our Communities shall be responsible for scheduling and supervising all activities on the grounds of the Property in a safe and lawful manner.
6. Stokes will continue the existing outside water access to the grounds.
7. Stokes will maintain existing liability insurance coverage on the property.
8. All future communications regarding the use of the grounds of the Property shall be through the Stokes County Manager and a representative of Our Communities to be designated by Our Communities.
9. Stokes shall have full access to the Property at all times for the purpose of marketing the Property to a potential buyer.
10. It is the intent of Stokes to allow use of the grounds of the Property by Our Communities and the Francisco Community until the County disposes of said property; however, Stokes reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, if in the sole discretion of Stokes, it is necessary to market the Property, or protect the Property, Stokes, or the citizens and residents of the Francisco Community and the general public.

STOKES COUNTY, acting through its Board of Commissioners on July 10, 2017.

By: _____
Jimmy Walker, Chairman

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins, Clerk to the Board

Our Communities of Northwest Stokes acting through the undersigned officers on July 10, 2017.

By: _____

Print name and title

Attest: _____

Print name and title

County Attorney Browder commented:

- Prepared the proposed agreement based on the information presented at the last meeting from the OC Group that they had highlighted in the current Memorandum of Understanding
- Feel the proposed agreement covers the current situation
- Sent the proposed agreement to Mr. Stimson with the OC Group for comments which have been provided to you for review

Chairman Walker requested Board members to review the comments provided by Mr. Stimson, OC Group.

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

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Believe the proposed agreement covers what was requested at the last meeting

Chairman Walker commented

- Requested County Attorney Browder speak on the items presented by Mr. Stimson, OC Group, that pertained to the proposed agreement

County Attorney Browder reviewed the proposed agreement and discussed the following items in the document which had been referenced in Mr. Stimson's email with the Board of

County Commissioners:

2. Our Communities will obtain and maintain portable toilets on the grounds.

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3. The buildings on the Property may not be entered or used by anyone.

5. Our Communities shall be responsible for scheduling and supervising all activities on the grounds of the Property in a safe and lawful manner. (did not mean all activities – only those organized by the community)

County Attorney Browder suggested the following amendments to the agreement:

2. Our Communities will obtain and maintain portable **toilet(s)** on the grounds as needed.

3. The buildings on the Property may not be entered or used by anyone, **unless approved in advance by the county manager.**

5. Our Communities shall be responsible for scheduling and supervising all **organized** activities on the grounds of the Property in a safe and lawful manner.

County Attorney Browder noted that the Board could amend the agreement if so desired.

County Attorney Browder continued:

- o Feel these changes would address Mr. Stimson's concerns

Chairman Walker confirmed with County Attorney Browder that he would like to hear from someone in The OC Group who was in attendance for today's meeting.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, requested Texie Jessup, OC Group – Team Leader, to speak regarding the proposed agreement prepared by County Attorney Browder.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- o Believe the wording in the Memorandum of Understanding stated that the OC Group could use the facilities if approved by the County Manager

Ms. Texie Jessup, OC Group - Team Leader

- o The OC Group wanted clarification
- o It seemed that in the proposed agreement, there are more responsibilities' being placed on the OC Group
- o Don't believe that everything that goes on can be scheduled such as use by the community – playground, walking trail, etc.
- o There can't be 24/7 supervision on a playground
- o Last year, a church group wanted to use the playground for a Bible School picnic; they were told it is a playground and is open to the public
- o Another group wanted to use it and did not ask; they just went ahead and used it
- o Do not feel the OC Group can take on the responsibility of scheduling and supervising all of the playground activities

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Believe County Attorney Browder spoke about the intention of the proposed agreement was not every activity, only those community organized events

Ms. Jessup continued:

- Understand the County will now start to dispose of the property
- Would like to know if the OC Group would be given any notification when the property would no longer be available to the community
- The OC Group organized a big event in October last year with several sponsors
- Have a statewide sponsor who wants to participate this year and need to get working on the event
- OC does not know whether to move forward with this event
- Need to know if there is any timeframe that the OC can expect to know when the property will no longer be available for use

Chairman Walker requested County Manager Morris and/or County Attorney Browder to speak to Ms. Jessup's comments for notification of the disposal of the property.

County Manager Morris responded:

- Feel there could only be conditional approval from this point forward based on the fact that it could be disposition at anytime

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Agree with Manager Morris' response
- An event that was scheduled two or three months down the road could possibly restrict the County from disposing of the property

Chairman Walker commented:

- Understand there was a very successful, positive event on the property this past October and the OC Group would like to repeat that event this October in 2017
- Would like to hear from the other Board members, their view on scheduling the property two to three months down the road and possibly having to postpone the delivery of the property until after the event

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Do not see how the bidding process can be held up especially if property is advertised for the upset bidding process
- Don't see how we can hold up a potential buyer -- could lose the sale

Commissioner Jones responded:

- Think that despite every effort made in the potential sale, it is not too much to ask the new potential owner to allow the OC Group to be able to use the property on that particular date
- Don't know that the sale will be done that quick
- Not unreasonable to ask the buyer to be kind to the community

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with County Attorney Browder that the Board could have a condition in the contract that the property could not be delivered to the seller until after the October event
- Understand it will take time depending upon the number of times the bid is upset
- Confirmed with County Attorney Browder that it would probably be no earlier than 30 days for disposition and could take even longer

County Attorney Browder responded:

- The County could have a buyer that wanted immediate possession

Commissioner Booth continued:

- On the same line as Commissioner Jones stated, there could possibly be a buyer that would allow the OC Group to use the property that one specific day
- Also agree with Vice Chairman Lankford regarding the disposition of the property – buyer could want the property immediately
- Do not have any idea what a particular buyer would want to do with the property
- Do not believe this decision can be made today

Ms. Jessup responded:

- The event is held in October because the date corresponds with the Francisco High School Reunion

Commissioner Booth confirmed with Ms. Jessup that the OC Group would have to know fairly soon so that the OC Group can start getting sponsors and organizing the event.

County Manager Morris noted that no date had been set yet by the Board to start the bid process.

Ms. Jessup responded:

- OC Group understands but has to have a “yes” or “no” answer – can’t be guessing whether it can be used or not

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Would like to say you could, but there are too many variables right now to make that kind of decision

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- This is a very sensitive time issue
- The event is not until October, but the OC Group has to have adequate time to get the event organized
- Problematic situation for the OC Group
- At the same time, it also puts the County in a problematic situation
- Could get a potential buyer who wants the property immediately
- Could put the County in a situation where the buyer could walk away from the sale

Chairman Walker commented:

- This entire Board wants to work with the OC Group, but also has to look at the County's best interest
- Confirmed with Ms. Jessup that the OC Group would have to have a definite answer by the first of August
- Suggested the item be placed on the July 24th Action Agenda regarding the specific request
- This would give the Board two weeks to obtain any additional information

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Suggested possibly amending the proposed agreement and placing it on today's Action Agenda so that the grounds can continue to be used
- Would suggest placing the special use request of the property by the OC Group on the July 24th Discussion Agenda
- Do not know that we can even make the decision regarding the October event at the next meeting

Commissioner Jones confirmed with Ms. Jessup that alternate sites have already been considered with no available site that has water/utilities.

Commissioner Jones noted that she felt like everything will be fine.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Possibly could get a buyer that wants to work with the OC Group and the community
- Believe the County needs to proceed with placing the property up for bid so that the County can see exactly where everything is
- Could possibly have a special meeting if needed

Chairman Walker commented:

- Believe the Board may have more information by the first meeting in August that would possibly allow the Board to make a definite decision about the October event

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

The Board unanimously agreed to place the request regarding the OC Group's fall event on the July 24th Discussion Agenda.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the proposed agreement on today's Action Agenda and place the request regarding the OC Group's October event on the July 24th Discussion Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Proposed Energy Programs Outreach Plan

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the Proposed Energy Programs Outreach Plan submitted by DSS Director Stacey Elmes at the June 26th meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Energy Programs Outreach Plan submitted by DSS Director Stacey Elmes. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointments – Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Chairman Walker noted the following were nominated at the June 26th meeting to serve on the Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

- Re-Appointees:
 - Robin Riddlebarger - Board of Commissioners Appointee – Term: 06-30-19
 - Amanda Dolinger – Board of Commissioners Appointee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Robin Testerman – Board of Commissioners Appointee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Doug Rose – Stokes County School Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Stephanie Tuttle – Non-Profit Representative – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Darlene Bullins – County Manager Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Kathy Ford – Judges’ Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Libby Reid – Sheriff’s Department Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Tom Langan – District Attorney Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
- New Appointees:
 - Emily Naylor – Stokes County Health Department - Term: 06-30-2019

Chairman Walker opened the floor for any further nominations.

There were no further nominations.

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

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

Chairman Walker polled the Board:

- Commissioner Jones, Chairman Walker, Commissioner Booth, Commissioner Mendenhall, and Vice Chairman Lankford unanimously agreed upon the following re-appointments and new appointment:

- Re-Appointees:
 - Robin Riddlebarger - Board of Commissioners Appointee – Term: 06-30-19
 - Amanda Dolinger – Board of Commissioners Appointee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Robin Testerman – Board of Commissioners Appointee – Term: 06-30-2019
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 - Kathy Ford – Judges’ Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Libby Reid – Sheriff’s Department Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
 - Tom Langan – District Attorney Designee – Term: 06-30-2019
- New Appointees:
 - Emily Naylor – Stokes County Health Department - Term: 06-30-2019

Francisco School Property – Request for Continuation of Grounds Usage

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the following proposed agreement as amended at today’s meeting by County Attorney Ty Browder:

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STOKES COUNTY, acting through its Board of Commissioners on July 10, 2017.

By: _____
Jimmy Walker, Chairman

Attest:

Darlene M. Bullins, Clerk to the Board

July 10, 2017

Our Communities of Northwest Stokes acting through the undersigned officers on July 10, 2017.

By: _____

Print name and title

Attest: _____

Print name and title

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the amended Agreement between Our Communities of Northwest Stokes and Stokes County. Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

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

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3).

Commissioner Booth moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)
- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3).

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the open session of the July 10th meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy Walker
Chairman