

**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 24, 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 24, 2018 at 6:00 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
EMS Director Brandon Gentry
Economic Development Director Will Carter

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Booth 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 24^h Agenda.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the September 24th Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Booth seconded the motion.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for discussion.

With no further discussion the September 24th Agenda was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS - Manager/Commissioners

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Welcome everyone.
- Happy fall, it came in with a bang.
- Please keep those affected by Hurricane Florence in your thoughts and prayers.
- We were one of the lucky ones as far as damage.
- The state of North Carolina in general now has some issues.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Welcome to everyone.
- Good to see everyone here.
- I see a new face or two and some regulars.
- I think Ellen gets the award for being the most loyal attendee.
- I don't think she has missed many meetings over the past year or two.
- I hope everyone here finds there time well spent.
- Appreciate you being part of the process of our public meetings.
- Not only are they open to the public, but I believe we should encourage our citizens to attend.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Welcome to everybody.
- Thank you for being here.
- Would like to thank the Lord, for this is a day that he has made.
- I will rejoice in it, and be glad.
- Thank him for all his blessings.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- To each of you here I say thank you.
- Citizens' being here means so much to me.
- I know each of you by name.

- Thank you for coming out and being part of our governmental process.
- On my way up here tonight, I was thinking about the people that work for us.
- Our group here at the government center go unnoticed a lot of times.
- I don't know if I say thank you to them or not.
- I know Brandon with EMS is here.
- He dealt with the Hurricane.
- Even though it did not reach us with what it could have done.
- He called me a couple of times and kept me in touch with what they were doing.
- I really appreciate that.
- Lindy and I get out in the community a lot.
- Someone told me the other day that they came over and had a question about a situation.
- They went into one of our offices.
- They said two things.
- The departments they went in that day left them with a positive first impression, and the customer service they received was second to none.
- This means so much to me.
- Positive first impressions are what people remember.
- Thank you to all of our people who work here at the government center.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- It gives me pleasure tonight to share Ethics for Life.
- As Psalm 55:17 says "Evening and morning and at noon I will pray and cry aloud and he shall hear my voice."
- This is a very positive message.
- If we only believe and trust in the Lord we will be wise and proud.
- This is a happy thing.

County Manager Oakley commented:

- During Hurricane Florence I stayed in touch with EMS Director Brandon Gentry, and Sheriff Marshall.
- Brandon informed me that Chuck Hartgrove and Doug Bullins with EMS volunteered and went down to Kinston for five days to help with hurricane relief.
- This is very commendable.
- I really appreciate them doing this and would like to extend my thanks to them.
- I am sure the Board does as well.
- Also want to inform you that our Communications Director Del Hall was named President of his association recently.
- We are proud of his hard work in making sure our citizens are safe.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Chairman Mendenhall got me going on this.
- Just want to say with the changes that have been made in the last 6 to 8 months, with our County Manager, our Clerk, HR, and Finance, how appreciative I am of the great job that they are doing.

- Everything is going good and they always have all the information you need when you ask for it.
- I really appreciate it.

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

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.

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.

River to Rock Hiking Challenge – September 29th

358 folks have pre-registered; we expect many more to register the day of the event. 10.8 miles from the Dan River up to Hanging Rock and back is the challenge. Food trucks will be on hand to serve the hikers when they finish back at the river. Shuttles will run from the Government Center to the start/finish line. Check in begins at 8am and the runners will take off at 9:30am, followed by the hikers at 10am. It's going to be a great time.

October 7th – The Arts Place – Grasstowne in Concert – 3pm

Alan Bibey and Grasstowne will be performing at The Arts Place of Stokes on Sunday October 7, 2018 beginning at 3pm with 100% of admission proceeds supporting the new Stokes Junior Pickers instructional program. Tickets can be purchased at the Stokes Arts office located at 500 N. Main

Street in Danbury, or by calling 336-593-8159, or via Brown Paper Tickets at <http://brownpapertickets.com/event/3617806>. Tickets are \$20 in advance for adults and \$10 in advance for youth 18 and under. Tickets will be \$30 the day of the performance. This is a performance for all ages. Only 150 tickets will be sold.

Trivia Night – Second Thursdays – October 11 at 6:30pm

Trivia Night continues on the 2nd Thursday of each month 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.

Coming up later in October

October 13-14th – On the Trail Theatre: “As You Like It” – Hanging Rock State Park

October 19th – Reception for Apple Gallery October Artist: Kitty Ray Brown

October 20th – 3rd Saturday Grass with One Fret Over – The Arts Place at 7pm

October 21st – Big Bad Banjos Workshop – The Arts Place Workshop: 1:30 pm / Concert 3pm

November 17th – Soup in a Bowl – Hanging Rock State Park Bath House

Katie Tedder
1282 Coy Hall Rd.
King, NC 27021

RE: N/A

- I was not planning to speak.
- I didn't know that was what I was signing up to do.
- I just wanted to come and introduce myself to you all.
- I am running for the Board of Education.
- I have 25 years of experience with the state.
- The first 12 was in Raleigh with two different state agencies.
- I was a Human Resources Officer to an agency that employed over 1000 people.
- After that I was with state construction as a legislative liaison.
- The past 13 years I have been with Stokes County Schools, 9 of those were teaching, and the last 4 were in the office.
- I know the business side and the teaching side of the school system.
- I just wanted to come by and say hello.

- If you would like to know more information about me I do have a website.
- I would be happy to provide this and my contact number.
- I hope to be able to work with the Commissioners in the coming months.
- Thank you for your time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

September 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Budget Amendments

Environmental Health– Budget Amendment # 21

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #21.
To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Environmental Health			
100.5192.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 2,552.00
	Total	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 2,552.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claims funds from citizen backing into County vehicle.

This will result in a net increase of \$552.00 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
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	\$ 911.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 1,463.00
	TOTALS	\$ 911.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 1,463.00

Administration– Budget Amendment # 22

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #22.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Administration			
100.4120.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 173,197.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 174,107.00
	Purchasing			
100.4131.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 57,873.00	\$ 7,090.00	\$ 64,963.00
	Tax Administration			
100.4140.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 363,106.00	\$ 2,155.00	\$ 365,261.00
	Social Services			
100.5310.000	Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,401,675.00	\$ 6,645.00	\$ 2,408,320.00
	Contingency			
100.9100.100	Leave Contingency	\$ 70,431.00	\$ (16,800.00)	\$ 53,631.00
	Total	\$ 3,066,282.00	\$ -	\$ 3,066,282.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from leave payoff contingency for retired, resigned, terminated and comp time over limit payoff as of 09/14/18.

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
	General Fund			\$ -
				\$ -
	TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Tax Administration – Monthly Report

Real and Personal Property Releases More Than \$100.00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
VADEN, POWELL MARION VADEN, SALLIE LOLENE D	1171 FRYE RD WESTFIELD, NC 27053	851825-2018-2018	\$415.88	BILLING ERROR; CORRECT- ED 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	289813-20182018	\$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 CORR- ECTION 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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>LEDGER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
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	

Solid Waste Department – Proposed Holiday Hours of Operation

In order to follow suit with Hanes Mill Landfill’s hours of operation and provide our employees with their allotted holidays, Public Works Director Mark Delehant submitted the proposed schedule shown below. Notices will be placed at all solid waste facilities and on the county’s web site regarding the holiday schedule.

Holiday	Date	Day of Week
Veterans Day	11/12/2018	Monday
Thanksgiving	11/22/2018	Thursday
Thanksgiving (day after)	11/23/2018	Friday
Christmas Eve	12/24/2018	Monday
Christmas Day	12/25/2018	Tuesday
New Year’s Day	1/1/2019	Tuesday

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

EMS – Resolution and Quote – FY 18/19 Monitor /Defibrillator Purchase

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to EMS Director Brandon Gentry.

EMS Director Brandon Gentry presented the following information to the Board.

- We are asking for the resolution for the quote to be approved where we are trying to receive the new heart monitors approved in the budget.
- We are not going out for a bid on these due to it is better to keep all of our monitors the same.
- This company has been known to serve us well.
- The monitors we changed from 5 years ago are no longer being made.

- This is why we have had to change and go back to what we were initially using.
- I am just asking if we can go ahead and purchase the two new ones to replace the ones that we can no longer get service or parts for.
- This will make all the trucks the same.
- The quote is for \$58,105.63.

RESOLUTION

**EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL STATUTES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 143-131 and 143-129 require public bidding for the purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment requiring an estimated expenditure of public money over a stated dollar amount and further provided that no contract may be awarded therefore, by any board of governing body of the State, or of any institution of the State government, or of any political subdivision of the State, unless provisions of these statutes are complied with;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-129 contains the following exception;

(e) (6) Exceptions -- The requirements of this Article do not apply to:

Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the governing board of a political subdivision of the State shall approve the purchases listed in the preceding sentence prior to the award of the contract.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting:

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

The purchase of LifePak 15 monitor/defibrillators be made exempt from the provisions of North Carolina General Statute bidding requirements per 143-129(e)(6) for the following reasons:

- Compatibility, standardization and product performance are major concerns to be taken into consideration for these purchases;
- Stokes County's Emergency Medical Services currently utilizes LifePak 15 monitor/defibrillators;

Adopted the ____ day of September, 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

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

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I totally understand and have no problems with it.
- My only question is does this need to be done tonight?
- I believe I noticed the resolution is dated September.

EMS Director Brandon Gentry responded:

- The sooner the better.
- I am locked in to this price until the middle of October.
- There will be a price change at the end of October.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Looks like \$58,000.00 is the price.
- Sounds like what I am hearing you say is that this is a reasonable request to keep our equipment where it needs to be.
- Seems we have a couple of pieces of equipment that are out of date and need to be upgraded.

EMS Director Brandon Gentry responded:

- They are actually taking the two that are being upgraded on trade and giving us \$4,000.00 each for them to go towards this purchase.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- This was already in the budget and has already been approved by us.
- This is just approving the resolution so that everything is in compliance.
- Has the service of the new monitors been good?

EMS Director Brandon Gentry responded:

- They have worked well.
- The maintenance agreement is good and the first year is free.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I have no questions at this time.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- How many are you actually purchasing?

EMS Director Brandon Gentry responded:

- Two will be purchased.

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

YMCA Recreation Contract

Chairman Mendenhall presented the YMCA Recreation Contract for approval.

RECREATION CONTRACT

This contract for Recreation Services (herein the "Contract") is made by and between the Stokes Family YMCA herein known as the "YMCA", and the County of Stokes, herein known as the "County". For and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

Responsibilities of the YMCA

The YMCA agrees to provide the following minimum services:

1. The YMCA shall administer and coordinate all current recreation and wellness programming to include Stokes County Youth Sports Programming, Summer Day Camp, Stokes County Easter Egg Hunt, other seasonal family special events, 5k event, Fitness Center operation and wellness services.
2. A Summer Youth Program shall be provided to the youth of Stokes County. This program shall be for the length of time specified each year in the County's Annual Budget. This program shall utilize school sites as well as YMCA and County facilities.
3. The YMCA shall provide recreation, wellness and social programs at a County facility, at the County's sole expense except for long distance telephone calls, in Danbury, North Carolina. The YMCA shall maintain regular office hours and Fitness Center hours of operation in said facility.
4. Stokes County Youth Sports Programming shall be provided to the youth of Stokes County. The programming shall last a minimum of seven weeks.
5. The YMCA shall host an annual 5k event.
6. New Programs shall be offered based on need and availability, such as additional summer camps, sports, recreation and wellness programs and social events.
7. The YMCA shall assume all liability insurance coverage for all YMCA staff and program offerings.

8. The YMCA shall administer the scheduling of shelter usage and special events to be held at Moratock Park, located in Danbury, North Carolina.
9. The YMCA shall collect all fees as set by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners for use of Moratock Park facilities and remit those funds back to the County as requested by the County.
10. The YMCA shall retain all revenues generated by program offerings, except those fees generated from Moratock Park shelter usage.
11. The YMCA shall provide a Stokes County Recreation Department Committee under the authorization of the Stokes Family YMCA volunteer Board of Management. The Committee shall consist of Stokes Family YMCA volunteers, Stokes County citizens and a designated representative of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners. The Committee will meet at least one time quarterly.

Responsibilities of the County of Stokes

The County of Stokes agrees to the following responsibilities:

1. The County shall maintain ownership of Moratock Park located in Danbury, North Carolina. Further, the County shall provide maintenance and repair services for Moratock Park up to and including grounds maintenance, facility maintenance, insurance and utility costs.
2. The County shall provide a facility to serve as a Program Center to the YMCA in Danbury, North Carolina or other strategically placed locations at the County's sole expense except for long distance telephone calls. The County shall maintain ownership of said facility and shall provide maintenance and repair services up to and including road maintenance, grounds maintenance, facility maintenance, insurance and utility costs.
3. The County shall provide, at its sole cost and expense, the YMCA staff in Stokes County with one (1) vehicle for travel solely within Stokes County in maintaining programs based in Stokes County and offered to Stokes County citizens.
4. The County shall allow the YMCA staff to purchase fuel at the Stokes County fueling facilities for use in the vehicle provided by the County.

Compensation

The County hereby agrees to pay to the YMCA an amount equal to one hundred seventeen Thousand and four hundred and eighty-four dollars (\$117,484) for the contract year. This contract sum shall be paid in two (2) equal installments with the first payment due on July 31st and the second due on January 31st of the contract term.

Term

The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year. This contract may be extended for additional periods upon the expressed written consent of both parties.

The Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2018 and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2019. If a new agreement has not been reached between the parties by July 1, 2018, the FY 2017-18 Agreement shall remain in force, unless it has been terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Contract Termination

Either party wishing to terminate this contract may do so upon one-hundred and eighty days written notice to the other party.

Hold Harmless Provision

The YMCA hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless from all liability arising out of the provision of recreational programs and services as set forth herein.

The County agrees to indemnify and hold the YMCA harmless from all liability arising out of the provision of County maintenance and facilities.

Contract Date and Signatures

This contract for services shall have an effective date and commence as of July 1, 2018 and terminate on June 30, 2019. Contract term extensions are provided in the section of this contract titled "Term".

Stan Law
President/CEO
YMCA of Northwest North Carolina

Ronnie Mendenhall
Chairman
Stokes County Board of Commissioners

Date

Date

This Instrument has been pre-audited in the Manner as required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Julia Edwards, Finance Director

Date

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

Tyrone Browder, Stokes County Attorney

Date

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

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- It is my understanding that this is a standard contract.
- It is time to approve or disapprove.
- I don't have any specific questions about it.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I have no questions.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- It was voted on and approved in the budget.
- This is approving the contract that we do every year.
- I asked a question a couple of months ago about our building that was not ready at the time.
- Our County Manager got with them and got it moving.
- I found out it was mostly a hold up with LifeBrite on getting records out of the building.
- Now it is ready.
- I made a point to go by and look at it.
- I spoke with Pam Tillman about it also and she stated that there will be two additional pieces of equipment added to the facility through a grant.
- I spoke with the lady working at the facility and in the first 6 days they have already had 36 people come in and use the facility.

- That is exciting to me.
- I spoke with her about RiverStreet, and coordinating that, as well as getting information on our County website about it.
- We need to get it on the Economic Development app.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Appreciate all that the Y has done and has tried to do.
- This information seems to be very positive.
- I am not going to talk a lot.
- I am reevaluating and taking a step back.
- I want to see how interested people in this part of the county are in having a modern, comprehensive facility they can be proud of.
- If the interest is just talk, I have a lot of other things I could be working on.
- I have never really liked the Y contract.
- Derek and Heather are here tonight from the Y.
- They know some of my issues on this.
- I wish there were some things different about it.
- We are not really giving the Y enough resources to work with.
- They are making a token effort with what they have.
- When I speak to people probably 1 out of 7 even know this facility exists.
- I would like to see a survey completed.
- Derek and Heather were among those pushing for a survey.
- The survey I would like to see happen won't cost much.
- I would like to know who is using the center, what part of the county they are from, what they did while they were there, and how long they stayed.
- This information can eventually feed in to what we are trying to do with the Wellness Center.
- There needs to be some consideration in the future on what the Y's role is in the county moving forward.
- Time is slipping away from us and we may miss a golden opportunity in this part of the county.
- There are going to be some people in Walnut Cove, Sandy Ridge, Lawsonville, and other areas that are going to be extremely disappointed if this Wellness Center doesn't happen.
- They really have high hopes for it.
- They have waited long enough.
- When I look at the recreation opportunities in the part of the county I live in compared to what is here, it is just not right.
- We need to do more for this part of the county.
- Particularly for the Walnut Cove area.
- Asking them to drive to Danbury for what we have here is hard.
- I believe in the pictures I saw six machines.
- I will come over and take a tour so I will know more about it.
- People's patience is getting thin and they want to see something happen.
- Anyone who doesn't think recreation and wellness is important needs a reality check.
- Our insurance broker was extremely excited at the thought of a wellness center.

- We don't have a recreation department other than the Y.
- I have felt for a while that we need someone in place in the county organizing recreation.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I will not go into all that.
- I will say we have been paying \$117,000.00 for many years.
- I don't know what the reality is to continue that particular payment.
- It may need to be increased if we want additional services or responsibilities from the YMCA.
- I noticed they spent \$5,000.00 refurbishing that space for us.
- Our contract says we will do those types of things as well as maintenance.
- I know there is discussion about having the wellness center.
- I am all for wellness every day.
- In the Meadows area perhaps.
- I also know from my own research that if we meet the criteria in terms of population per capita that the YMCA may be willing to build a facility.
- I don't know if that has been explored in the Meadows area.
- This survey, who is going to get it other than the 36 people that show up.
- I don't know if that is going to be enough.
- There are a lot of other questions I would like to see answered.
- I want to make sure that the Y is funded properly so that they may be as effective as possible.
- In the long run if they are funded properly, then perhaps we won't have the need for a big USDA loan.
- Maybe we can defer building something if the Y is involved.
- I am just throwing that out.
- This is their business and they know how to do it better than we do.
- I think a good in depth survey even if it does cost a couple of dollars will help us in the long run if we do go with the USDA.
- They will know we have done our due diligence.
- Nothing happens overnight.
- We have been talking about this on and off for years.
- Anything involving government goes on forever anyway.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- When we had to tear the building they were using down, I did not realize until recently why the lapse in time was happening.
- If I had known sooner what the holdup was I would have been pushing harder for them to get those records out so the Y could come in.
- This is a triple wide building.
- It has several rooms that were examining rooms when it was a doctor's office that are not being used yet.
- I count 9 pieces of equipment.
- It was said the rooms are too small to use for classes.

- We could always tear out a partition and make the space large enough.
- With this contract that we already have approved in the budget we need to get the services there.
- If the wellness center comes down the road that is fine but this is what we have now.
- You are talking about the survey for 30 people.
- It has only been six days.
- We have not even got the advertisement out there yet.
- We have to see how it is going to work in the next month or two.
- We can keep all the data.
- Every name goes down on a list that uses this facility.
- What I am hearing here is a lot of hospital and government center employees are excited about having it.
- They can take their lunch hour and use it.
- I am looking forward to the time possibly being expanded.
- Maybe instead of closing at 6 we could push it out a little later.
- If you work in Winston and don't get off until 5 it is hard to utilize it.
- As far as the insurance is concerned with wellness, maybe we can look into this facility in Danbury and also the Y facility in King to help get our insurance down.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I believe Commissioner Booth brings up some good questions.
- I am not thinking about a survey for the average of 6 people a day that are coming.
- Hopefully that will build up.
- I am thinking of months of data.
- Get the information to our County Clerk on a weekly basis hopefully.
- Let us track the information.
- I want to make my position clear on this.
- I have put some thought into it.
- If the people are satisfied with this as a wellness center then I want to know.
- We can be talking about this during the wellness part of the meeting.
- If this is what the people want though I can back off this and let it be.
- I am actually catching a little flak from people wondering why I am so involved in this.
- I tell them two things, people in this part of the county want it, and they need it.
- That is plain enough for me to be working on it.
- If I don't see the support of this Board or the people it is much easier for me to back off of it and say I tried.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I am going to withhold my comments about the wellness center until we get to item c., which is the wellness center.
- That is when I thought we would address that issue.
- I would like to know if anyone would like to move the Recreation Contract with the YMCA to Action for tonight.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- It is paid in two installments.
- I don't see this as a time issue.
- I see it more that we need to be putting some thought into how we are going to get all these things to fit together and where we go from here.
- I don't see that we necessarily need to push any buttons right now.
- That is my thought.

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- I will address that.
- I asked Shannon to pull the minutes from last year when you were Chairman Commissioner Walker and this was approved at the end of August.
- So we are actually running a month behind when we did it last year under your leadership.
- I would like to go ahead and see if we can get a motion or consent to move it to action tonight.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- Would we be saying yes that we are continuing with the Y or giving a six month notice?

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- It will be handled exactly the same as last year when you were Chairman.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- I am glad you researched that.
- I had really forgotten about that.
- Thank you.

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman instructed the Clerk to place this item on tonight's Action Agenda as item d.

Proposed Wellness Center Update

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Commissioner Lankford and Vice Chairman Walker.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- We are in the process of collecting data.
- We have been going out and collecting data.
- We have looked at a few facilities.
- I have a copy for each of you of the floor plan of the one we looked at in Greensboro.
- According to the information we received, the building is being used a lot.
- The activities range from seniors playing sports to youth activities.
- The Leonard Center is the last one we went to.
- It has a large gym, and other areas used for exercise rooms.

- I have been going out looking at different buildings that would fit our needs for a Wellness Center, along with Commissioner Walker, Economic Development Director Will Carter, and our County Manager.
- We have a lot of other information to collect but wanted it on the agenda tonight so people would know that we are indeed working on this.
- We are evaluating and being sure we get something that is large enough and nice enough to support the people of this part of the county.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Commissioner Lankford did a good job bringing you up to date on what has been happening.
- The Leonard Center that we have the diagram of is funded totally by the city.
- A lot of the programs offered are at no charge.
- The person has to sign in and complete a waiver, just like with the program center in Danbury.
- The first facility we visited was in Madison.
- It is funded 53% by the city, 10% by the United Way, and the other 37% comes from fees, fundraisers, and donations.
- They both seem to be working very well.
- My vision for this part of the county is to have something this part of the county can be proud of.
- It will be a focal point and people will be willing to drive to Meadows to use it.
- Forsyth Tech is very excited about the possibility of it being in this area.
- I am speaking specifically about putting it where the old prison site is.
- It is an eye sore in this area where so many nice buildings are going up.
- If we could make this happen and replace that building with a wellness center, it would be a nice legacy for this Board.
- What a nice accomplishment.
- If we could get this process started it would be nice.
- I have found almost no one that is not in support of this project.
- I can picture this in my mind.
- I have the vision and I hope others share it with me.
- We have about 10 acres there and would like to see some walking trails and outside exercise equipment as well as the facility.
- The public momentum is there and we do not need to drop the ball on this.
- I would like to see this facility comparable to the Y in King.
- We spend a lot of money on our young people in this county.
- This would benefit them but would also benefit our growing aging population.
- For the record Commissioner Lankford really got the ball rolling on this and brought it to the attention of the Board.

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

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am not going to parrot all of that.
- We have heard about this several times.
- I think we are all for a Wellness Center if we can make it happen.
- I want a lot more action than talking.
- Let's talk to some people, get an architect involved.
- I was ready to start this process years ago.
- My point is that this is not a big deal, we are all in agreement.
- We have already spoken with Josh from the USDA about a Wellness Center.
- I think we can make it happen.
- It is just a matter of getting the paperwork done and getting started.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- This is a small amount of data for me to make a decision on right now.
- I have to see the feasibility of this.
- You can't just go out and build a building.
- I don't know how many people it would take to run this, what would it cost per year to operate?
- If you borrow 5 or 6 million dollars, you are going to pay \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 a year for 30 years.
- That is a 30 year obligation.
- I would need to see more than what we are being presented tonight.
- I am not saying we don't need wellness.
- As far as the YMCA, we have made that commitment and that is why it was on the agenda tonight.
- We need to take care of that contract, and get a lot more information on this.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am in agreement with that.

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- I know it takes a lot of volunteers.
- We are out getting information.
- We will have a lot of information before you will have to make a decision.
- It has been very consistent with the two locations that we have visited with how well it is working and being used.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- I am hearing two different things with the city totally taking care of one and the other being run with different percentages from multiple sources.
- I need to see how this would work before I make a decision for all the people of Stokes County.
- The taxpayers of Stokes County will be paying for this.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I know in the comments that were made, it was said if you talk to people in Walnut Cove you will see they want this.
- That is right.
- I don't know how many people a week I talk to in Walnut Cove.
- My wife and I are always eating and shopping in Walnut Cove.
- This is the area I went to school in.
- I know they would appreciate a facility of this nature.
- I would love to have a Wellness Center in that part of the county.
- Each time it has been brought up I have been in agreement on this.
- I never want to make an uninformed decision.
- I understand that Vice Chairman Walker and Commissioner Lankford are working on this.
- You have only had a chance to visit 2 locations.
- I know you are busy.
- I want more information.
- I know that is what Commissioner Booth is asking for too.
- We do answer to all the taxpayers of Stokes County.
- I do not want us to rush this thing and come back in 2 years and realize we don't have what the people want.
- I think you all need to continue working on this and bring more information.
- It would be very convenient to me with where I live, but I work for the whole county.
- I want to make sure we have a good financial plan put together on this.
- Still looking at the Economic Development side of this.
- A lot of reasons I want this to work.
- Continue to gather more information.
- I have not heard one Commissioner say they are against this project.
- Tonight the YMCA contract needs to be taken care of.
- We can then focus on the Wellness Center fully.
- I am in agreement that this would be something this group of Commissioners could be proud of.
- I have no idea what the final cost of a project like this would be.
- Not sure if we will be able to obtain grants so the county will not have to fund the whole thing.
- Surveys definitely need to be done.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Tonight's discussion is just for informational purposes.
- We are in no way asking anyone to make a decision.
- We will continue to work on this.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Commissioner Lankford and I were at FTCC Advisory Meeting recently and we mentioned the interest developing with the Board.
- The folks there were very excited.
- I tossed out the idea of someone there drawing up a preliminary plan.

- They said they have done things like that before and would certainly be glad to check into something like that.
- I would like to get our Financial Advisor Doug Carter involved.
- Would like to have him come to a meeting and discuss finance options on how we can pay for this.
- At the Commissioners conference there was a group there who specialized in flipping old prison sites.
- They were very interested in what I told them and I would love to have them come and talk to our Board if there is enough interest.

Chairman Mendenhall responded:

- As you and Commissioner Lankford continue to gather information I would like for Shannon or Julia to contact Doug Carter and see when he is available to come to a meeting.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Commissioner Walker brought to my attention the Advisory Board at FTCC.
- I hope the Trades Building was discussed.
- I would still like to have some input on that.
- If you remember I really wanted a HVAC program over there.

Commissioner Lankford responded:

- The building has been started.
- Not sure what could be changed.
- I know there is carpentry, welding, electrical, plumbing, and horticulture.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Could we have Sally Elliot come and address this to answer Commissioner Booth's questions?

Commissioner Booth responded:

- Doesn't make a difference.
- It is a done deal.
- We had those things going before we doubled the size of the building and added over a million dollars.
- We still didn't get it, so I am a little disappointed that it didn't happen.

Vice Chairman Walker responded:

- I would like to address this with information I have received at FTCC Advisory and Planning meetings regarding the vocational programs.
- This has been brought up at every meeting.
- It was mentioned at the recent meeting.
- The reasoning FTCC gives for not providing HVAC is simply the cost for initiating the program and maintaining it.
- It was not a space issue.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- It was \$800,000.00 at the beginning.
- Then we received over a million from Golden Leaf.
- I am not sure about that being the reason.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- They are doing HVAC on the main campus.
- Our students could get the program if they wanted it.

Commissioner Booth responded:

- They are doing all the other programs on the main campus too.
- This is the Stokes County campus.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I am getting back on track with the Wellness Center.
- I want to convey my reasoning for wanting action on this.
- We really have been talking about this for a long time.
- There has always been this push and urgency to do it now.
- No disrespect to you Jimmy but if I hear that speech one more time, I might lose my mind.
- I have heard it so many times.
- We have suffered through it and we don't need to hear it anymore.
- What I mean by action is a feasibility study.
- I am not sure that the two of you can gather all that we need.
- When I hear you say get a drafting student to draw up the plans, it makes me nervous.
- I used to be in that business and this causes my red lights to start flashing.
- We need real people who do this for a living.
- If you want to bring in your people that rehab prisons, that is fine.
- They are already in the know on what has to be done.
- If you are in such an urgent got to do it now state, then why are we going through the back door to get to the front door.
- Why not just do it right?
- Get the correct feasibility study, get the professionals in here, and get the numbers crunched.
- Let's get Doug, Josh, and our architect here.
- Let's see what they do.
- This is not just a building.
- It has to be ran.
- We all agree we would love to see something like this.
- We are not the problem or the enemy.
- We just need to get this done.
- It may cost a few thousand dollars to get it done but it is time to do something and quit talking about it.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I would support getting an architect to do some preliminary drawings.
- Not that interested in a feasibility study.

- This is due to a combination of reasons.
- One being they are not cheap.
- The other thing is I don't know anything about how they do it.
- I did surveys at Reynolds.
- I am not sure what type of data they would even use.
- I am interested in a way to figure out how to make this work.

Commissioner Jones responded:

- If we are going through the USDA, we need to ask what they want.
- They may require a feasibility study.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- If my memory is correct and we can check the minutes to be sure, they said they would like at least a preliminary drawing.
- Do not believe they mentioned a feasibility study.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- During this time Commissioner Lankford and Commissioner Walker can continue to gather information.
- Would like to ask Shannon to contact Doug Carter and Josh Carswell.
- We need them to come to a meeting.
- We want to know exactly what their requirements are.
- Want to say thanks to Derek and Heather for getting the building complete.
- It looks great.

ACTION AGENDA

Human Services Advisory Committee – Appointment Request

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the Human Services Advisory Committee Appointment Request presented at the September 10th meeting.

The following information was presented at the September 10th meeting:

- 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.
- Requesting that this item be placed on the next meetings Action Agenda on September 24th upon Board approval.

Chairman Mendenhall opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Booth moved to close nominations. Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

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

Chairman Mendenhall polled the Board.

Commissioner Jones: Thomas Delaney Santoro, M.D.

Vice Chairman Walker: Thomas Delaney Santoro, M.D.

Commissioner Booth: Thomas Delaney Santoro, M.D.

Chairman Mendenhall: Thomas Delaney Santoro, M.D.

Commissioner Lankford: Thomas Delaney Santoro, M.D.

Appointment of Thomas Delaney Santoro, M.D. to the Human Services Advisory Committee is approved with a 5-0 vote.

County Managers Recommendation – Support Services Supervisor Position

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to County Manager Oakley.

County Manager Oakley commented:

- Due to the retirement of Danny Stovall from this position we have been without a Support Services Supervisor for a couple of weeks.
- We advertised this position both internal and external to get the best quality of candidates to select from.
- We received several good applications.
- We held interviews with a panel on Tuesday September 18th.
- Due to the illness of my brother in law I was unable to attend.
- The panel submitted three finalists to me after the interviews.
- I personally interviewed those three individuals.
- Was able to get acquainted with them and understand what they could bring to this position.
- I have one candidate that I would like to request to move forward with hiring.
- This is an in house candidate, who I believe will be the best suited for this position.
- My selection is Glenda W. Pruitt.
- I am requesting that Mrs. Pruitt be hired as soon as possible as the Support Services Supervisor.
- This would be starting at the grade level 74 established for this position.

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion to approve the request of County Manager Oakley to move forward with hiring Glenda W. Pruitt as the Support Services Supervisor.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the hiring of Glenda W. Pruitt as the Support Services Supervisor at a grade level 74. Commissioner Lankford seconded.

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

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Had the privilege of serving on this interview panel.
- Want to affirm what our County Manager said.
- The process was exactly as he stated.
- He followed the process as he should and we are right where we need to be.

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

EMS – Resolution and Quote – FY 18/19 Monitor /Defibrillator Purchase

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the EMS – Resolution and Quote – FY 18/19 Monitor /Defibrillator Purchase presented at tonight’s meeting.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the EMS – Resolution and Quote – FY 18/19 Monitor /Defibrillator Purchase presented at tonight’s meeting. Commissioner Booth seconded.

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

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

YMCA Recreation Contract

Chairman Mendenhall entertained a motion regarding the YMCA Recreation Contract presented at tonight’s meeting.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the YMCA Recreation Contract presented at tonight’s meeting. Commissioner Lankford seconded.

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

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I have nothing against the contract per say, but we have been paying that same amount of money for an awful long time.
- As long as I can remember at least, and I know costs have gone up.
- Don’t know that it is reasonable to keep going with the same contract with the same amount of money.
- I know we are conservative but we should try and be fair.
- Just putting that out there.

- May not make a difference but it is my opinion.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- This item has been discussed and approved in the budget.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Was going to say the same thing.
- Thank you to the Y for providing this service to the county at the same price for so many years.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- There is always next year.
- I realize it is done for this year.
- Although I won't be here to fight for it.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Several years I have voted no on this.
- I will vote no again.
- I don't think it is a fair contract for the people in this part of the county or for the Y.
- This contract has been in place for a long time with the same money.
- Not sure where that figure even came from originally.
- Not going to sell people on that this is the best we can do for recreation in this part of the county.
- No way do I feel comfortable with that.

With no further discussion and a 3-2 vote of the Board the motion carried.

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 Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Shaver

Clerk to the Board

Ronnie Mendenhall

Chairman

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Regular Meeting

