

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF STOKES )  
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**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

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

County Personnel in Attendance:  
County Manager Jake M. Oakley  
Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver  
Finance Director Julia Edwards  
DSS Director Stacey Elmes  
Economic Development Director Will Carter

Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

#### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Lankford delivered the invocation.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Mendenhall invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to approve or amend the September 10th Agenda.

Chairman Mendenhall requested that a Closed Session be added to the Agenda at today's meeting with personnel as the rationale.

Vice Chairman Walker requested that an item concerning contracts be added to Closed Session.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I would like to stick with the immediate rationale for Closed Session concerning personnel.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- If Commissioner Walker has some information he would like to share concerning contracts, I do not see any reason why he shouldn't be able to share it.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- As a point of order, normally one Commissioner doesn't dispute what another Commissioner wants to discuss.
- I am a little puzzled why Commissioner Jones chooses to take that particular position.

Commissioner Jones responded:

- I can answer that.
- Pretty excited all the way up until the last minute that we were not going to have a closed session for a change.
- Personnel is one of those things that you cannot postpone.
- That is my rationale.
- It is nothing personal.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- The other thing in my opinion better not be postponed.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Everyone has their own opinion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Better not sounds very threatening to me.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- It is just kind of true.
- You can take it whatever way that you like.

Commissioner Booth inquired with County Attorney Browder on discussing a contract in Closed Session.

County Attorney Browder responded:

- I don't know what the subject matter is.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I would like to know what the subject is.

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- There is no way to know until we have a discussion.
- Something so simple does not need to be this complicated.
- I need 5 minutes.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup> Agenda, with the addition of the Closed Session for personnel and contracts.

Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

With no further discussion the September 10<sup>th</sup> Agenda with the amendments was approved unanimously.

#### **COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners**

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Good to see everyone.
- Just returned from a seminar for my continuing education.
- Want to share something from the conference that I forgot to mention.
- There is a company that for free I believe, or a very nominal cost that is putting in document cases for educational purposes.
- They are very beautiful.
- It is a nonprofit, we should at least look into it.
- Would be a nice touch for our County to have something like that.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Glad we got it worked out on the Closed Session.
- Nothing personal between Commissioner Jones and I.
- We have our moments.
- She tried to keep me straight.
- The Stokes Stomp from what I hear went well.
- Longest running event of this type in the state I believe.
- Lots of people and good exposure for our county.
- Glad the weather spared us.
- One item that we need to address at some point is that I have a note that there will be some county business on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

- If the hurricane spares us I will headed to the Outer Banks on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.
- If we need to replace my involvement with that, then we may want to consider doing that.

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- What county business are you referring to?

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- I will share the note with you.

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- We will discuss that later.
- That can be considered personnel.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- That is all I have.
- Would like to welcome everybody.
- No matter what your reason for being here, I appreciate you taking the time to be a part of the process.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Welcome everyone here tonight.
- I saw the same thing that Commissioner Jones was talking about.
- It would be very nice.
- The way I understood it was that it is free.
- Thank the Lord for his love, mercy, and grace that he shows me every day, and the wisdom he gives me through his word.
- It enables me to do the things I do and conduct myself in this position that the Lord has put me in.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Welcome everyone here.
- Not that big of a group here today.
- Always enjoy having anyone here.
- To Ellen, Leslie, Will, Mike, and Stacey, thank you all for being here
- Some of you are here on business, and some for other reasons.
- Whatever reason I say thank you and want you to feel welcome.
- Asking for prayers from everyone concerning the imminent weather that is coming in.
- I have a stepson that lives in Wilmington, and that is one of the places it is supposed to be hit pretty hard.
- Hopefully it will not be as bad as predicted at this time.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Ethics for Life – Proverbs 4:5 – “Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.”
- I believe I heard two Commissioners tonight say that we need wisdom.

- The only way we can have wisdom is to follow his word.
- That is very important to each one of us who believes.
- Had a meeting with the PTRC.
- Shannon said that in your packet she has provided an invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.
- All of the Board members are invited as well as other members of the County.
- The PTRC started with 5 counties and has grown to 12.
- It is something I am sure you will enjoy.
- I hope everyone will put that on their calendar.
- Had the opportunity to publicize the Stokes Stomp at this meeting.
- Anytime we get a chance to promote the County I feel like we need to.

Chairman Mendenhall noted that County Manager Oakley had a conflict today could not be at today's meeting and asked Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver for any comments on behalf of the County Manager.

Clerk Shaver commented:

- I have a couple of things he wanted me to share with you.
- Our breast cancer support group in the county is having a breakfast in October 6<sup>th</sup> at Moratock Park for breast cancer survivors.
- They are doing fundraisers all throughout the month to help raise money.
- I believe Stacey will have some flyers out eventually about the breakfast as well.
- On Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> a group of county employees were invited to Belews Creek by Jimmy Flythe, the Director of Government and Community Relations.
- Those in attendance were myself, County Manager Oakley, Economic Development Director Will Carter, Interim Health Director Tammy Martin, Fire Marshal Scott Aaron, and EMS Director Brandon Gentry.
- We took plant tour and learned about operations.
- They emphasized on how they manage their coal ash.
- We went to the top of the boiler, and they drove us out to the ash basin dam.
- Some other members of the community came as well.
- They were trying to provide knowledge to members of the community on their operations.
- It was very informative to see how they operate the huge facility out there.
- It was a nice visit and we appreciate them inviting us out there.

## **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**

44<sup>th</sup> Annual Stokes Stomp – Festival on the Dan

As you know it was our 44<sup>th</sup> annual Stokes Stomp. We had a little rain on Saturday but it was still well attended. Sunday was very well attended. The weather was pretty clear that day.

One of the takeaways for me was working at the information center. A lot of people I know brought their kids. The kids had been down on the river kayaking. We had a rock climbing wall this year. These 5 year olds were climbing the wall and ringing the bell at the top. The gentleman at the rock climbing wall said the girls are fearless. They just scramble up the wall. It was just amazing to watch. The little boys are more cautious. They had their faces painted and had balloons. There was a booth where they could make bird houses and other items. I just love hearing them talk about their experiences at the Stokes Stomp.

The Apple Gallery

Stokes Arts welcomes artists Bill and Carole Bryant to the Apple Gallery with an opening reception on Friday, September 14, 2018 from 5:30-8:00 pm.

This joint exhibition features photography and paintings by the talented couple.

Bill enjoys landscape, candid and still life photography.

Carole paints in oils, acrylics, watercolors and pastels. In her home studio in the foothills of the Blue Ridge, she strives to capture on canvas or paper fleeting moments in time.

The Jayebird Gallery at Hanging Rock State Park

Join Stokes Arts in welcoming artist Craig Richards to the Jayebird Gallery at the Hanging Rock State Park Visitors Center with a reception on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-4:30 pm.

Craig has a deep love for the outdoors, spending much of his free time climbing, paddling, and hiking. This love is reflected in the essence of his paintings and sculptures. His paintings are primarily in oils painted in plein air. His sculptures combine the feel of the natural world coupled with sparks of modern elements.

He is the founding member of Triad Outdoor Painters, a group of local artists in the NC Piedmont and Foothills.

All items are available for purchase through the Stokes County Arts Council online store at SquareUp.com.

### Trivia Night – Second Thursdays – Starting September 13th

Trivia Night kicks off on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month with the premiere event on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at The Arts Place of Stokes.

Bring your family and friends, and make new friends at the Arts Place. Teams of 4-6 players will compete each month for monthly, yearly and quarterly prizes. A leader board will be kept each month.

How it works:

1. Form a team, and create a team name.
2. Collaborate and answer 4 rounds of 10 questions from categories.
3. At the end of each round sheets are collected and tallied.
4. Enjoy snacks, drinks, coffee, ice cream and a meal all while enjoying a fun time trying to make your way through easy and stumping questions. Then in about an hours' time the top 5 will be read aloud and prizes given to participants who top the charts at 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Art Educator

All Stokes County Art Educators are being invited to a meet and greet reception at The Arts Place. A light meal and refreshments will be served as we give them a tour of The Arts Place and encourage them to use the space and let us know how we can best help.

### Piedmont Triad Film Commission – Free Movie Screening – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Join Stokes Arts and the Piedmont Triad Film Commission for a free screening of “Are You Here.”

Are You Here is a 2013 American drama film written and directed by Matthew Weiner. The film stars Owen Wilson, Zach Galifianakis, and Amy Poehler. The plot follows an off the grid man who inherits his estranged father's fortune, and he must then battle his sister in court for it. The film premiered on September 7, 2013 at the Toronto International Film Festival and released in the United States on August 22, 2014. It was filmed in Forsyth and Rockingham County.

### River to Rock Hiking Challenge – September 29<sup>th</sup>

The entrance fees just keep pouring in. It looks like folks can't get enough of hiking our beautiful Hanging Rock State Park. Food trucks will be on hand to serve the hikers when they finish back at the river. It's going to be a great time.

Leslie Staples  
1504 P. East Road  
Westfield, NC 27053

**Re: Friends of Stokes Shelter**

I am here today as a board member of the Friends of Stokes Shelter to start a regular update process. I want to keep the Commissioners informed as to what we are doing, where we are at, and what we are not doing. I think it is important now that we are really underway that you are well informed. I am sure people in the public will be asking you questions.

**Recap:**

- The County has graciously leased us a piece of land on Dodgetown Rd. with a 40 year lease.
- We have spent the last 5 years fundraising.
- We now have the funds to get a building put up.
- We have gone through rezoning.
- We demoed the existing building.
- We have finished the grading.
- At this point I want to thank all of the county staff and the Commissioners for all of the hard work that has been put in to get here.
- We have crossed a major Rubicon, and are really getting going.

**In the last few months:**

- We have completed a lot of construction.
- Walls are up.
- Masonry is done.
- The roof trusses are on site.
- We have a wonderful facility with 13 kennels, with outdoor spaces for dogs.
- We have cat rooms.
- We have isolation rooms for sick animals.
- We have storage.
- We have a meet and greet area for people to go in and get to know an animal before they take it home.
- It is a wonderful space.
- We just had our Wags and Whiskers Annual Fundraiser.
- It was a great success.
- It was held at Snyder's Barn over on Flat Shoals Rd.
- We raised over \$21,000.00 in public funds.
- We have our Facebook page up and running.
- We have our website up with a PayPal connection for people to donate.
- We have lots of people donating independently.

**In the next few months:**

- We will be working on an operational manual.



- We will be working on our relationship with the County, and how that will work.
- We will work with Jake on that.
- We will be securing sponsors.
- We will be selling windows and fans with name plates.
- That will be announced on our Facebook page.
- We are working closely with Mark Delehant on the sewer and water attachments.
- That is still underway.
- This is what we have been up to.
- We have come a long way from nothing and it looks like we are going to get it done.
- I will keep you informed.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

## Minutes

August 27, 2018 – Regular Meeting

## Budget Amendments

### – Budget Amendment #17

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #17.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	<b>Sheriff's Department</b>			
100.4310.510	Equipment	\$ 229,482.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 236,982.00
				\$ -
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 229,482.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 236,982.00</b>
This budget amendment is justified as follows:				
To purchase a vehicle for undercover investigations.				
This will result in a net increase of \$7,500.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.				
Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
100.3301.413	State Fines & Forfeitures	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
				\$ -
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>

## Budget Amendment #18

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #18.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
Danbury Water Fund				
502.7140.350	Maint. & Repairs Buildings	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,429.00	\$ 26,429.00
	Total	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,429.00	\$ 26,429.00
This budget amendment is justified as follows:				
To appropriate insurance claims funds for lightning strike to control boards and well at Petree Well #2.				
This will result in a net increase of \$6,429.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.				
Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
Danbury Water Fund				
502.3839.000	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ 6,429.00	\$ 6,429.00
				\$ -
	TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 6,429.00	\$ 6,429.00

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

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

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **Tax Administration – Monthly Report**

Chairman Mendenhall noted that Tax Administrator Richard Brim had a conflict and could not be at today's meeting, and that Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver would present the Tax Administration monthly report.

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver.

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the following information to the Board.

### Tax Collections Status Reports FY 2018-19

2018 TAX	REG & HW	OPERATING EXP	TAX BILLS	PEN & FEES	DOGS	(FIRE)	(FIRE)	(FIRE)	(FIRE)	KING	WALNUT COVE	DANBURY	BLDG FUND
JULY	185,092.57	185,292.92	3,003.38	482.80	751.97	7,649.15	639.00	3,566.71	27,478.69	41,922.78	4,379.95	884.14	24,117.44
AUGUST	5,452,692.52	5,452,178.49	6,745.59	1,083.62	12,536.82	210,398.58	38,874.07	116,442.81	739,246.70	1,342,016.38	242,022.07	16,682.05	704,046.95
SEPTEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCTOBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOVEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DECEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	\$ 5,637,785.09	\$ 5,637,471.41	CONT'D	CONT'D	\$ 13,288.79	\$218,047.73	\$ 39,513.07	\$ 120,009.52	\$ 766,725.39	#####	\$ 246,402.02	\$17,566.19	CONT'D
BUDGET AMT	\$ 10,670,525.00	CONT'D	CONT'D	CONT'D	\$ 30,000.00	\$330,363.00	\$ 64,206.00	\$ 230,278.00	\$1,641,470.00				CONT'D
BALANCE	\$ 5,032,739.91				\$ 16,711.21	\$112,315.27	\$ 24,692.93	\$ 110,268.48	\$ 874,744.61				
PERCENTAGE	52.84%				44.30%	66.00%	61.54%	52.12%	46.71%				
PRIOR	COUNTY	SCHOOL	USE VALUE	INTEREST		KING	RURAL HALL	WALNUT COVE	SERVICE	CITY OF	TOWN OF	TOWN OF	EDU DEBT
	REG & HW	OPERATING EXP	TAX BILLS	PEN & FEES	DOGS	(FIRE)	(FIRE)	(FIRE)	(FIRE)	KING	WALNUT COVE	DANBURY	BLDG FUND
JULY	65,031.50	-	-	12,461.78	96.65	716.89	122.44	606.23	5,555.76	3,544.63	2,922.89	138.46	4,578.54
AUGUST	66,589.39	-	275.20	13,907.53	50.85	858.95	32.67	1,199.15	5,441.46	4,487.33	522.00	136.12	4,880.03
SEPTEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OCTOBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOVEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DECEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	\$ 131,620.89	\$ 5,637,471.41	\$ 10,024.17	\$ 27,935.73	\$ 147.50	\$ 1,575.84	\$ 155.11	\$ 1,885.38	\$ 10,997.22	\$ 8,031.96	\$ 3,444.89	\$ 274.58	\$ 737,622.96
BUDGET AMT	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 10,670,525.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 42,000.00				#####
BALANCE	\$ 418,379.11		\$ 24,975.83	\$172,064.27		\$ 3,424.16	\$ 844.89	\$ 3,314.62	\$ 31,002.78				\$ 639,219.04
PERCENTAGE	23.93%	52.83%	28.64%	13.97%	14.75%	31.52%	15.51%	36.26%	26.18%				53.57%

Real and Personal Releases Less Than \$100.00

<b>REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RELEASES LESS THAN \$100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>		<b>BILL NUMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
NOMMSEN FAMILY TRUST	1854 OSBORNE JOYCE RD, PILOT MTN, NC 27041		853628-2018-2018	\$14.80
MARTIN, LAMER DEAN JR	1425 MARTIN RD, MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030		853548-2018-2018	\$27.38
MARTIN, MELISSA ANN			853553-2018-2018	\$27.38
VADEN, POWELL MARION	1171 FRYE RD, WESTFIELD, NC 27053		851827-2018-2018	\$66.60
VADEN, SALLIE LOLENE D			851826-2018-2018	\$56.98
FARIES, LINDA S	1085 FARIES DR, WESTFIELD, NC 27053		852023-2018-2018	\$45.88
MAYDIAN, WARREN LEE	1285 NC 8 & 89 HWY S, WALNUT COVE, NC 27052		310232-2018-2018	\$34.04
LANKFORD, JACKIE C	1094 THORNTON RD, MADISON, NC 27025		850316-2018-2018	\$17.02
ZITTEL, SUSAN	1060 DEER TRAIL RD, KING, NC 27021		304448-2018-2018	\$76.96
			304447-2018-2018	\$14.80
ROBERTSON, BRUCE S	3523 YMCA CAMP RD, KING, NC 27021		301530-2018-2018	\$53.28
ADAMS, GAYLON	1180 DEARMIN RD, WESTFIELD, NC 27053		290288-2018-2018	\$37.74
TEMPLE OF THE HOLY NAME	1283 PRABHUPADA RD, SANDY RIDGE, NC 27046		315848-2018-2018	\$47.36
ADAMS, GAYLON	1180 DEARMIN RD, WESTFIELD, NC 27053		290287-2018-2018	\$37.00
ADAMS, NOVELLA				
HUDSPETH, GLENN B	900 MARGUERITE DR, WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27106		306057-2018-2018	\$61.42
HUDSPETH RUTH A				
HALL, RONALD G	1045 GREEN VALLEY RD, GERMANTON, NC 27019		849944-2018-2018	\$30.34
FERGUSON, CHERYL A	1041 FLAT SHOALS RD, KING, NC 27021		281991-2018-2018	\$2.43
TUEGEL, RAYMOND W				
LAWSON, ADAM NEIL	5089 DIPPEN RD, WALKERTOWN, NC 27051		851129-2018-2018	\$37.19
BROENEMAN, LOUIS RANDALL	130 TRINITY DR, KING, NC 27021		851300-2018-2018	\$4.08
JACOBS, MICHAEL LYNN	169 HELSABECK RD, KING, NC 27021		297176-2018-2018	\$5.73
JACOBS, LYNETTE				
BEATTY, BARBARA ELLEN	1080 MANUEL RD, GERMANTON, NC 27019		320504-2018-2018	\$52.48
			320504-2017-2017	\$52.33
			320504-2016-2016	\$51.98
			320504-2015-2015	\$48.73
			320504-2014-2014	\$46.16
SMITH, SCOTTY JOE	2900 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD, GERMANTON, NC 27019		297365-2018-2018	\$3.87
SMITH MICHELLE M				
PEOPLE, AMY LEE	6165 NC 8 HWY S, GERMANTON, NC 27019		9440-2018-2018	\$31.61
WEAVER, ELDRA LEO	1220 FULP LAKE RD, GERMANTON, NC 27019		854911-2018-2018	\$1.63
			854911-2018-2017	\$1.78
			854911-2018-2016	\$1.91
			854911-2018-2015	\$2.05
			854911-2018-2014	\$2.12
			854911-2018-2013	\$2.26

PEDDYCORD, RICKY GRAY	391 BAILEY'S COVE DR LEWISVILLE, NC 27023	297445-2018-2018	\$72.37
JOYCE, BRANDON & SAMANTHA	1128 CREPE MYRTLE DR LAWSONVILLE, NC 27022	6126-2018-2018	\$5.37
Total			\$1,075.06

### Real and Personal Refunds More Than \$100.00

REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100 - REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY PER NCGS 105-381(b)					
NAME	ADDRESS	BILL NUMBER	LEDGER NO	AMOUNT	
JAMES, MARTY MARION	2912 NC 772 HWY	298288-2018-2018	100.3100.160	\$1.52	
JAMES, JENNY	MADISON, NC 27025		100.3839.012	\$0.21	
			209.3100.160	\$0.39	
			211.3100.160	\$0.20	
			112.3100.000	\$1.52	
			112.3100.170	\$0.16	
TUTTLE, DONNA LYNN	1091 TOMMY TUTTLE RD	6688-2018-2018	100.3100.160	\$8.61	
	KING, NC 27021		100.3839.012	\$1.22	
			206.3100.160	\$2.22	
			211.3100.130	\$1.11	
			112.3100.000	\$8.61	
			112.3100.170	\$0.88	
WHITE, TOMMY LEE	2035 GENTRY RD, DANBURY, NC 27016	5662-2018-2018	100.3100.160	\$9.12	
WHITE, RACHEL LAWSON			100.3839.012	\$1.28	
			209.3100.160	\$2.36	
			211.3100.160	\$1.18	
			112.3100.000	\$9.12	
			112.3100.170	\$0.92	
WHITE, TOMMY LEE	2035 GENTRY RD, DANBURY, NC 27016	5662-2017-2017	100.4140.390	\$18.23	
WHITE, RACHEL LAWSON			100.3839.012	\$2.22	
			209.3100.160	\$2.36	
			211.3100.160	\$1.18	
WHITE, TOMMY LEE	2035 GENTRY RD, DANBURY, NC 27016	5662-2016-2016	100.4140.390	\$18.60	
WHITE, RACHEL LAWSON			100.3839.012	\$2.20	
			209.3100.160	\$2.25	
			211.3100.160	\$1.20	
WHITE, TOMMY LEE	2035 GENTRY RD, DANBURY, NC 27016	5662-2015-2015	100.4140.390	\$18.23	
WHITE, RACHEL LAWSON			209.3100.160	\$2.06	
			211.3100.160	\$1.17	
WHITE, TOMMY LEE	2035 GENTRY RD, DANBURY, NC 27016	5662-2014-2014	100.4140.390	\$18.00	
WHITE, RACHEL LAWSON			209.3100.160	\$1.95	
			211.3100.160	\$1.20	
WHITE, TOMMY LEE	2035 GENTRY RD, DANBURY, NC 27016	5662-2013-2013	100.4140.390	\$16.34	
WHITE, RACHEL LAWSON			209.3100.160	\$1.77	
			211.3100.160	\$1.09	
ROSE, TIMOTHY H	296 CANYON RD	3185-2018-2018	100.3100.160	\$11.91	
ROSE, ANDREA W	MOCKSVILLE, NC 27028		100.2130.014	\$16.21	
			211.3100.160	\$1.54	
			112.3100.000	\$11.91	
MOSER, PATSY C	6674 NC 66 HWY S, KING, NC 27021	4051-2018-2018	100.3100.160	\$3.78	
			206.3100.160	\$0.97	
			211.3100.160	\$0.49	
			112.3100.000	\$3.78	

WHITENER, BEATRICE T	109 AMELIA DR HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792	10734-2018-2018	100.3100.160	\$33.56
			100.3839.012	\$4.76
			209.3100.160	\$8.65
			211.3100.160	\$4.33
			112.3100.000	\$33.56
			112.3100.170	\$3.42
TOTAL AMOUNT				\$299.52

### Real and Personal Property Releases More Than \$100.00

NAME	ADDRESS	BILL NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
VADEN, POWELL MARION VADEN, SALLIE LOLENE D	1171 FRYE RD WESTFIELD, NC 27053	851825-2018-2018	\$415.88	BILLING ERROR; CORRECTED AND RE-BILLED
BULLINS, NATHAN C	3704 NC 8 HWY S WALNUT COVE, NC 27052	310021-2018-2018	\$145.04	SWMH REMOVED AS REAL; NOW TAXED AS PERSONAL
BLEVINS, NORRIS LEE JR BLEVINS, SHARON MEYERS	1020 BOOGA BOOGA LN PINNACLE, NC 27043	289813-2018-2018	\$182.04	ADJUSTED VALUE OF DWMH DUE TO CONDITION
WALTER RONALD PETREE CHARITABLE TRUST	1014 MAIN ST, DANBURY, NC 27016	319114-2018-2018	\$541.68	EXEMPT PROPERTY BILLED DUE TO CLERICAL ERROR
HUDSPETH, GLENN B HUDSPETH, RUTH A	900 MARGUERITE DR WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27016	304770-2018-2018	\$105.82	REMOVED SWMH AND CORRECTION TO HOMESITE DATA
DAWSON, ZACHARY DAWSON, CASIE J	1601 BRIMS GROVE RD PINNACLE, NC 27043	9363-2018-2018	\$109.90	WATERCRAFT SOLD IN YEAR 2017
CHAFIN, JAMES DAVID	128 QUEENS DR, KING, NC 27021	854830-2018-2018	\$104.16	MOTOR VEHICLE GAP BILLING ERROR
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$1,604.52	

### Real and Personal Property Refunds More Than \$100.00

NAME	ADDRESS	BILL NUMBER	LEDGER	AMOUNT	REASON
FRYE, RITA ROBERTS	109 KNOLLWOOD LN KING, NC 27021	6865268	100.3100.113	\$92.69	SOLD VEHICLE
			100.2130.068	\$63.09	
			211.3100.001	\$5.98	
HAYLEY, CHARLES WILLIAM HARGER, ERICA NICOLE	1016 HOLMES RD PINNACLE, NC 27043	43859686	100.3100.113	\$86.36	DOUBLE BILLED
			209.3100.112	\$22.28	
			211.3100.001	\$11.14	
			112.3100.001	\$86.35	
WILKINS, DANIEL ALLEN	1605 MARSHALL SMITH RD KING, NC 27021	29111581	100.3100.113	\$78.26	SOLD VEHICLE
			100.2130.068	\$53.26	
			211.3100.001	\$5.05	
WILLIAMS, TIMOTHY ONEIL	2872 NC 8 HWY S WALNUT COVE, NC 27052	42068100	100.3100.113	\$109.11	DOUBLE BILLED
			209.3100.112	\$14.08	
			211.3100.001	\$7.04	
TOTAL AMOUNT				\$634.69	

2% Discount, Prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>

For your information, 2% discount taken on all Tax Codes for early payment of Taxes:

Tax Code	2013 Tax Bills	2014 Tax Bills	2015 Tax Bills
County (G01)	\$208,349.26	\$212,322.31	\$213,809.19
School Operating Expense (G02)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New School/F-Tech Fund (E01)	\$13,888.84	\$14,152.99	\$13,792.77
Service Fire District (S01)	\$11,742.02	\$11,899.41	\$12,702.91
King Fire District (F01)	\$3,341.76	\$3,408.70	\$3,534.83
Walnut Cove Fire District (F03)	\$2,099.47	\$2,315.81	\$2,235.60
Rural Hall Fire District (F02)	\$636.10	\$631.19	\$648.62
Dogs (D01)	\$418.01	\$345.48	\$0.00
City of King (C01)	\$26,312.13	\$26,113.76	\$26,086.32
Town of Danbury (C04)	\$290.14	\$290.78	\$316.87
Town of Walnut Cove (C03)	\$4,315.97	\$4,477.96	\$3,985.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$271,393.70</b>	<b>\$275,958.39</b>	<b>\$277,112.43</b>
Tax Code	2016 Tax Bills	2017 Tax Bills	2018 Tax Bills
County (G01)	\$220,393.82	\$236,567.85	\$117,432.17
School Operating Expense (G02)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117,431.85
New School/F-Tech Fund (E01)	\$14,216.97	\$15,260.54	\$15,150.65
Service Fire District (S01)	\$13,958.09	\$15,743.09	\$15,967.23
King Fire District (F01)	\$3,941.55	\$4,492.51	\$4,529.59
Walnut Cove Fire District (F03)	\$2,440.16	\$2,741.89	\$2,498.11
Rural Hall Fire District (F02)	\$748.91	\$855.37	\$833.75
Dogs (D01)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
City of King (C01)	\$26,219.64	\$29,777.52	\$28,802.92
Town of Danbury (C04)	\$303.62	\$484.28	\$358.44
Town of Walnut Cove (C03)	\$4,843.50	\$5,225.66	\$5,071.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$287,066.26</b>	<b>\$311,148.71</b>	<b>\$308,076.37</b>

## **2018 Public Utility Values**

<b><u>Tax District(s)</u></b>	<b><u>2017 Value</u></b>	<b><u>2018 Value</u></b>	<b><u>*Revenue Difference</u></b>
County (G01)/School Operating Expense (G02)	\$574,875,572	\$599,025,621	\$149,730
Education Debt Service/Building Fund (E01)	\$574,875,572	\$599,025,621	\$9,660
Service Fire District (S01)	\$535,030,245	\$557,291,329	\$17,809
King Fire District (F01)	\$12,740,357	\$12,636,209	\$83
Walnut Cove Fire District (F03)	\$11,866,150	\$12,401,345	\$428
Rural Hall Fire District (F02)	\$2,893,380	\$3,429,777	\$429
City of King (C01)	\$8,003,595	\$9,069,293	\$4,497
Town of Danbury (C04)	\$1,359,891	\$1,308,168	\$140
Town of Walnut Cove (C03)	\$4,341,846	\$4,195,840	\$584
<b><u>* Red indicates loss in Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>* Black indicates gain in Revenue</u></b>		

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver noted that the Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00 and the Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00 would need to be placed on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> for Board approval.

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

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman directed the clerk to place Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00 and the Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00 on the Consent Agenda for the next meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Tax Administration – Lateral Transfer/Budget Amendment #19**

Chairman Mendenhall noted that Tax Administrator Richard Brim had a conflict and could not be at today's meeting, and that Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver would present the Tax Administration monthly report.

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver.

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the following information to the Board.

- In an effort to make the Tax Office as efficient as possible Tax Administrator Richard Brim is requesting to un-fund one of the three Tax/EMS Collection Clerks and fund a newly created position in the Tax Revaluation Department known as Real Property Office Assistant effective August 28, 2018.



- No additional funds are being requested as this is a lateral transfer.
- This reorganization is necessary and will alleviate routine office duties from our Real Property Appraisers.
- This will allow them to focus more on the appraisal of real property and the upcoming 2021 Revaluation.
- The 2021 Revaluation will be extensive based on the new Reappraisal Standards set by NCDOR.
- Upon approval from the Board, budget amendment #19 will need to be approved to transfer the financial portion from the unfunded to the funded position.

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #19.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED		
<b>Tax Administration</b>						
100.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 388,246.00	\$ (25,140.00)	\$ 363,106.00		
100.4140.090	Social Security	\$ 24,072.00	\$ (1,559.00)	\$ 22,513.00		
100.4140.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 5,630.00	\$ (365.00)	\$ 5,265.00		
100.4140.100	Retirement	\$ 30,400.00	\$ (1,968.00)	\$ 28,432.00		
100.4140.101	401K	\$ 2,700.00	\$ (251.00)	\$ 2,449.00		
100.4140.110	Health Insurance	\$ 67,187.00	\$ (4,068.00)	\$ 63,119.00		
100.4140.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 3,795.00	\$ (253.00)	\$ 3,542.00		
100.4140.130	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 2,350.00	\$ (188.00)	\$ 2,162.00		
100.4140.171	Term Life	\$ 598.00	\$ (40.00)	\$ 558.00		
<b>Revaluation</b>						
100.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 118,186.00	\$ 25,140.00	\$ 143,326.00		
100.4140.090	Social Security	\$ 7,328.00	\$ 1,559.00	\$ 8,887.00		
100.4140.091	Medicare Tax	\$ 1,714.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,079.00		
100.4140.100	Retirement	\$ 9,254.00	\$ 1,968.00	\$ 11,222.00		
100.4140.101	401K	\$ 850.00	\$ 251.00	\$ 1,101.00		
100.4140.110	Health Insurance	\$ 20,157.00	\$ 4,068.00	\$ 24,225.00		
100.4140.111	Dental Insurance	\$ 1,139.00	\$ 253.00	\$ 1,392.00		
100.4140.130	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 705.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 893.00		
100.4140.171	Term Life	\$ 180.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 220.00		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 684,491.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 684,491.00</b>		
This budget amendment is justified as follows:						
To transfer funds from Tax Administration to Revaluation for the funding of a Real Property Office Assistant and unfunded Tax/EMS Collections Clerk position.						
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 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 BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED		
<b>General Fund</b>						
				\$ -		
				\$ -		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver noted that upon approval from the Board that this item be placed on the Action Agenda at today's meeting.

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

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman directed the clerk to place this item on the Action Agenda at today's meeting.

### **Human Services Advisory Committee – Appointment Request**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver.

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the following information to the Board.

- An application was received for an appointment to the Human Services Advisory Committee.
- There is a vacancy in the M.D. position.
- Thomas Delaney Santoro, M.D. has applied for this vacancy.
- The position will be advertised.
- I am requesting that this item be placed on the next meetings Action Agenda on September 24<sup>th</sup> upon Board approval.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any nominations.

Commissioner Booth nominated Thomas Santoro, M.D. for appointment to the Human Services Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Jones moved to close nominations. Commissioner Booth seconded.

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

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman directed the clerk to place this item on the Action Agenda at the next meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Arts Place Parking – Additional Proposal**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver.

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the following information to the Board.

- The parking lot behind The Arts Place is under construction.
- The original amount agreed upon of soil has been hauled in.
- At this point the steps could be installed costing approximately an additional \$25,000.00, and the gravel could be hauled in.

- The amount could increase if we are required to provide handicap accessible parking in that lot as well.
- Handicap parking will be provided at The Arts Place in the existing parking area.
- The County Manager is proposing that instead, we haul additional soil in and bring the parking lot up to the road level.
- This will create more parking and be more aesthetically pleasing.
- The proposal which is included in the attachments as well as some photos of the area is \$35,871.00.
- The difference between this amount and the estimated \$25,000.00 to complete the steps is \$10,871.00.
- There is also another proposal included in today's agenda that if the Board approves this, could provide additional parking for the County at no additional cost due to the dirt being hauled from that site.
- The request of the County Manager is that upon Board approval this item be moved to today's Action Agenda so that there will not be any delay in completing the current parking projects.

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

Finance Director Julia Edwards noted that Budget Amendment #20 would need to be added to amend the General Fund; the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	<b>Public Buildings</b>			
100.4190.590	Improvements	\$ 91,196.00	\$ 35,871.00	\$ 127,067.00
	<b>Contingency</b>			
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$ 82,771.00	\$ (35,871.00)	\$ 46,900.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$ 173,967.00	\$ -	\$ 173,967.00
This budget amendment is justified as follows:				
To transfer funds from contingency for additional work on parking lot behind the Arts Council.				
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 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 BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
				\$ -
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver noted that upon approval from the Board that this item be placed on the Action Agenda at today's meeting.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- This is a no brainer.
- My only concern is that the soil is well compacted.
- This is a whole lot of soil.
- It makes perfectly good sense, both aesthetically and physically for anyone using the parking area.
- The money is just not that big of a difference.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I agree with Commissioner Jones for many reasons on this.
- I have been looking at this construction about every day to see how it was coming along.
- If you look at the pictures you can see how deep this is and how much of a ramp and steps will have to be put in.
- Bringing it up to the road will also provide about 15 more parking spaces, according to our County Manager, and the contractor.
- I concur with this.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I had a chance to go by and take a look at the work.
- It just seems like it makes more sense to do this.
- It will create a more ideal situation.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I really think it needs to be leveled out.
- At one time the Arts Council Director was talking about a grant for additional parking.
- I would like some more information on that.
- If we are going to approve this today I would like to know if any money has been appropriated for this.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I concur with the rest of the group.
- If Commissioner Lankford would like we can have our Clerk check with Eddy McGee on this.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- This is going to be the county parking lot for our buildings.
- This one as well as the one by the court house.
- This is as far as I am willing to go on parking in Danbury.
- This is on our property and is not conditional.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the additional proposal for the parking lot behind the Arts Place with Budget Amendment #20. Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Even though I think I know the answer to Commissioner Lankford's question, I would still like to know.
- I have always been very interested in knowing about this as well.
- I am sure you remember me mentioning it.
- I recall the same thing being mentioned about the money for parking.
- I will not act on this until we get an answer as a courtesy to a fellow Commissioner.
- If he has questions that is sufficient to me.
- If it is forced to a vote I will have to vote no based on that.

Chairman Mendenhall noted that there was a motion on the floor, a second, and there had been time for discussion.

With no further discussion and a 3-2 vote, the Chairman directed the clerk to place this item on the Action Agenda at today's meeting.

### **Government Center Parking Lot Proposal**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver.

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the following information to the Board.

- If the Board approves to move forward with additional work to the parking lot behind the Arts Place in Danbury, it is my recommendation that the area above the jail be converted into additional parking for the County.
- The majority of the dirt will be removed from this area during the completion of this project and will require minimal grading to turn this into a parking area for the county.
- The lot could then be graveled.
- This would alleviate some of the overcrowding we are currently experiencing throughout the government center complex.
- I am requesting upon Board approval that this item be moved to the Action Agenda at today's meeting so there is no delay in completing the current parking projects.
- Pictures of the area are included with this attachment.

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

Commissioner Booth commented:

- If you look at the photo provided you can see how much it has already been smoothed out.

- It might even provide as many as 75 spaces.
- When the employees are using county vehicles, they can swap their vehicles out creating even more parking availability.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- We need to be pragmatic on this.
- It just makes sense and we can use the extra parking.
- My biggest thing is that Duke Power put us in a low level light.
- We are in a beautiful county.
- We are not going to be able to see the stars if we keep putting up lights.
- Other than that I am good with it.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- May I ask the Sheriff to help me out on this?
- It seems on Superior Court days folks are begging for parking.
- I notice that if our meeting coincides with this you have to be creative in finding a parking space.

Sheriff Mike Marshall responded:

- People are parking in the medians.
- Every afternoon when everything is closed down we have on average 40 county vehicles.
- It could vacate at least 40 extra spots every day, without counting what the employee drives in, which could also be parked in this area.
- It would be an excellent idea.
- During the winter months when the parking lots need to be cleared of snow, all of the county cars would be out of the way.
- At the present time they have to work around those vehicles.
- It would really be a win win.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- It is better to get the dirt there than anywhere else.
- I do not have any issue with this.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I have heard everyone's comments and am in concurrence.

Commissioner Jones moved to place the Government Center Parking Lot Proposal on the Action Agenda at today's meeting. Commissioner Booth seconded.

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

With no further discussion and a unanimous decision by the Board, the Chairman directed the clerk to place this item on the Action Agenda at today's meeting.

## **Old Courthouse – Repairs**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver.

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the following information to the Board.

- There are several items of concern at the Old Courthouse that require attention.
- The parking area previously approved by the Board is about to be under construction.
- Now would be the time to repair these issues, which include water damage, and a sink hole at the oil tank caused by excess water runoff from improper draining.
- If this issue is not corrected the new retaining wall that will be built could be damaged also.
- The down spouts will be connected so that the water runs underground and empties into the main drain at the intersection.
- Public Buildings has funds in their budget for maintenance and repair of county buildings.
- There is not an estimate at this time for the repairs.
- I am requesting the necessary repairs be completed at the Old Courthouse in collaboration with the parking area.
- I am requesting this item be moved to today's Action Agenda so that there will not be any delay in completing the current parking projects.
- Pictures of the area are included with this attachment.

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

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I have researched this and do not see why our maintenance department couldn't do these repairs.

Clerk to the Board Shaver responded:

- Our County Manager is proposing that while East Landscaping is digging all this out that those repairs be completed.
- I am not sure if our maintenance department is equipped to complete these kinds of repairs or has the available equipment for a project like this.

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- I am saying that while he is digging everything out we could have some people from maintenance over there to put the pipes back.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- This needs to be done whether we were building a retaining wall or not.
- It is a historical building.

- We need to address this.
- We have a bunch of rain coming.
- The sooner the better.
- We need to preserve that building.
- It is one of the last few old buildings we have down here.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I have looked at it.
- Soil and Water is in this building as well.
- I am surprised at how the down spouts are ran, especially coming off the air conditioner straight down those basement steps.
- I agree with Commissioner Lankford on when this is done that our maintenance department gets in there and helps.
- We do have a backhoe.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I want to know how this got to where it is.
- It seems this should be routine and fixed before it gets to this point.
- My question is who would do most of the work.
- Like Commissioner Booth stated we have equipment and folks that could take care of some of this.

Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver responded:

- If you would like for me to see if I can get Public Works Director Mark Delehant to come down and talk to you and see what he is comfortable having his staff do.
- As far as what I was asked to present was getting approval to fix issues as the parking area is being constructed.
- It may already be in their plan to have them do some of this work.
- I would not be comfortable in answering who is to do what work without clarification.
- There is no estimate at this time.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- I am not sure if I am comfortable saying yes or no if I am not sure what I am saying yes or no to.
- I understand what you are saying and know this is not really a big deal in the whole scheme of things.

Chairman Mendenhall noted that we could have the Clerk contact Mark Delehant, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Booth moved to place this item on the Action Agenda at today's meeting, pending speaking with Mark. Commissioner Jones seconded.

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



Clerk to the Board Shaver responded:

- I have sent Mark a message.
- I have also received a response from Eddy McGee.
- He states that the grant in question was concerning Moratock Park and that he did not have anything built into The Arts Place concerning parking.

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- That is not really how I remember it.

Chairman Mendenhall asked for any further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I don't think we have to wait on an answer from Mark to move forward on this.
- As long as Shannon can pass along to our County Manager that we want the maintenance department to do the repairs causing the sink hole.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- At one time we gave the County Manager a dollar amount that could be spent without our concurrence as long as we were notified in a timely manner.
- This is one of those situations that would be good that he could go ahead and take action on this without having to wait.
- When there is a problem, it could just go ahead and be taken care of if it is in the realm of the \$5,000.00.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- That is something we could talk about at another meeting.
- I need to know at this point if we want to move forward with placing this on the action agenda at today's meeting.
- We have a motion from Commissioner Booth and a second.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I am good with letting the county manager take care of it with our maintenance.
- I can withdraw that motion.
- It is part of the county maintenance to take care of these things.
- It was brought to our attention when the parking lot was approved at the old court house.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- As long as it gets done.
- I can withdraw the second.

Chairman Mendenhall noted that the motion and the second to place this item on today's meeting have been withdrawn, with concurrence for our county department to take care of the repairs.

Chairman Mendenhall instructed the Clerk to have County Manager Oakley meet with Public Works Director Mark Delehant on this item.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **Tax Administration – Lateral Transfer/Budget Amendment #19**

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the Tax Administration's Lateral Request and Budget Amendment #19 presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Tax Administration's Lateral Request and Budget Amendment #19 presented at today's meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board the motion carried unanimously.

### **Arts Place Parking – Additional Proposal**

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the Arts Place Parking additional proposal and Budget Amendment #20 presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the Arts Place Parking additional proposal and Budget Amendment #20 presented at today's meeting. Commissioner Lankford seconded.

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

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I am glad we cleared up the position on the Arts Place on this.
- I agree with what Commissioner Booth was saying about this being the last of the parking projects in Danbury.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I think by completing this project and bringing it up to the road level is going to be very beneficial to the parking behind our Arts Place.
- It will also be beneficial to Soil and Water, Board of Education, and all the customers.
- It will add 15 or more spaces to the lot.
- It is going to be a very nice parking area.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Want to make a quick comment about the compaction mentioned earlier.
- This will not be an issue as it will all have to pass inspection.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- I wish there had been more participation on the part of the Town of Danbury.

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- There has been some input from the Town of Danbury.
- They wanted to have conditional use.
- This was against us.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- There is a compactor on site, so it is being compacted as it goes.
- The Town of Danbury did have some input negatively on this and another possible parking area.
- This is why I say that once this is complete I am done with parking projects in Danbury.

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board the motion carried unanimously.

### **Government Center Parking Lot Proposal**

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the Government Center Parking Lot Proposal presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Government Center Parking Lot Proposal presented at today's meeting. Commissioner Lankford seconded.

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

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board the motion carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session**

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

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

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)

Vice Chairman noted that G.S. 143-318.11(a) (5) did not cover his rationale for the item he requested to have in Closed Session. Vice Chairman Walker withdrew his request.

Commissioner Booth moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

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

Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

With no further discussion the Board entered into closed session.

The Board re-entered the open session of the September 10, 2018 meeting.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for any additional business in open session.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I just want to say to Commissioner Walker that Commissioner Jones did not say anything earlier.
- Maybe she did not take it the way I did.
- If we go back in the minutes and listen to the wording, it sounded to me almost like a threatening type comment.
- I want to say to you that each Commissioner has their right to their own opinion.

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- Me too.

Chairman Mendenhall continued:

- That is right, you do.
- You do not have the right to in your conduct make a remark that can be considered threatening to someone else.

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- It was meant to be.
- Because no one knew my reasoning.
- I wasn't directly threatening Commissioner Jones.

Chairman Mendenhall asked County Attorney his opinion on one Commissioner threatening another.

County Attorney Browder responded:

- The rules of procedure prohibit this.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- Let me put it this way.
- Commissioner Jones was intervening in something when she had no idea what I needed to discuss.
- Nor did you or any other of the Commissioners.
- It was very presumptuous of Commissioner Jones to assume what I wanted to discuss, and honor the Chairman's request and not mine.
- I don't do other Commissioners like that and hit a nerve.
- I thought it was very uncaring towards me to put me in that position.
- I did lose it for a little bit, it hit a nerve and I apologize.
- I have been having some issues I am having to deal with and I am a little quicker on the trigger than normal.
- It has been that way for the past few months.
- It is getting better, but is not totally cleared up yet.
- For someone to just jump right in the middle not knowing what I wanted to discuss.
- I felt like my comments were no more threatening than what was being directed at me, by taking my privilege away, and leaving the Chairman's.
- I don't feel like that is a level playing field.
- I defended Commissioner Lankford because he needed more information.
- I don't come here to see how quickly I can get the meetings over.
- I come here to represent the people and do the best job I can.
- If anyone tried to tilt the process away from that then they hit a nerve with me.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- As long as I am Chairman we are not going to be threatening each other.

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- What are you doing to me?

Chairman Mendenhall continued:

- I am saying we aren't going to be threatening each other.
- Are there other comments?

### **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.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Shannon Shaver**  
**Clerk to the Board**

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**Ronnie Mendenhall**  
**Chairman**