

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to approve or amend the July 23rd Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the July 23rd Agenda. Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for discussion.

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Attended the state board meeting in Raleigh.
- Attended the child fatality protection team meeting the other day.
- The take away from this is opioids are worse rather than better.
- The abuse we are seeing with some of the children is so sad.
- We are going to have to get the word out to those who suspect abuse, to be brave enough to report it.
- I am happy to report that Stokes and Rockingham seem to have a higher response rate than some counties.
- On August 7th I will be attending the oil and gas state board meeting in Raleigh.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Welcome everyone this evening.
- It really helps to know that people are interested.
- We have a couple of our candidates here this evening.
- That is good to see.
- I was questioned by someone recently after our League of Government meeting in King.
- One of the things they wanted to talk about was the community and wellness center we are planning.
- Maybe some input from the Y on that one.
- Stated that we didn't treat our County employees well.
- I instructed them to take a look at our most recent County budget.
- I believe we treated our employees pretty well.
- They were also very interested in the hospital.
- From what I am hearing people in that part of the county feel as if they have been promised one thing and something entirely different has happened regarding the emergency room in King.
- They are aware that is in the contract.
- 50% of the population is in that area.

- They are not happy about having to spend 5 to 12 hours in the Emergency Room in Winston Salem.
- Happy to hear all of the good feedback about Economic Development.
- Glad to see that Will is hitting the ground running.
- I am sure you will be able to accomplish great things.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Welcome everybody.
- Thank you for being here.
- This is a day the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it.
- Thankful for the rain.
- I give him praise and thanks.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Thank you for being here tonight.
- Always a pleasure to have people come out to the meetings.
- Continue to ask for your prayers and thoughts.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life: Psalm 118:29 – “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.”
- Something that we need to study upon and adhere what this means to us.
- Glad to be here.
- Receive a lot of information from people.
- Some positive and some negative.
- I get mostly positive feedback.
- Not sure what is happening with Commissioner Walker.
- I would be glad to talk to anyone.
- We live in a beautiful county.
- I am proud to live here.
- I am proud of the budget we just completed.
- We cannot spend and spend.
- We will be back to where we were between 2003-2006, which was totally broke.

County Manager Oakley commented:

- Visited the Town of Walnut Cove on the 10th during their regular meeting.
- Joined by Will Carter, Tom Langan, and Kyle Hall.
- The town was glad to see us.
- Wanted to let them know we are here and support them.
- That goes for all of our municipalities here in Stokes County.
- Want to acknowledge our EMS Department, Fire Marshal Department, Sheriff’s Department, Highway Patrol, and many others on a job well done during the search for a missing woman in the Germanton area on July 15th.
- She was found and it had a wonderful ending.

- Tax bills are coming out on the 27th.
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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 Rd.
Lawsonville, NC 27022

RE: Arts Update

The Apple Gallery – July – Rebecca Dresser

Featured in the Apple Gallery during the month of July: A resident of Danbury, Rebecca draws inspiration from the beauty surrounding her in Stokes County. Her work tends to be nature-inspired, making use of the colors and sights of each passing month in watercolors, acrylics, and photography.

The Jayebird Gallery at Hanging Rock State Park – July & August

Take a break from hiking and pop into the visitor center where you can learn about local wildlife and experience the beauty that artist Teresa Rose Everhart captures on canvas, paper, and more. This exhibition will be on display July 8th through August 31st. All items are available for purchase through Stokes County Arts Council online store at SquareUp.com.

The Danbury Songwriters Series – Thursday July 26

The Danbury Songwriters series continues with Will Easter & Eddie Atkins taking the stage at the Arts Place of Stokes. Will performs his original songs in a country folk sound. Eddie Atkins is a singer-songwriter from nearby Sandy Ridge, NC. He has been playing music for almost two decades with songs that come from many of his personal experiences. Tickets are \$5 and show starts at 7pm.

Piedmont Triad Film Commission – Free Movie Screening

Stokes Art has partnered with the Piedmont Triad Film Commission to bring free monthly film screenings to The Arts Place of Stokes. July 28th we present “the 5th Quarter”, which features the 2006 Wake Forest football season- when the Deacs were predicted to be in last place but ended up ACC champions- as a backdrop for a more personal story. Defensive player Jon Abbate, lost his younger brother Luke in an auto accident at home in Marietta, Georgia, before the season began. The movie depicts the family’s struggles with grief, but also how the team’s successes on the football field gave them something to rally behind. The free movie screening begins at 7pm, with concessions available to benefit the Stokes Arts Scholarship Fund.

August 2nd

The Danbury Songwriters series welcomes Travis Griggs & Alicia Bullard to the stage at The Arts Place of Stokes on August 2nd. For years Travis Griggs was a solo artist playing bars, coffee shops, and street corners as an acoustic singer/songwriter act. Now he performs both alone and with other artists enabling him to turn more of his creative visions to reality. Travis plays many instruments, including cello, tuba, sax, and others. Songwriting since the age of 18, Alicia Bullard is a one of a kind singer songwriter. She is on a path of self-discovery and transformation and you can hear the stories and sounds in her songs.

“Quilters” – A Musical in Tow Acts – August 4, 5, & 6th

The Stokes County Arts Council and NoneSuch Playmakers present “Quilters”, a tender, moving play about a pioneer woman and her daughters. Quilter skillfully blends a series of interrelated scenes into a memorable musical. Each scene is introduced by a quilt square or “block” symbolic of life’s passages. During each “block”, the actresses skillfully transform into many different characters whose stories depict the life of women on the prairie. Combining music, dance, and drama, Quilters captures both harsh challenges and the abiding rewards of frontier life with vivid dramatic intensity. Tickets for Quilters are \$10 for adults and \$5 for 18 & under.

Update on Fiscal Year 2017/18 – The Arts Place

Total Sales were \$73,813.00, with payouts to the artists being \$68,603.00

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Lankford seconded.

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of June 13, 2018 – Joint Meeting with Board of Education

Minutes of July 9, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Social Services – Budget Amendment #3

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment # 3.
 To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
100.5470.003	Special Adoption Assistance	301,800.00	(35,000.00)	266,800.00
100.5310.030	Contracts	91,328.00	35,000.00	126,328.00
Total		393,128.00	0.00	393,128.00

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use of 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 in this fiscal year.

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget Amount	Increase (Decrease)	As Amended
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Total

Tax Administration

1. Real and Personal Refunds More than \$100.00

STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION REFUND REPORT FOR JUNE, 2018						
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)						
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>LEDGER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
FRYE, BOBBY GRAY	1371 OSCAR FRYE RD.	N/A	40501264	100.3100.113	\$96.71	VEHICLE SOLD
FRYE, SHEREE HAMILTON	PINNACLE, NC 27043			209.3100.112	\$12.48	
				211.3100.001	\$6.24	

2. Present-Use Value Late Application

Per NCGS 105-277.4(a1), “Late Application.....an application may be approved by the board of equalization and review or, if that board is not in session, by the board of county commissioners.”

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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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 2018

Ronnie Mendenhall- Chairman

Jimmy Walker – Vice Chairman

James D. Booth - Commissioner

Ronda Jones - Commissioner

Ernest Lankford – Commissioner

Attest:

Shannon Shaver – Clerk to the Board

5. Tax Administration – Order to Collect – FY 2018-2019

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
) IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S.105-321(b) FOR
THE	
COUNTY OF STOKES) COLLECTION OF FY 2018-2019 PROPERTY
TAXES	

TO : THE STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the 2018 tax records filed in the Office of the Stokes County Tax Administration (General County Taxes and Educational School Fund Taxes), and in the tax bills herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise set forth. You are further authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the 2018 taxes charged and assessed as provided by law for adjustments, changes, and additions to the tax records and tax bills delivered to you which are made in accordance with law per G.S. 105-321(B). Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien on real property of the respective taxpayers in Stokes County.

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes of Special Districts (King Fire District, Rural Hall Fire District, Walnut Cove Fire District, Stokes County Service Fire District, the Town of Danbury, City of King and the Town of Walnut Cove), and in the tax bills herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise set forth. You are further authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the 2018 taxes charged and assessed as provided by law for adjustments, changes, and additions to the tax records and tax bills delivered to you which are made in accordance with law per G.S. 105-354. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien on real property of the respective taxpayers in each Special Tax District of Stokes County.

This order shall be full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to garnish wages, to attach rents, cash receipts, checking accounts, and savings accounts;

levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal this ____ day of July 2018.

Ronnie Mendenhall- Chairman

Jimmy Walker – Vice Chairman

James D. Booth - Commissioner

Ronda Jones - Commissioner

Ernest Lankford – Commissioner

Attest:

Shannon Shaver – Clerk to the Board

INFORMATION AGENDA

LifeBrite Hospital – Update

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Pam Tillman, Hospital Administrator.

Pam Tillman expressed thanks to the Board for having LifeBrite at tonight's meeting, and noted that she came prepared to discuss the quarterly update and would not be able to provide information regarding the ER in King.

Warren Binderman, CFO states that he will be happy to discuss this topic.

Warren Binderman, CFO presented the following information to the Board of Commissioners:

- We developed a plan in the first 6 months concerning the ER in King.
- Unfortunately things fell apart in King.
- The medical office building that we had a joint commitment to you may remember we discussed that a few months ago, was no longer available.
- Coupled with the fact we were losing money in the clinic, we had to make the decision to close it up.
- In discussions with a couple of doctors concerning the ER.
- This is something we cannot commit to at this point.
- We do not know what the revenue stream is going to be.
- We have to operate a business.
- Hopefully you all can understand that.
- We cannot go into something knowing we are going to lose money.

- We need to prime the pump a little to make money before we consider this.

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

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Uncomfortable with continuing to be the go between or the messenger.
- What I would like to request is that you go talk to the people in King.
- Set up a meeting with them.
- Tell them directly what your plans are.
- This is one of the most critical subjects in King from what I am hearing.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- Absolutely.
- I mean no disrespect in saying this, but if the people of King would have supported the clinic, we would have been a profitable entity and there would be no problem.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- That is a viable question.
- You should ask them that.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- We would be glad to do it.
- Let me know and we can set it up.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite presented the following information to the Board of Commissioners concerning the update:

- Since our taking over the hospital in July 2016, we have lost about 1.5 million dollars through May 31, 2018.
- The hospital/clinic income is \$13,858,915.
- The hospital/clinic expenses are \$15,314,587.00.
- This leaves a deficit of \$1,455,672.00.
- We have lost about \$750,000.00 recently.
- We are having some collections issues.
- Our equity is good.
- With account payable and accruals we have \$7,590,991.00
- The things I am sure is on all of your minds, is the lab outreach issue with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS).
- We need BCBS that is the bottom line.
- They are the 800 pound gorilla nationwide.
- They have such a significant market share.
- They called and asked us to come to Raleigh for a meeting about 3 weeks ago.
- We had a good productive discussion, regarding going back in network, and the outreach lab issue.
- Cannot talk in detail about that.
- Lots of misconceptions regarding the outreach program.

- It is in the news.
- Not saying it is fake news, but there are misconceptions about lab outreach, specifically the numbers.
- A good example being the talk of there being 226,000 tests per month.
- That sounds like a huge number.
- How could the hospital do this number of tests?
- When you get a lab test done, you may have 18 tests on one specimen.
- This is truly one test, but all 18 items are being counted by the lab.
- The outreach is nothing new.
- We want to let you know the way it is being done is completely legal.
- We engage GreenbergTrauig to represent us and confirm that we are following the proper protocol in using the lab outreach program.
- We actually sued BCBS for 17 million dollars, for our collections.
- We know we will not get 17 million dollars.
- Why would we sue if we were doing something wrong?
- Why would we poke the bear?
- We knew we were owed that money, so we did it.
- They retaliated and informed us they didn't want us in their network.
- Gave 90 notice they were cancelling our contract.
- This is typical.
- One of their biggest allegations was fraud.
- In our contract with BSBC, it is very specific about fraud.
- It states if you are engaged in any type of fraud they will terminate the contract immediately.
- Not 90 days, immediately.
- If there were really fraud they would not pay any hospital claims, they would just be done.
- There is a lot going on that people do not know.
- They are legal issues.
- We feel very strongly about our situation.
- We want to take care of the people of the county and keep the hospital going.
- I can't guarantee that but we are going to do our best.
- Seems like things are on the right track.

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

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- We have been seeing the notification in the Stokes News of August 21, 2018 being the date when BCBS ends the contract with LifeBrite.
- Is this still the end date?

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- We will not turn away people.
- Say this goes to the conclusion of August 21st.

- People can still come to the hospital.
- It will just be out of network.
- We would work with them and take care of them.

Pam Tillman, LifeBrite Hospital Administrator commented:

- No one with an emergency will be turned away.
- They will pay claims for an emergency room visit.
- I will share with you what I shared with the staff when all of this first started.
- If you look historically, this has happened with other hospitals and health care entities in the past.
- There are negotiations started very early in the process.
- Often the agreement is not made until the last minute.
- Expect it not to be made until the last minute.
- We can't do anything, or say anything.
- People are getting their letters of notification.
- We are working in good faith to take care of the patients.
- We are hopeful that the patients getting letters telling them they should go somewhere else will give us an opportunity to keep their business.
- Lots of folks we have had relationships with for many years.
- We would like to continue to care for them.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite commented:

- People are generally not willing to change doctors.
- They are sometimes willing to pay out of pocket before that happens.

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

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- If you have Medicare and BCBS as a secondary would this be out of network?
- Had someone to ask me this.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- They would get out of network for BCBS.
- Medicare would be primary.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- You are \$1,455,672.00 in the hole, correct?
- Are you in the hole because of BCBS not paying?
- I believe when you came before us before you mentioned being in the lab very heavily.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- That is correct.
- That is the main reason we did the outreach program.
- Running a rural hospital is not profitable.
- Our best would be to break even.

- We are in the hole and yes because of BCBS not paying.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Would like to remind the public you took over this hospital from us.
- We had spent over a million dollars trying to keep it open for a little over a month.
- You took the hospital over in July of 2016 and you really did not know if you would get it from the bankruptcy court until January of 2017.
- You ran the hospital for months.
- You had to be going in the hole.
- It looks like if BCBS was coming in correctly you would be breaking even.
- I appreciate you took it over.
- I can see how it would be hard to break even.
- You have a good amount of equity in it.
- Are you still enthusiastic about being in Stokes County?
- Just trying to get an outlook.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite:

- We plan on being here for the lang haul.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Remember hearing early on from Pam about BCBS.
- Even in the beginning they did not want to pay claims.
- Is this the only insurance company you are having problems with?
- Would like to know how Pam is feeling about the hospital?

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- Not on the same level as BCBS.
- If it gets to that you would probably hear it before us.
- We had no idea they were using the fraud word until they put it in the newspaper.
- We could really use your help and everyone else's.
- You all could reach out to any legislators, or BCBS, and let them know you cannot let this happen to your county.
- Most claims go to the top five carriers.
- Most claims go to BCBS.
- If you google BCBS lawsuits, you would be shocked.
- They are one of the primary reasons rural hospitals are shutting down.
- It is a tough business.

Pam Tillman, LifeBrite Hospital Administrator responded:

- I feel good about the hospital.
- I am hoping we can work this out.
- People are coming to me every day when they get those letters saying they do not want to leave and find a new doctor.
- They do not want to drive that far.
- This is so convenient for them.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I am glad you are going to meet with the people in King.
- You have lost the support of a portion of the county.
- You need to be more persuasive to ask them to pick up the phone and call someone on your behalf.
- I have always been a big supporter of the hospital.
- You say you have lost millions of dollars.
- What about all of the money you received from the lab tests?

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- We have a lot of receivables that we will not collect.
- It may look like we have a lot of revenue.
- We have sent out a lot of bills, that doesn't mean we are going to collect.
- I am sure you have received an explanation of benefits.
- It will show the co-pay, the insurance carrier payment, and the contractual write off.
- You get such a small piece, on a \$250.00 claim, the doctor probably receives \$50 to \$75 including your copay.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- The perception is still that you have handled a lot of money.
- Either way, none of this conversation matters.
- The important thing is where are you going from here?
- What is your plan?
- Are you comfortable with people having to drive to Winston and spend 12 hours in the ER?
- Spoke with a previous Commissioner recently.
- Mr. Buster Robertson, who helped to build the county up and make it what it is.
- He recently spent a tremendous amount of time in the ER in Winston and like all of the other residents in King, wanted to know why LifeBrite had not gone through with their commitment.
- Why is King the only area with no urgent care?

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- We had a clinic in King.
- It was open and the people that came were dedicated.
- People in general did not come.
- We could not afford to keep the urgent care open.
- We are a for profit business.
- We cannot continue to sink money in something.
- We have to operate in a way to minimize our losses.
- I don't think anyone would put their money into a failing business.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- I believe people did not know it even existed in King.
- Having the meeting in King would be great.
- Can continue this conversation at a more appropriate time.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I appreciate you being here and being so candid.
- As a business woman, I feel your pain.
- You cannot but good money after bad but for so long.
- I commend you for going up against BCBS.
- It is a David and Goliath kind of thing.
- We are losing hundreds of rural hospitals all over the nation.
- If this is the example of the reason why, you have kudos from me.
- I would like to see you beat them.
- As a consumer, I have felt beat up by insurance companies as well.
- I will not go much further, because honestly Commissioner Booth hit on most everything I wanted to know.
- I do appreciate you being here again to give us some clarity.
- I believe in principle.

Warren Binderman CEO, LifeBrite responded:

- Our legal bill for May was about \$250,000.00.
- That is how strongly we feel about this.
- I have no idea what the next bill we receive will be.
- BCBS does not believe we have the capital to fight this.

Pam Tillman, LifeBrite Hospital Administrator responded:

- For the folks that live in King, I live in King and would love to have that open as much as anyone.
- We have an ER right here, it is open 24/7.
- If people do not want to wait 12 hours in Winston, they can drive right over here.
- It is a beautiful drive.
- I drive it every day.
- The ER in King had no inpatient beds.
- We have to research and see what we can do to be a viable business.
- I am currently doing several jobs at once.
- Encourage people to come to Danbury.
- If we can't help them, we will be glad to transport them.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- It is the same distance here from King as it is to drive to the hospital in Winston.
- Thank you again for being here.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Thank you Pam for all you do and for being here.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Recycling and C & D – Bids for Truck and Boxes

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following information to the Board:

Roll-off truck pricing:

- Transource Inc. – NCDOT State Contract 70J
 - 2019 Mack chassis with a Galbreath hoist - \$162,100.00
 - 5 year engine warranty - \$2,500.00
 - 5 year emissions warranty - \$975.00
 - 5 year Allison transmission warranty - \$1,010.00
 - 2020 year model in the event this one sells would be an additional \$3,100.00
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- Carolina Environmental Systems Inc. – NJPA Contract 112014-THC
 - 2018 Peterbilt chassis with a Galbreath hoist - \$169,420.43
 - 5 year 200,000 mile engine warranty - \$1,185.00
 - 5 year engine after treatment warranty - \$700.00
 - 5 year Allison transmission warranty - \$1,022.00
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- Both chassis listed above are subject to prior sale.

 - The preference of the staff is the Peterbilt.

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

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Spoke with someone who has a Peterbilt, with 500,000 miles and he had to pay \$65,000.00
- They have a good resale value.
- Seems like our best option.
- Probably 95% of wrecker services have Peterbilt.
- All the research shows they are the best trucks and could go as many as a million miles.
- This is if they are kept up and maintained.
- I expect it to be maintained correctly.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I agree with Commissioner Booth.
- Seems like a good move for the county to do this.
- You, Mark, and Harry know more about this than I do.
- Is everyone on board?

Public Works Director Mark Delehant responded:

- We believe it is a good move.
- We want to do what is best for the County.

Solid Waste & Landfill Supervisor Harry France responded:

- The Peterbilt truck is more trustworthy.
- It is an all-around good truck.
- In my opinion it is a good move for the County.
- No disrespect, if we had done this years ago we would be making money now.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Initially it looked like the Mack was going to win out.
- Interested to know why the D.O.T. is using Mack when Peterbilt seems to be the way to go.
- If it is a better quality machine I am good with it.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- No questions.
- I am in favor of going 5 years on the financing.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall commented:

- In the 10 year plan, it shows the purchase of another truck and boxes.
- Even with the additional purchases, the County still stands to save over \$250,000.00.
- It is really a no brainer.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Certainly no issue with the Peterbilt.
- Definitely on board with that.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- This is being purchased with all the other equipment on the 3 year financing plan?
- This is what is done in the budget.
- There will be boxes for the metal too and we will get the full price for the metal.
- This could decrease the payback time.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall responded:

- We can set it up for 3 or 5 years.
- It is the Board's choice.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I have heard 3 years, or 5 years.
- Three years is how we normally do this.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall responded:

- The box price is only good for 10 days.
- I need to move on the truck since it could be sold.

Green Box Pricing:

- Prices for purchasing 21 collection boxes are as follows:
- Carolina Environmental Systems - \$134,974.00
- Bakers Waste Equipment - \$135,327.00

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, Chairman Mendenhall directed the Clerk to place this item on the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting as Item F.

Opioid Lawsuit – Discovery Report from County

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to County Manager Oakley.

County Manager Oakley provided the following information regarding the Opioid Lawsuit:

- All affected departments are compiling information for the lawsuit.
- Information is to be returned by July 26th to County Attorney Browder.
- A governmental representative will need to sign before this can be filed.
- We would normally have the Chairman sign this.
- The Board can approve the County Manager to sign this due to the time sensitive nature of this being completed and requiring a signature.
- My request is for this to be approved at tonight's meeting.

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

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, Chairman Mendenhall directed the Clerk to place this item on the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting as Item G.

ACTION AGENDA

Child Fatality Prevention Team Members – Appointment Request

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the Child Fatality Prevention Team Member Appointments.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Booth moved to close nominations.

Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mendenhall polled the Board.

Commissioner Jones:

- Tammy Martin – Health Educator with Stokes County Health Department
- Joanie Spencer – SIDS Counselor with the Stokes County Health Department

Vice Chairman Walker:

- Tammy Martin – Health Educator with Stokes County Health Department
- Joanie Spencer – SIDS Counselor with the Stokes County Health Department

Commissioner Booth:

- Tammy Martin – Health Educator with Stokes County Health Department
- Joanie Spencer – SIDS Counselor with the Stokes County Health Department

Chairman Mendenhall:

- Tammy Martin – Health Educator with Stokes County Health Department
- Joanie Spencer – SIDS Counselor with the Stokes County Health Department

Commissioner Lankford:

- Tammy Martin – Health Educator with Stokes County Health Department
- Joanie Spencer – SIDS Counselor with the Stokes County Health Department

Nominations Approved 5-0.

Chairman Mendenhall noted that this still leaves 1 vacancy to be filled by a parent of a child who died before reaching age 18.

Recycling and C & D Hauling Options

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding Recycling and C & D Hauling Options and going in house presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve going in house with Recycling and C&D Hauling.

Commissioner Booth seconded.

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

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution – Electronic Auction Request

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the Electronic Auction Request with option B4 with the county paying 0% of the sale price and the bidder paying a 12.5% buyer's premium, and Resolution presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Electronic Auction Request with option B4 with the county paying 0% of the sale price and the bidder paying a 12.5% buyer's premium, and Resolution presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Booth seconded.

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

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Courthouse Parking Lot –Proposals

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the Courthouse parking lot proposal for a total of \$33,275.00.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Courthouse parking lot proposal for a total of \$33,275.00.

Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Recommendation – EMS Director

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to County Manager Oakley.

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board regarding his recommendation for EMS Director:

- I am requesting the vacant Emergency Medical Services Director position to be approved.
- Upon review of the applications received, interviews were conducted on July 18, 2018 with a panel consisting of six (6) members.
- It is my recommendation in concurrence with that of the panel that Brandon Gentry is the best applicant for the job.
- As Emergency Medical Services Director, the duties of Emergency Management N.C.G.S. 166A-19.3(6) (Within the boundaries of the assigned area, employees serve as the on-scene coordinator of State resources during emergency operations as defined by NCGS 166A-19.3(6).
- Employees may assist in emergency management operations in other geographical areas as assigned.
- Work is performed under the direction of an Emergency Management Supervisor) fall under this appointment.

Upon the approval of the recommendation, once the oath /swearing in takes place at the Register of Deeds office and is recorded, this is in compliance.

- The effective date for this position will be July 30, 2018.

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the County Manager's Recommendation for the vacant EMS Director position.

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

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I do not feel good about this, and the new personnel policy we have in place.
- I have nothing against Brandon Gentry.
- I will have to vote no on this.
- I am just one vote.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I served on the interview panel at the request of the County Manager.
- He was the best candidate.
- I am not sure why there is any problem.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I am not questioning the person or the process.
- I do not know this person.
- I rely heavily on the recommendation of the County Manager and Commissioner Lankford.
- How long has he been with EMS?

County Manager Oakley responded:

- 17years.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- I will support this.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Putting my confidence in the County Manager.
- This is a position that he interviews and gives us his choice.
- I approve of this.

Chairman Mendenhall polled the Board.

With a 4-1 vote the Board approved the County Manager's Recommendation of Brandon Gentry for EMS Director.

Recycling and C & D Hauling – Bids for Trucks and Boxes

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding Recycling and C & D Hauling with bids for trucks and boxes presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the purchase of the Peterbilt roll-off truck at the price of \$169,420.43

Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones moved to purchase 21 green boxes from Carolina Environmental Systems at the price of \$134,974.00 presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford seconded.

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

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Opioid Lawsuit – Discovery Report and Plaintiff Fact Sheet

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to approve the County Manager to sign the plaintiff fact sheet for the Opioid Lawsuit presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Chairman or the County Manager in his absence to sign the plaintiff fact sheet for the Opioid Lawsuit presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Booth seconded.

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

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 position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)

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 terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the open session of the July 23, 2018 meeting.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Lankford moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Shaver

Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Mendenhall

Chairman