

- On behalf of all the County Commissioners, we say thank you for your nine years of service.

Former County Manager Rick Morris responded:

- It is very thoughtful of you all to present this to me.
- I appreciate it very much.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- We will move forward.
- After the last meeting we will try and stay on time.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to approve or amend the February 26th Agenda.

Chairman Mendenhall noted that County Manager Oakley had a request to add items to the February 26th Agenda.

County Manager Oakley responded:

- I have a request from DSS Director Stacey Elmes to add the funding for M.O.E. and the funding for Cardinal to provide the service to the County.
- This is something that is actually mandated by the state.
- She is requesting that we add this to the Discussion Agenda, which would be item G.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Does anyone else have anything they would like to add before we make a motion to approve the agenda..

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the February Agenda as presented with the addition.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for discussion.

With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am going to stay in the spirit of being fast tonight and give my time to Jimmy, but no really.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Thanks for the thought.
- I am going to pass it along and keep the trend going.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I would like to say welcome everybody.
- Thank you for being here.
- I would like to thank the Lord for his leadership and guidance that he gives me every day.
- I would like to invite everyone to the Farmers Appreciation Event at North Stokes on April 5th from 6-9.
- We usually get started a little early.
- We typically have 500 to 600 people there.
- It is a free event and everyone is invited.
- Dinner is provided.
- About 40 businesses in Stokes County sponsor this.
- There will be bluegrass music.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I just want to say thank you to each person here tonight.
- It is always a pleasure to have the community take part in our meetings.
- It is all about our citizens of Stokes County.
- I will also stay in the mode of keeping us moving tonight and pass it on to Commissioner Lankford.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life: "I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from thine enemies"
- This is a sound message that we all can enjoy.

Interim County Manager Oakley commented:

- I attended the 4-H Achievement Night this past Thursday.
- I really enjoyed myself.
- These young people do a lot of great things across the County.
- I want to recognize them and thank them for allowing me to be a part of that.
- I hope they continue to do the great things that they are doing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Mendenhall 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 27022
RE: Arts Update

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

The Apple Gallery

- Stokes Arts welcomes Christy Jerrett to the Apple Gallery for the month of February. Working in oil, acrylic, alcohol ink and watercolor. Jerrett captures the beautiful colors, reflections, and shadows that are found in American landscapes.

Jayebird Gallery at Hanging Rock State Park

- The Stokes County Arts Council presents Carolina Corona in the Jayebird Gallery inside the Hanging Rock State Park Visitors Center during the months of January and February 2018.

Winter Dessert Theater Series at The Arts Place

Random Acts of Laughter

- March 3rd 7pm at The Arts Place: Winter Dessert Theatre wraps up the 2018 season with NoneSuch Playmakers production of Random Acts of Laughter: "Party Game" & "Best Seller."
- These one-act plays are full of barbs and laughs intended for audiences 16 & older. Desserts, sponsored by Cannon & Company will be served starting at 6pm.

Arts Entrepreneurship Interest Meeting

- Let's get together and talk about your needs as an artist entrepreneur. We want to hear from YOU!
- The Goal is simple: Lets figure out what kinds of workshops, classes and trainings local artists want and need to help you reach your fullest potential as an arts entrepreneur.
- Join Stokes Arts and Forsyth Tech of Stokes
- Thursday March 8th at 6:30pm at The Arts Place of Stokes.

Coffee & Canvas – March 9th at 6pm

- Spend your Friday night learning painting techniques from instructor Justine Luzwick, who guides you through the entire painting process.
- This month's theme is Spring Bloom.
- Registration included all materials, snacks, and complimentary coffee from Higher Grounds Coffee.

"Churchill" is set to premiere at The Arts Place

- The Stokes County Arts Council is excited to present the North Carolina premiere of "Churchill", written and performed by Andrew Edlin.
- Shows are at 7pm and 3pm and March 17th and 18th.

- This tour de force one-man show features Edlin as one of the world's most extraordinary characters – the charismatic statesman, orator, and wit Sir Winston Churchill.
- Tea and Crumpets will be served.
- Sponsored by Mark Johnson, Family Dentistry of King.

John Cowan returns to The Arts Place with Darin and Brooke Aldridge

March 31st at 4pm

- Join Stokes Arts as we welcome John Cowan back to the stage at The Arts Place of Stokes with special guests Darin & Brooke Aldridge.
- Seating is limited.
- Tickets are \$25 for SCAC Members and \$25 for General Admission. There will be a meet and greet with the artists after the show.

Sri Sarvasri Ananda

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Walnut Cove, NC 27052

RE: Happy, Healthy, and Green Stokes County

Mr. Ananda presented the following information to the Board of County Commissioners:

- I was planning to speak more about the last time I was here, when I commented on some technologies we might do to create better nutrition in Stokes County.
- With the school shooting this week I thought I would address that.
- Last time I also mentioned the fact that there were lots of suicides attempted in the schools in Forsyth County and all over the country.
- As we know the suicides that are being attempted, up to 30% for some areas indicates a major mental health problem.
- They are taking it out on themselves but obviously they sometimes go and take it out on someone else.
- My concern is that mental health is very much linked to physical health.
- The same blood that goes through our body is going through our brain.
- It's a lack of stable neurochemistry that is the problem we need to address.
- It has nutritional causes and nutritional solutions that I have mentioned many times coming here.
- Other solutions are meditation, breath meditation that I have mentioned is a really wonderful thing to cool anyone's jets that may be out of control.
- I am going to be teaching that meditation through the health department.
- I have talked with Brad Rice and he is interested in this for the schools.
- We need to get something done in the schools.
- I want to prevent that kind of thing from happening in Stokes County.

- We have a lot of trouble and we really need to give our students tools.
- We don't know how to care for ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally, or socially.
- A lot of it is due to the kind of culture we have created.
- We have created a very violent culture.
- If we look at the movies, video games and what is on television.
- We are just surrounded by violence.
- It is coming at us all the time.
- I am making the case that we become what we consume.
- If you have all these things coming at you all the time, you think that is normal.
- You become accustomed to it.
- We need to change this.
- I am starting to teach some programs that cover those areas.
- A de-stress class is the first one I will be teaching.
- I have spoken with Health Director Emily Naylor and Superintendent Brad Rice and they are interested in it.
- Of course everybody wants less stress.
- It's a breath meditation class that I can teach in one hour.
- The idea that we are what we consume.
- If we start making different choices and stop consuming the junk media, the junk food, the violent videos.
- It can make a huge difference in how we feel.
- If we can encourage the kids to shift their focus into these things instead of these violent video games that we see all over it can make a big difference.
- Especially those first person shooter games.
- In these, you are the shooter and you are going around shooting everybody as fast as you can.
- When I started looking at some of these games, it is just madness.
- It is a bad training.
- I have mentioned before that the opioid crisis that we are facing is really the same thing.
- We don't know how to take care of ourselves.
- We don't know how to get rid of pain, depression, and other stuff as well.
- It is the same stuff that is causing all of our social problems.
- We need new tools.
- My focus is to present those new tools to the community.
- Whatever you can do to lend your support in getting those new tools out is needed.
- Next time I will have some fun things to talk about.

Andy Stevens
 157 Old Garner Drive
 King, NC 27021
RE: Budget Guidance/Procedures

Mr. Stevens presented the following information to the Board of County Commissioners:

Good evening Mr. Chairman and Stokes County Commissioners. Tonight's Commissioners Meeting has an important item on the Agenda which I will get to in just a moment. But first I'd like to address a few matters that have troubled me of late.

I recently started attending our local government meetings, political gatherings, and civic groups since moving to King and I promise to attend and participate in the conduct of our County Government. I have downloaded, printed, and am now reviewing the /minutes of every County Commission meeting of the past two years. I've also received full copies of the last two years of the County Financials. I've already provided our Sheriff details of an embedded error in the current Budget that frees him \$90,000.00 to reallocate towards unmet needs. I do hope he takes advantage of it. I'll do the same with the School Budget next. However, all these meetings, unlike many other Counties are not officially shown live or recorded so we citizens are at the mercy of these Board's discretion and practice to post minutes of their meetings for review. Not every citizen has the time or capacity to attend just the many meetings this County Commission conducts, let alone all the others. I ask the Commission to provide the public both real time and archived video of at least this Commission's proceedings. While you are prepared tonight to approve minutes of several recent meetings, the 45 to 60 day lags are not reflective of open, transparent government. We should no gavel another meeting without the minutes prepared to approve the last. Government has a duty and responsibility to keep its citizens informed.

Another concern of mine is the sheer number of this Body's Special Called Closed Sessions and secretive Closed Meetings over the past 18 months. An open, transparent government does not trouble its citizens to be on the alert for meetings outside the scope of posted annual schedules. Even more so, when the meetings themselves are conducted entirely in Closed Session, without even a summary afterwards of what was discussed we remain uninformed. Our County should not be run in Crisis Mode from week to week or day by day with emergency after emergency the unacceptable explanation. Leadership should be practice and not reactive, and certainly not scheming in secret out of the bright light of public disclosure. I hope this Commission immediately makes such practice a thing of the past.

Finally, to the item that really brought me here tonight. Posted on the County Agenda for tonight's meeting is item 6© to discuss budget guidance for the coming year. We find ourselves in a peculiar situation this year as a majority of this Commission might feel insulated from the people despite the fact three of the five Commissioner seats will be contested in May and November. Two of our Commissioners with expiring seats do not plan to run again. This could create a "Lame Duck" majority of mid-term and end of term Commissioners who together might urge and propose significant increases in our County's Budget and scope of work. I suggest our County ought not strive to be "average" in our expenditures but rather "Best in Class", exercising cost-efficient best practices for all we do. Money does not grow on trees and government cannot solve every problem. Let's not trade our just enacted Federal Tax decreases for higher property taxes and let's not base our future County Budget on a standard defined by fitting within an average among Counties who conceivable spend too much.

Tonight, I look forward to hearing from each of you the vision and guidance you offer Stokes County citizens for the year ahead.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes

- Minutes of January 22, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- Minutes of February 6, 2018 – Planning Meeting

Social Services – Budget Amendment #38

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #38. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
Social Services				
100.5310.180	Professional Services	\$64,500.00	\$(6200.00)	\$58,300.00
100.5310.352	M & R Building	500.00	6,200.00	6,700.00
Totals		\$65,000.00	-	\$65,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding for the M & R Building line item to cover cost of tile for front reception area and upstairs hallways.

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
Totals				

Sheriff's Department – Budget Amendment #39

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #39. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
Sheriff's Department				
100.4310.170	Supplemental Pension		\$4,849.00	\$4,849.00
100.4310.100	Retirement	\$249,834.00	\$(4,849.00)	\$244,985.00
	Totals	\$249,834.00	-	\$249,834.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds for the Sheriff's supplemental pension fund per GS 143-166.80.

This will result in a net decrease of \$0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
	Totals			

Jail – Budget Amendment #40

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #40. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
Jail				
100.4320.440	Misc. Contractual Services	\$75,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$175,000.00
	Totals	\$75,000	-	\$175,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds from the state inmate reimbursement for the housing of inmates at other county facilities

This will result in a net increase of \$100,000.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
100.3301.412	State Inmate Reimbursement	\$60,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$160,000.00
	Totals	\$60,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$160,000.00

District Resource Center – Budget Amendment #41

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #41. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
	District Resource Center			
100.4321.020	Salaries & Wages Part Time	\$4,225.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,725.00
	Totals	\$4,225.00	-	\$5,725.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate District Resource Fees for part time Salaries. No County Funding.

This will result in a net increase of \$1500.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Current Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
	General Fund			
100.3433.410	District Resource Center Fees	\$1,020.00	\$,1500.00	\$2,520.00
	Totals	\$1,020.00	\$1500.00	\$2,520.00

Upset Bid – Foreclosed Property – Request to Start Upset Bid Process

Memorandum

To: Jake Oakley, Interim County Manager

From: Danny Stovall, Support Services Supervisor

Date: February 21, 2018

Sale of tax foreclosed property

Attached is a bid from Mrs. Michele Shaver, dated February 21, 2018 to purchase the following tax foreclosed surplus parcel listed below from the County.

\$6,128.76 Parcel 6979-03-43-7698 Deed/Page 661/820 Lot 8 Delta Acres

This bid is equal to the total outstanding taxes and legal fees as of February 21, 2018.

I need for the Board of Commissioners to give consensus approval on February 26, 2018 to start the upset bid process “only” as outlined in NCGS 160A-269.

Advertisement will be placed in the Stokes News along with being posted on the County web page. After the required 10 day window of not receiving any upset bid, then I will be requesting for this item to be placed back onto the Commissioners agenda for final approval.

Tax Administration

Real and Personal Refunds More Than \$100.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Ledger</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Furr, Anthony L.	310578-2017.2017	100.3100.160	\$232.50	SOFTWARE
		209.3100.160	\$30.00	BILLING ERROR
		211.3100.160	\$15.00	CORRECTION
Frick, John Edward	38450727	100.3100.113	\$172.72	VEHICLE SOLD
		206.3100.112	\$22.28	
		211.3100.001	<u>\$11.14</u>	
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$483.64	

Advertisement of 2017 Tax Liens

(As of 2/1/2018)

<u>Delinquent 2017 Tax Bills</u>	<u>No. of Bills</u>	<u>Principal Due</u>
General County	3853	\$1,449,237.98
Education Fund	3853	\$ 93,500.74
Town of Danbury	9	\$ 1,032.21
City of King	161	\$ 93,961.45
Town of Walnut Cove	82	\$ 21,251.19
King Fire District	341	\$ 17,897.79
Rural Hall Fire District	79	\$ 3,977.61
County Service Fire District	2730	\$ 121,247.54
Walnut Cove Fire District	454	<u>\$ 21,779.62</u>
TOTAL BILLS DELINQUENT	3853	\$1,823,886.13

According to NCGS 105-369(a), the Tax Collector must report to the governing body a total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year (2017-2018) that are liens on real property, including the County and Municipalities. The governing body must order the Tax Collector to advertise these tax liens.

According to NCGS 105-369(b1), after the governing body orders the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens, the Tax Collector must send a notice to the owner of record of each affected parcel.

The notice must be sent to the owner's last known address by first class mail at least thirty (30) days before the date of advertisement is to be published. Our projected date for the mailing of second notices is February 28, 2018.

I am requesting the governing body order the Tax Office to advertise these accounts no earlier than thirty (30) days after the mailing date of the past due notices (less any bills paid between the report date and the advertising date). Our projected advertisement date for 2017 tax liens in The Stokes News is April 12, 2018.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA

Chairman Mendenhall noted that there were no items on tonight's Information Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA

Social Services – Social Work Month 2018 Proclamation

County Manager Jake Oakley presented the following information to the Board:

- There is a Proclamation for 2018 to honor our social workers and their dedication they have to the citizens of Stokes County.
- They put in many hours for Stokes County.
- This Proclamation needs to be signed by all Board members.

SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2018 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in our society;

WHEREAS, Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions."

WHEREAS, Social Workers support diverse families in every community, understanding that individuals and communities together can bring about change.

WHEREAS, Social Workers know from experience that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated.

WHEREAS, Social Workers know from experience that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems;

WHEREAS, all children have the right to safe environments and quality education;

WHEREAS, dignity and respect for older adults help define a nation's character;

WHEREAS, access to mental health treatment and health care services save millions of lives;

WHEREAS, research shows that all people, no matter their circumstance, at some time in their lives, may need the expertise of a social worker;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by Social Workers around the world, we, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, proclaim the month of March 2018 as Social Work Month and call upon all citizens of Stokes County to celebrate and support the Social Work profession.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2018.

Chairman Ronnie Mendenhall

Vice-Chairman Jimmy Walker

Commissioner James Booth

Commissioner Ronda Jones

Commissioner Ernest Lankford

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for discussion/ questions/comments:

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I think it is a wonderful thing.
- I am ready to sign it.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I think it is always good to recognize good effort, work ethic and dedication.
- We have that and a lot more in our Social Services department.
- We have some really dedicated workers.
- I am glad that we are showing them some recognition.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I am glad to recognize Social Services and Social Work Month.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- The Social Services department has a tremendous staff.
- They take their work very seriously.
- They have been trying their very best to learn the new system called NC Fast and I believe once that is accomplished you will see more efficiency.
- I feel good about this proclamation and giving them credit for what they do for the Stokes County people.

County Manager Oakley commented:

- This proclamation is for the month of March.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Excellence comes in many ways.
- You see excellence in youth, in adults and you see it in the job force.
- I really try to zone in on it in the job force.
- I feel like our Social Services department exhibits the excellence that is needed.
- To me, Social Services is one of the most important departments.
- Every department is important.
- I will never try and say one department is more important than another.
- They do an outstanding job.
- I am thankful to Stacey and all the other workers for all that they do.

With no further discussion it is proclaimed by the Board of Commissioners that March 2018 is Social Work Appreciation Month.

Recreation Task Force

Chairman Mendenhall noted that the first meeting of the Recreation Task Force was held.

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- The first meeting of the Recreation Task Force was held at the Administration Building in the 3rd floor conference room at 7pm on Tuesday February 20, 2018.
- The meeting was led by Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker and Commissioner Ernest Lankford.
- The following were present:
 - Interim County Manager Jake Oakley
 - Clerk to the Board/Administrative Asst. to the County Manager Shannon Shaver
 - Joann Bennett
 - Leroy Smith
 - Debbie Vaden
 - Jane Charleville
 - Beth Watts
 - Ashley Turner
 - Tory Mabe
 - Durwood Dunlap
 - Heather Adams (for Derek Edwards)
- Absent :
 - Chris Chunn Paula Duggan
 - Greg Hairston Ruth Ann Harden
- Trish Mannering declined the offer to join the Recreation Task Force

All those present spoke and gave input on what they believe would benefit the community. All agreed that this is needed on the northern side of the County.

Some key points of focus for the group were:

Location

Funding Sources

Survey the Community

Sustainability

County Involvement

Possible USDA Funding

Type of Facility

Forsyth Tech Funding

Possible YMCA Involvement

Analyzing Similar Facilities

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday March 12th at 7pm

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Commissioner Lankford and Vice Chairman Walker attended the first meeting of the Recreation Task Force.
- If I could just get a two to three minute report back on that.
- I would like to try and keep it short.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I enjoyed being there with Commissioner Lankford.
- I feel like we made a good team to represent our Board and its wishes.
- Our purpose was to be there to help get started and organized.
- We still have a ways to go.
- That is to be expected.
- It is hard to do a lot in one meeting.
- I tried to share some thoughts and ideas.
- I really appreciated Shannon and Jake being there.
- Shannon made us some notes regarding the meeting.
- If you will look at those notes, attachment F, you will see in red our main points.
- We asked the task force to consider these.
- I do have one thought that I would like to share with our Board members.
- I believe we may need to change the name of our Recreation Task Force.
- If you recall when the gentleman from USDA was here, he specifically mentioned that it would be harder to secure funding for recreation than it would be a Wellness Center.
- We may need to shift gears.
- One thing I suggested to the group was that we don't try and solve all the recreation needs.
- I suggested we focus on one thing and one thing only, that we get a facility in this part of the county.
- I want to see it happen.
- I am certainly willing to do my part, whatever that is.
- It is not fair for someone to have to drive 30 miles to a recreation center.
- The spirit was good with the task force for the first meeting.
- I hope I did a good job along with Commissioner Lankford on helping these folks get started.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I agree with Commissioner Walker.
- It was a really good meeting.
- There was a lot of excitement in the room.
- We had a really good cross section of all the communities.
- They are willing to start and work to do most anything they can do to make this a reality.
- Bringing all the surrounding areas together and people who are willing to make contributions and work to make this happen takes a lot of courage and energy.
- I feel like whatever we need to do to keep moving along with this.
- The meeting was very favorable and I look forward to the next meeting on March 12th.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I want to thank both of you for going and representing the Commissioners.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am glad to see this moving forward.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- The key point of focus is good.
- The funding has got to be secured.
- The kind of facility that is needed and wanted by the community.
- It sounds like a good start.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- One thing Commissioner Walker commented on that we need to keep our minds on is when Josh came from the USDA he did mention recreation vs. wellness.
- We know the grant is down the road we need to keep this in mind.
- I believe he mentioned \$500,000.00 or possibly more that could be available.
- He did use the words fitness and wellness over recreation.

Chairman Mendenhall asked for any comments from County Manager Oakley or Clerk Shannon Shaver.

County Manager Oakley commented:

- It is a good, well rounded group of people to be looking into our recreational needs of the county.
- From what I am hearing in the community, they are all looking forward to seeing something come to a central location in the county.
- I don't see any opposition to this from anyone in the county.
- I believe this is something that would be very beneficial to everyone in the county.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- When you are talking about wellness and fitness we could have this through a recreation center.
- We could make it work to include everything.

Chairman Mendenhall asked for any comments from Clerk Shannon Shaver.

Clerk Shannon Shaver commented:

- Everyone is positive.
- They are all coming together for the same goal.
- Everybody wants this facility and it is needed.
- They do want some clarification as to where they go next.
- If we can do that at our next meeting and hopefully get them some specific things to go out and do.
- To start looking at some similar facilities that we are considering building like.

- They just need some starting points to move forward with so that they know they are on a specific task.
- This was the only thing anyone really asked me about personally.
- It was a really good meeting.
- Commissioner Lankford and Walker did a good job getting them on board and getting things started.
- We had a few members missing this time.
- Hopefully we will have the whole group here on March 12th.
- I sent out an email to everyone after the first meeting notifying them of the next meeting.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

Would Commissioner Lankford and Commissioner Walker be able to attend the next meeting?

Both Commissioner Lankford and Commissioner Walker agreed to attend the March 12th meeting.

Clerk Shannon Shaver commented:

- I believe at the next meeting, since you are not planning on attending them all, we could have them form their own Board.
- Possibly establish a leader.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I feel like we need to back off and let the task force do their thing.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I really felt like that was the whole plan we discussed at the first meeting.
- Once the task force is organized we would back out.

Chairman Mendenhall continued:

- If you can attend one more meeting and have them elect a leader.
- You can do like you say and back out and let them take it from there.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- Possibly Commissioner Lankford could be involved in the beginning of the meeting and the once they elect a leader we could let them take the meeting from there.

With no further discussion, Chairman Mendenhall moved to the next item on the Agenda.

Budget/Goals Work Sessions

Chairman Ronnie Mendenhall commented:

- As we look towards our upcoming Budget/Goals work sessions we all know this will take up a lot of our time from March through June.
- I believe I had one Commissioner, maybe even two that have asked for a couple of changes on some date and time.
- Everyone looked at their calendars at the last meeting and this is what we came up with.
- Commissioner Booth has asked for a change.
- I believe we can come down the line and address any changes to be made.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am looking at what we decided at the last meeting.
- I am fine with this.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I have no issues.
- With this much advance notice, general speaking I can usually make it work.

Commissioner Booth commented

- I have a problem with March 13th.
- I would like for it to be the 15th or the 16th.

With discussion from the Board, it was agreed upon that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 13th at 11:00am was changed to Friday March 16th at 4:00pm.

County Manager Oakley commented:

- I would like to go ahead and confirm the public hearing date.
- It is normally in Court Room A at 7:00.
- We are looking at somewhere around June 8th.
- Following that date is a regular Board meeting on the 11th.
- We meet with the Board of Education on the 13th.
- June 12-14 could also work.

With discussion from the Board it was agreed upon that the 2018 Public Hearing would be Tuesday June 12th at 7:00pm in Court Room A.

2018 Goals / Budget Work Sessions

Date:	Time:	Location:
Monday, March 5 th	10:00 AM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, March 13 th	11:00 AM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, March 20 th	10:00 AM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, March 27 th	1:00 PM	3 RD Floor Conference Room

2018 Budget Work Sessions

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
2018/19 Managers Recommended Budget May 29, 2018		
Wednesday, May 30 th	11:00 AM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Wednesday, June 6 th	1:00 PM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Wednesday, June 13 th	3:00 PM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Joint Meeting with Board of Education		
Monday, June 18 th	1:00 PM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, June 19 th	3:00 PM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Wednesday, June 20 th	1:30 PM	3 RD Floor Conference Room
Friday, June 22 nd	3:00 PM	3 RD Floor Conference Room

YVEDDI – Re-Appointment Request

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board:

County Manager Oakley commented:

- This is a re-appointment request for Commissioner Jimmy Walker to the YVEDDI Board.
- This is a 3 year term and will expire April 2018.
- He has been a faithful member and would be honored to serve again.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any discussion/comments/questions:

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I serve on this Board with Commissioner Walker and he does a great job.

Commissioner Lankford nominated Commissioner Walker for re-appointment to the YVEDDI Board. Commissioner Booth moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

With no further discussion and full consensus from the Board, Chairman Mendenhall instructed the Clerk to move this item to the next meetings Action Agenda.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Appointment Request

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board:

County Manager Oakley commented:

- This is an appointment request of our own Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver.
- This appointment has been requested by the JCPC to replace the infamous Darlene Bullins.
- I believe Shannon has agreed to do that.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any discussion/comments/questions:

Commissioner Booth nominated Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver to the JCPC Board. Commissioner Jones moved to close the nominations. Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I am on the JCPC Board.
- She attended the last meeting and fit right in.

With no further discussion and full consensus from the Board, Chairman Mendenhall instructed the Clerk to move this item to the next meetings Action Agenda.

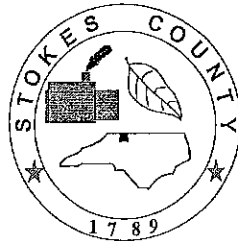
FTCC Water Commitment Request

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board:

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TO: FTCC

FROM: Stokes County Board of County Commissioners

RE: Water Availability

Date: February 26, 2018

- The Stokes County Board of County Commissioners approved contracting with Hugh Creed and Associates to address water supply needs for the FTCC Trades Shop Building at the February 12, 2018 meeting. These findings will let us know how to proceed in making sure FTCC has adequate water. We will share this with you once we have all the information.
- Stokes County is committed to having adequate water available for the Trade Shop building by the estimated completion date of April/May 2019. Please accept this as our commitment.

Chairman Ronnie Mendenhall

Vice-Chairman Jimmy Walker

Commissioner James Booth

Commissioner Ronda Jones

Commissioner Ernest Lankford

County Manager Oakley commented:

- At the previous meeting you approved the engineering work that is required concerning the water.
- We received a request from FTCC's Ken Jarvis concerning this matter.
- FTCC needs a letter stating that the County Commissioners are committed to have adequate water available for the FTCC Trades Building.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any discussion/comments/questions:

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am ready to sign.
- This needs to be done.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I sure do not want anything to hold up this project.
- I am certainly ready to see us do what needs to be to help keep this project moving.
- This sounds like something we need to do to make that happen.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- We have been very fortunate to get the grants towards this project.
- I believe this is going to be one of the best things for Stokes County.
- With the early college you leave with not only a high school diploma but an associate's degree.
- Then they have the option to go to the trades school.
- The building will be 3500 square feet and will provide training for valuable jobs that are needed.
- Everyone is not going to get a four year degree.
- There will be training for electricians, plumbers, etc..
- These are good paying jobs.
- My son is a plumber.
- This is a great thing for Stokes County.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- The building will be 7,000 square feet just to clarify.
- They are just about ready to start.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- We are going to have to provide water.
- Not only for this project but for the animal shelter as well.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- As most of you know I am on the Board of Trustees for Forsyth Tech.
- We had a meeting this week.
- Dr. Green did ask me if we would be able to take care of this tonight and move it to Action.
- I told him I didn't see any problem and that all of our Board members are fully committed to this project.
- This trades building is going to be great for Stokes County.
- This is great for our students that do not have a four year college in their plan.
- I have a son right now who is in a welding program.
- He is in the welding program at RCC.
- If this was ready of course he would be there.
- I am not sure if everyone knows this but there was a press conference and Dr. Green, FTCC President announced he is retiring at the end of December.
- They will be looking for a new president.
- This is a great thing and I believe all the Commissioners are ready to move this to Action.

With no further discussion and full consensus from the Board, the FTCC Water Commitment Request was moved to the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting.

Social Services – 2018/19 MOE Proposal

Chairman Mendenhall noted that this item was added to tonight's Agenda by County Manager Oakley at the request of DSS Director Stacey Elmes. Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to County Manager Oakley.

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board:

- DSS Director Stacey Elmes came to me after the Agenda had already gone out and requested that I ask for this to be added to the Discussion Agenda.
- This is the MOE (maintenance of effort) 2018-19 Proposal for the Budget.
- This is mandatory for the state.
- It is pretty much the same as last year.
- This allows Cardinal to move forward with their budgeting.
- This will be in the County Budget when it is presented to you.
- I am requesting on behalf of DSS Director Stacey Elmes that this be approved and placed on the Action agenda at the next meeting on March 12th.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments:

With no further discussion and consensus from the Board Chairman Mendenhall directed the Clerk to place this item on the next meeting's Action Agenda.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jake Oakley, Interim County Manager

FROM: Stacey Elmes, DSS Director

DATE: February 26, 2018

RE: MOE Proposals

Attached, you will find the following:

1. Use of Unallocated MOE Funds from 2016-2017--\$153,046

On 8/14/17, the BOCC approved \$20,000 of this money to assist with transportation for those who might need transportation getting to and from mental health or substance use assessments or appointments. It is taking a while for word to get out about this but we are slowly getting some referrals and believe this need is still relevant.

We are requesting that \$10,000 of these unallocated funds be provided to Insight Human Services for substance abuse services in the county for fiscal year '18-'19. This request is made as we realized there are services being funded by JCPC that need some additional funding. This request would allow MOE funds to cover Insight funding and allow JCPC funds to cover additional costs for SCAN and for Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth. These two providers were denied additional JCPC funding because JCPC funding is limited.

We are requesting that \$20,000 of these unallocated funds be provided to Youth Haven Services to assist with supporting costs in excess of allowable billing/revenues for adult substance abuse/mental health services in the county. I would request that these two new funding requests be put on the action agenda for the March 12 Board of County Commissioner's meeting.

2. Stokes County 2017-2018 MOE

This is the current year's requests and usage as of the end of January. This chart shows what we have spent thus far and what is planned to be spent. It also shows there will be some of these funds unspent at the end of the fiscal year.

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3. Stokes County 2018-2019 MOE Proposal

This proposal is very similar to '17-'18 with the addition of the possibility of a Community Paramedicine Program pilot to further assist with our mental health/substance use problems in the county. This proposal also provides funding to Youth Haven for their adult substance abuse and mental health services to support costs in excess of allowable billing/revenues. It also provides funding to Youth Haven for the potential SA-Intensive Outpatient Services program that is being worked on to be up and running in the county by May.

I would request that the 2018-2019 MOE Proposal be placed on the action agenda for the March 12 Board of County Commissioner's meeting as Cardinal needs this approval to move forward with their budget paperwork.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

MOE PROPOSAL FOR 2018-2019

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Insight Human Services	\$61,000.00
Monarch	\$156,259.00
NC 211	\$5,000.00
Narcan Kits for Law Enforcement/EMS	\$2,500.00
Medication Storage/Lock Boxes	\$7,000.00
Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager	\$30,000.00
DSS Placements/CCA	

Assists/Treatment Services/	
Other Needed Services	\$25,000.00
Media/Education	\$20,000.00
Critical Incident Training	\$5,000.00
Youth Haven	\$20,000.00
Youth Haven-SA-	
Intensive Outpatient	
Services	\$27,061.00
Transportation for	
Members	\$10,000.00
Total Stokes County	
Discretionary	\$398,820.00

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments:

With no further discussion and consensus from the Board Chairman Mendenhall directed the Clerk the place this item on the next meetings Action Agenda.

Social Services - 2016/17 Use of Unallocated Funds

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board:

Use of Unallocated MOE Funds from 2016-2017 - \$153,046.00

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Stokes County DSS(Approved by BOCC on 8/14/17)	Transportation to county citizens who need to get to treatment appts./ assesments, etc.	\$20,000.00
New Request (2/22/18)- \$10,000.00	Funds for Insight to provide substance abuse services in the county	\$10,000.00
New Request(2/22/18)- \$20,000.00	Funds to assist with supporting costs in excess of allowable/billing revenues For adult substance/mental health services in the county.	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total Stokes County Discretionary		\$50,000.00

County Manager Oakley commented:

- DSS Director Stacey Elmes is requesting the use of unallocated funds from the MOE to be placed into holding.
- This money cannot be spent for anything else other than what it has been designated for.
- She is requesting about \$30,000.00.
- What you have in front of you shows \$50,000.00 but \$20,000.00 has already been approved by the Board for transportation for citizens to and from mental health facilities.
- The \$10,000.00 is requested for Insight.
- The \$20,000.00 is requested for Youth Haven that is coming in to provide mental health for the children and adults.
- This was left over from the 16/17 Budget.
- 17/18 Budget is not over yet so we do not quite know what has been used out of that.
- It would probably be close to the same.
- This is always held in a fund that Ms. Edwards has got to set aside for the MOE.
- She is requesting that this item be placed on tonight's Action Agenda.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any discussion/comments/questions:

Commissioner Booth commented:

- The first item discussed is going on the next meetings Action Agenda concerning the upcoming by budget.
- This one is a special request out of the funds that are in the MOE
- Is one of them going into the JCPC for their budget?

County Manager Oakley responded:

- Not in this request that I am aware of.

Commissioner Booth continued:

So, this is a special request to use the money from the MOE?

County Manager Oakley responded:

- Yes.
- The unallocated portion from the 16/17 Budget.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- I do have a question concerning the money going to Youth Haven.
- I wish we had Stacey here to explain this to us a little more.
- The last meeting we had, Ronda Outlaw was here.
- She stated that Youth Haven wasn't being used enough.
- I just wonder what this \$20,000.00 is going to support.

County Manager Oakley responded:

- This is to help finish out this year.
- To help with where they have fallen short.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- I just want to know what it will be used for if you don't have the patients coming.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- The way I am looking at the \$20,000.00, it is for transportation.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- I am asking if there aren't enough patients going why there is a special request for \$20,000.00 for transportation.

County Manager Oakley responded:

- The \$20,000.00 for transportation has already been approved by this Board a couple of months back.
- That was done 8/14/2017.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I am looking at the first three paragraphs under item 1.
- The first one of course that was approved on 8/14/17 is the \$20,000.00
- If you go to line 3, it also says that \$20,000.00 of these unallocated funds is requested to be provided to Youth Haven Services to assist in supporting costs in excess of allowable billing/revenues for adult substance/mental health service in the county.
- Is this the \$20,000.00 that you are requesting go on tonight's Action Agenda?

Commissioner Booth commented:

- So we are talking about \$40,000.00?

County Manager Oakley responded:

- No this is for \$30,000.00.
- That is \$10,000.00 for Insight and \$20,000.00 for Youth Haven.
- It would be \$50,000.00 total if you add in what was approved in August.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- What I am looking at is that if they have only had 6 or 7 patients is how do you spend that much on transportation?

County Manager Oakley responded:

- If you have some concerns Commissioner Booth I believe this request needs to be placed on the Action Agenda at the next Board meeting so Mrs. Elmes could be here to answer some questions.

- If you do that, one option would be to go ahead and move with the MOE Budget for 18/19 tonight so that they will have time to start preparing what they need to do in making sure they are ready to submit their budget for final approval.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am fine with moving forward tonight.
- If others have reservations and want to wait I am fine with that.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I would just rather wait and do both of them at the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- If I may ask what was the urgency in this one being moved to tonight?
- Would we be giving final approval or tentative approval?

County Manager Oakley responded:

- This would be tentative so that Cardinal could move forward with preparing their Budget for 18/19.

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- County Manager Oakley if you could state what we would be voting on please.

County Manager Oakley responded:

- This would be a motion to place the 18/19 Budget for tentative approval on tonight's Action Agenda.
- The request for unallocated funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be placed on the March 12th Action Agenda and have Mrs. Elmes come and answer any questions you may have.

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- What I am gathering is, we will need a motion to approve Item G, which was added to tonight's Discussion Agenda.
- The 18/19 tentative approval over to action tonight.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I am just thinking about what Commissioner Booth said.
- If it is unclear about the number of patients, I see no reason why we cannot wait.

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- I personally have no problem with waiting, unless this is something that will cause an issue with the Social Services Department.
- I can go either way on this.
- Mr. Oakley you can see there is some confusion.

County Manager Oakley responded:

- I would place both items on the Action Agenda for the March 12th meeting.

With no further discussion and consensus from the Board Chairman Mendenhall directed the Clerk the place this item on the next meetings Action Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA

Abandonment of Howard Ziglar Rd.

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the abandonment of Howard Ziglar Rd. which was presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the abandonment of Howard Ziglar Rd. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any further discussion.

With no further discussion the, the motion carried unanimously.

South Stokes Fire Department – Relief Fund Board- Appointment

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the South Stokes Fire Department Relief Fund Board Appointment of Martha Mitchell to replace Jean Young which was presented at the last meeting.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Jones moved to close nominations.

Chairman Mendenhall polled the Board. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the appointment of Martha Mitchell to the South Stokes Fire Department Relief Fund Board.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any further discussion.

With no further discussion the, the motion carried unanimously.

FTCC Water Commitment Request

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the FTCC Water Commitment Request presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve FTCC Water Commitment Request. Commissioner Booth seconded the motion.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any further discussion.

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

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

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)
- To consider and take action with respect to the county in negotiating the price or other material term of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(5)
- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Commissioner Booth moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)
- To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material term of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(5)

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the open session of the February 26, 2018 meeting.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor to any other discussion/comments/questions:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request to provide office space to the Superior and District Court Judges in the Stokes County Court House and to make any necessary renovations required for this office space.

Commissioner Booth seconded the motion.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any further discussion.

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

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

Shannon Shaver
Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Mendenhall
Chairman