

<b>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )</b>	<b>OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT</b>
<b>COUNTY OF STOKES )</b>	<b>DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA</b>
<b>)</b>	<b>MONDAY OCTOBER 8, 2018</b>

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, October 8, 2018 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Ronnie Mendenhall  
Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker  
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  
Tax Administrator Richard Brim  
Economic Development Director Will Carter

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

#### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Jones 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 October 8th Agenda.

Commissioner Lankford requested an item be added to the Information Agenda as Item C. for the Wellness Center.

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

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the amended October 8<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Commissioner Lankford seconded the motion.

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

With no further discussion the amended October 8th Agenda was approved 4-0.

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

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Want to recognize that today is Columbus Day.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- This is a good thing to remember.
- Ethics for Life: James 1:19 “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath”.
- This is something we can look at and live by, and improve our communication with one another.
- Thanks to my cousin Senator Lankford from Oklahoma for being a great Senator.
- Met with our association pool for insurance.
- As the Commissioners know we didn’t have an increase for our liability, property, and workers compensation insurance.
- We had a good year with workers comp.
- The claims decreased.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Welcome to everyone.
- It is an honor for me to be here.
- You didn’t have to be here but you made time.
- Cancer Awareness Month is hard for me.
- It reminds me that my wife’s mother and my father both passed away with cancer.
- Cancer is a tough word for me.
- Always try to support the Cancer Awareness programs.
- I am on the FTCC Board of Trustees and our President of 17 years Dr. Green is retiring.
- We have been on a search for a new president.

- We had 64 applicants and have gone through the interview process.
- We finally have a nomination that we have sent in to the Association of Community Colleges.
- They will have their next meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- They will either approve or disapprove our nomination at that time.
- We cannot disclose our nomination at this time.
- Hopefully our nomination will be approved and we can have a media day announcing our new President.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- Hopeful we will get another President as good as Dr. Green.
- Thanks to Commissioner Lankford for his involvement with the insurance pool.
- Thanks to Sarvasari.
- He is an asset to our County, who is trying to improve people's health and way of life.
- Don't think I have ever seen more political signs in the county.
- I didn't make it to King Fest but I heard it went well.
- That is always a nice event for the county.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Good to see everyone.
- We are inundated with a lot of reading material and newsprints.
- I try to read them all.
- Wanted to bring up one in particular.
- Several topics in one recently concerning the 5G order concerning internet, 911 fees, and working requirements for those receiving Medicaid, SNAP, and other benefits offered from DSS.
- Seems all these rural hospitals are being saved from places down south.
- Can't help but wonder what is going on.
- Lastly there was an article on public employees and the perils of technology.
- We have had to deal with that several times.

County Manager Oakley did not have any comments at today's meeting.

## **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 Apple Gallery – October

Stokes Arts welcomes our own Kitty Ray Brown to the Apple Gallery with an opening reception on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm. This exhibition features photography and paintings. Kitty Ray serves on the board of the Arts Council.

### The Jayebird Gallery at Hanging Rock State Park – September and October

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. Some of his work will be pieces completed during the River to Rock Hiking Challenge.

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 Recap

River to Rock Review – Over 400 attended the challenge. 75 trail runners and the remainder were hikers. First trail runner completed the 11 mile trek in 1 hour and 22 minutes from Otto, NC. The second trail runner to complete the challenge returned in 1 hour and 40 minutes, it was Tory Wagoner, the son of previous park superintendent Tommy Wagoner. Previous record times in the Reach the Peaks challenge had been 1 hour and 50 minutes for about the same distance trail. The first female to return from the trail running challenge was from Danbury and finished in 2 hours and 11 minutes. Everyone enjoyed the event. They loved the food trucks that we had there and being able to have a craft beer at The Green Heron. It was an awesome day with only positive comments to be heard.

### Grasstowne Concert with Allan Bibey – Wrap Up

Alan Bibey and Grasstowne performed 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. It was a great show with free chicken stew for everyone. There were over 85 people in attendance. The new acoustic panels made for a fabulous sounding show. Some of who were in attendance had traveled from TN, and VA to see the show, and even stayed locally here in Stokes County.

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

Trivia Night continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

On the Trail Theatre – October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 pm

Stokes Arts and Shared Radiance Theatre present Shakespeare's "As You Like It" along the trails of Hanging Rock State Park. Performance will begin at the Visitors Center and continue along the trail to the waterfall and back. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. This includes dessert and refreshments at the end of the performance.

Third Saturday Grass – October 20<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – featuring One Fret Over

Join Stokes Arts in welcoming One Fret Over to The Arts Place for 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Grass on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. One Fret Over is a bluegrass band in central North Carolina. The band members met at a youth bluegrass camp in 2016, formed their group in early 2017, and have filled their schedule performing at local venues and festivals since. Awards include: 2018 Lil John Mountain Music Festival Band Competition – First Place 2017 Salisbury Busker's Bash – Second Place 2017 Galax Old Fiddler's Convention Youth Band – Second Place 2017 – Alleghany Fiddler's Convention Youth Band – First Place 2017 Fiddler's Grove Youth Band - First Runner Up. Tickets are just \$5 for adults and kids' admission is free.

Victor Furtado – 5 String Banjo Concert and Workshop – October 21st at 1:30pm

Join Stokes Arts in welcoming the 5-String Banjo Concert Series to The Arts Place this fall. Hosted by Rex McGee, each Sunday afternoon the banjo show will begin at 3pm. Are you a banjo player? Each artist is offering an instructional workshop moderated by Rex McGee before each show beginning at 1:30pm. Cost is \$10 for the workshop. October 21<sup>st</sup> the series kicks off with Victor Furtado. Victor is the future of Old Time Banjo, a teenage innovator, multiple contest winner, and recording artist. Tickets for the concert are \$15 for SCAC members, \$10 for workshop participants, \$18 general admission, and \$20 at the door.

Leslie Staples  
1304 P-East Road  
Westfield, N.C. 27053

**RE: Friends of Stokes Shelter Update**

- I am here again today to keep you informed concerning the animal adoption center we are building on Dodgetown Rd.
- I gave you an update last month of all the construction completed.
- We have made some progress since then in the last month.
- All of the masonry work is complete.
- The electrical outlet pattern is all in.
- Weather permitting the next step is to get the roof on.
- Coming up this Saturday morning, Dr. Cowan will be leading a volunteer training session.
- We are working on gathering volunteers.
- It will be just one hour and she will take people through the rooms and give some basics on animal care and hygiene.
- It will be from 8:30-9:30 am.
- Anybody who would like to come, please feel free to come and tour the whole site.
- I am still working with Mark on getting the water plan done.
- The state still has some of the paperwork but we are getting close.
- Mark believes he will be able to get the plan up for bid sometime this month.
- That is our status for now.

Sarvasri Ananda  
1060 Tyler Rd.  
Walnut Cove, N.C. 27052

**RE: Proposal Draft**

- I was planning to introduce a proposal today but James is not here.
- The proposal deals a lot with agriculture, and health.
- Many of you know I have been involved in natural health care for 47 years.
- I did a lot of profound research lately on why we are so sick, why degenerative diseases have increased so much, and why the exponential rise in cancer.
- What I have discovered during this research, and all the reading I did, which was a lot, that it is mainly an agricultural problem.
- We don't have the minerals coming in to our food that we should be having.
- I just finished ten books on biologic agriculture.
- This is a new type of agriculture that can provide more of what we need in our food.
- This could have a tremendous impact on the people of Stokes County.
- More than that it could be a big economic incentive for Stokes County to be involved in the production of higher quality foods.
- I have shared some things such as the brix tester for food.
- I am not going to share it today without everyone here; I just wanted you to have an idea of what we I am working on.
- I may try and do this before the election, or after.
- It just depends on what you would like to do.
- I want to promote this new type of agriculture.

- I am going to be attending a conference in Massachusetts coming up in December to learn more about this kind of agriculture.
- I am sorry James is not here.
- If you would like to do something at the next meeting or later is fine.
- I just want you to see this.
- Since 1971 we have spent over 200 billion dollars researching cancer.
- Cancer has only increased since this time, because we don't have strong immune systems.
- There is a lot of information that I cannot possibly get to today.
- I appreciate the time and look forward to meeting with you on this.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

### Minutes

Minutes of September 24, 2018 – Regular Meeting

### Budget Amendments

#### Budget Amendment #23 – Danbury Water Fund

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #23.

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				
502.9100.731	County Loan Principal	\$ 9,802.00	\$ 54,283.00	\$ 64,085.00
502.9100.741	County Loan Interest	\$ 2,108.00	\$ (1,581.00)	\$ 527.00
	Total	\$ 11,910.00	\$ 52,702.00	\$ 64,612.00
This budget amendment is justified as follows:				
To appropriate funds to payoff the loan from General Fund to the Danbury Water Fund.				
This will result in a net increase of \$52,702.00 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				
502.3991.000	Fund Balance	\$ 488.00	\$ 52,702.00	\$ 53,190.00
	TOTALS	\$ 488.00	\$ 52,702.00	\$ 53,190.00

**Budget Amendment #24 – Arts Council**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #24.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Arts Council			
100.6150.590	Improvements	\$ -	\$ 169,500.00	\$ 169,500.00
	Total	\$ -	\$ 169,500.00	\$ 169,500.00
This budget amendment is justified as follows:				
To re-appropriate USDA grant fund for the completion of the Arts Council building project.				
This will result in a net increase of \$169,500.00 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
	General Fund			
100.3301.428	USDA Grant	\$ -	\$ 169,500.00	\$ 169,500.00
	TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 169,500.00	\$ 169,500.00

**Budget Amendment #25 – Purchasing**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #25.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Purchasing			
100.4131.311	Training	\$ 774.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,774.00
	Contingency			
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$ 46,900.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 43,900.00
	Total	\$ 47,674.00	\$ -	\$ 47,674.00
This budget amendment is justified as follows:				
To transfer funds from contingency for training of the new Support Service Supervisor.				
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



### **Budget Amendment #26 – Administration**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #25.

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

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
100.4120.311	Administration Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$ 43,900.00	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 38,900.00
	Total	\$ 44,900.00	\$ -	\$ 44,900.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from contingency for training.

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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

### **Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon**

The Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 beginning at 12:00. The luncheon will be held in the lower level of the Stokes County Courthouse as in the years past. This is a proposed date and will be announced to County Employees upon approval of the Board.

Commissioner Lankford moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

Vice Chairman Walker noted that Commissioner Jones had a correction to the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Nothing serious just a typo in the minutes that can be corrected.

With no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **Animal Shelter – Facility Compliance Inspection**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Sheriff Mike Marshall.

Sheriff Mike Marshall presented the following information to the Board of Commissioners.

- The last 18 months the Sheriff's Department has been in charge of the Animal Shelter.
- During that time frame we have replaced the staff, and put Chris Lawson in charge of the shelter.
- Our first inspection last year was a disaster.
- We had our second inspection September 27, 2018.
- We are now in 100 % compliance on everything at the shelter, along with the records keeping.
- The policies have been updated.
- The new rules and regulations for the shelter have been laid out and approved by the state.
- There was only one thing that had to be updated in the records regarding compliance, and this was updated before the Inspector left.

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

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I was thrilled when I saw this.
- You have done a great job on this.
- We really struggled over there for a while.
- I commend you Chris, for being a part of turning this around.
- We really do care about the shelter.
- It is just very complicated.
- Thank you so much.

Sheriff Mike Marshall responded:

- It was not just Chris and I.
- Dr. Cowan had a lot of input, as well as some others.
- I was well pleased with the inspection we received.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- This is very encouraging.
- A year and a half ago we had a meeting concerning the shelter.
- We were given some suggestions and encouragement from some of the folks from Raleigh.
- I am not sure you had taken it over at that point but you were involved.
- You have obviously been able to turn things around, along with some good help.

- The folks in Raleigh have been patient, allowing us to correct our problems.
- I commend you along with the others who made this happen.
- I want to also commend the others here today who are involved in helping animals with other projects going on in the county.
- I personally want to thank the Sheriff for bringing us where we need to be with the Animal Shelter.

Sheriff Mike Marshall responded:

- It is not about me.
- Good help is the key.
- There have been a lot of people involved.
- With the new facility going up, a lot of their volunteers have come over and helped.
- This has really cut down on our euthanizations.
- Our adoption rate is probably at an all-time high.

Vice Chairman Walker continued:

- Want to extend thanks to Chris.
- It seems he has really hit the ground running.
- I wish you continued success in your current capacity.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I will echo what the previous two Commissioners have said and said very well.
- I really appreciate what has been done at the shelter.
- Having the volunteers come over shows a lot of community support.
- I have known you a long time.
- One thing I have always appreciated about you is that you are a team player.
- You are never out looking to take the praise for yourself.
- You corrected our other Commissioners in saying it wasn't me, it was a team effort.
- That means a lot to me.
- I have known Chris a long time also.
- I appreciate your effort in this.
- Thank you both for everything.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I will say the same.
- A year and a half ago, my telephone was ringing often about the Animal Shelter.
- It appears at the time that we had employees that did not like animals.
- That is just what I got from some of the telephone calls I received.
- It makes such a big difference to have somebody in a position to look after things and that they like what they are doing.
- I believe you have a team now that enjoys what they are doing.
- You have put together a good team.
- I am proud that you have been the leader in making that happen.
- I am no longer hearing any negative comments, only positive.

Sheriff Mike Marshall commented:

- The shelter side of the job is really tough.
- Not to say the control side isn't hard but it is very different.
- Chris, along with the employees, and the volunteers have really got the shelter running great.
- It is cleaner than it has ever been, and I would say the animals are receiving better care than ever before.

### **Jail Expansion Update**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Jail Captain Eric Cone.

Jail Captain Eric Cone presented the following information to the Board of Commissioners.

- We are very excited with the progress that we have at this time.
- It is actually moving forward rather smoothly.
- The contractor has been very good about communicating with us.
- We are having bi-weekly meetings with the construction crew, as well as the architect.
- That is going really well.
- We broke ground in April 2018.
- Currently we are under roof and about to complete the interior walls for the new addition.
- The electricians and plumbers are working to complete their portions inside the facility.
- A large portion of the mechanical is complete.
- The security electronics contractor is onsite working in the existing facility to begin transitioning it over to the new equipment that will work with the new addition.
- The jails visitation area has been demoed and the contractors are starting to work toward completing the future magistrate's office.
- The new video visitation system is in place and operational.
- If we stay on the pace we are on now there is a good chance we could be done around the end of January.
- I think the contract requires them to be done in April.
- It is progressing well.
- When the hurricane came through we were fortunate enough to be under roof.
- The cinderblock is about to be finished in the interior.
- If you get a chance to walk through, you can really see the layout.
- Taking probably 25 pictures a week to see the progress, as well as for documentation.
- We are moving in the right direction.
- We have been contacted by other counties frequently to ask if we have space.
- I do believe that what was presented originally as far as this being a chance for economic growth will hold true as we will be able to bring in revenue by taking the overflow of inmates from other counties.

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

Commissioner Jones commented:

- This sounds so exciting.
- It has happened so quickly.
- I will be contacting you to get a tour in the near future.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- It looks very nice.
- It is great when things work out as they are supposed to.
- It is nice to hear the revenue is still in play.
- That was one of the deciding factors when we pushed the button on this project.
- Seems we got ahead of the game on doing something we were going to be forced to do down the road.
- Appreciate you bringing this to us.
- It is very encouraging news.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Anytime you get ready to build something, construction projects can certainly have their share of hiccups.
- It is great news to hear you are ahead of schedule.
- I like the sounds of the video visitation system in place now, and of the other counties reaching out to us.
- This was a big part of the push from Sheriff Marshall on the economic side of it.
- I actually contacted the Sheriff the other day and asked about a tour.
- He said I should contact you, so I will be in touch to schedule that.
- Thank you for the information.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- I think you have covered everything.
- We are glad to know that it is going well, and that we will soon have the extra space.
- Thanks for the job you are doing.

### **Wellness Center Update**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Commissioner Lankford.

Commissioner Lankford presented the following information to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- We had an opportunity recently to go and see another site.
- The County Manager, myself, and the Economic Development Director took a tour of another facility.
- The one we visited was in Forsyth County.
- The size of this facility is very comparable in size to what we would like to see in Stokes County.

- They offer recreation, exercise classes, and space for many activities.
- The gym includes a walking trail around the top portion of the gym.
- We were told that the seniors keep this area busy, especially in the winter time.
- We are still collecting information and have a little ways to go.
- We are in the process of having the USDA meet with us and getting our financial advisor here as well.
- Do we have any progress on that?

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

Clerk Shaver responded:

- I have emailed both Doug Carter, and Josh Carswell.
- We are in the process of trying to work out a date.
- They couldn't do the next couple of Commissioner's Meetings.
- Mr. Carswell is going to be in Stokes County on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and could meet with a couple of people and answer some questions and provide some information.
- This might be the fastest way to get the information we need since it looks like we will be well into November before we could get them to a meeting if then.
- Mr. Oakley, Will Carter, myself, and a Commissioner could meet with him on that day.
- I also know this day is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PTRC Celebration at 12:00 in Greensboro that I know Commissioner Lankford is attending and possibly some others.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I will give Shannon credit on this.
- The day after we met she contacted them.
- They started looking at calendars and saw that getting to a meeting might be a problem.
- That is how they came up with this day.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- We could have a special meeting.
- I feel like it is that important.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Thanks for the pictures and the information.
- We will wait and see what can be worked out.

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **FTCC Board of Trustees – Appointment Request**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to County Manager Jake Oakley.

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board of Commissioners.

- A request to appoint a second member from Stokes County to the FTCC Board of Trustees has been received.
- Last year Stokes County Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall was nominated and approved for the FTCC Board of Trustees.
- With the investment that the County has made with the community college, the FTCC Board of Trustees wanted a member from Stokes County.
- Dr. Green also stated last year that there would be a request for another appointment this year so that the terms would be staggered.
- The FTCC Board of Trustees would like this appointment to take place now, with the selected individual being from Stokes County.
- I am looking for input from the Board of Commissioners on selecting an individual for this Board appointment.
- They have stated that they are looking for someone preferably with business knowledge and an interest in economic development.
- It does not have to be a county employee, but it certainly can be.
- If a business owner is chosen and accepts the nomination they would need to be aware that while serving on the FTCC Board of Trustees they would not be able to bid or complete work associated with FTCC due to a conflict of interest.
- I would appreciate any suggestions from the Board on this appointment.

#### FTCC Board of Trustees Current Membership

#### **Officers**

- Chair – Ann Bennett Phillips – Vice President Campaign Group, Capital Development Services, Inc.
- Vice Chair – Paul M. Wiles – Retired, CEO, Novant Health
- Secretary – Gary M. Green, President, Forsyth Technical Community College

#### **Trustees**

- Dr. James D. Branch – Principal Investigator, James D. Branch Ophthalmology
- John A. Cocklereece, Jr. – Attorney, Bell, Davis & Pitt
- John M. Davenport, Jr. – President/Owner, DAVENPORT
- Tammy L. Duggins – Secretary, D. S. Duggins Welding
- Nancy W. Dunn – Founder, Aladdin Travel
- Dana Caudill Jones – President / Owner Caudill's Commercial Electric Company
- Edward Jones – Retired Deputy County Manager (Forsyth)
- Andrea D. Kepple – Retired Educator WS/FC Schools
- James R. Mendenhall – Stokes County Commissioner
- Alan Proctor, Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo
- Kenneth M. Sadler, DDS – President, Winston-Salem Dental Care

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

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Our Chairman is already on this Board.
- I have given this a lot of thought and feel like we have an individual that would fit very well on this Board.
- I would like to nominate Will Carter, our Economic Development Director.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- Thank you for that nomination.
- As I told the group at the League of Government meeting the other night, we don't always agree on every issue, but when the meeting is over we still leave friends.
- On this topic I agree with Commissioner Lankford.
- Mr. Carter was going to be my recommendation as well.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- I certainly concur with Mr. Carter being our nomination.
- We don't need someone there to just occupy a spot.
- We need someone who will represent the interest of Stokes County.
- We need to promote our county every chance we get.
- I feel like Mr. Carter can do that.
- He has certainly has my support.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I think Will is the logical person for this.
- He is the man for the job.

Chairman Mendenhall confirmed that Mr. Carter accepted the nomination.

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman instructed the Clerk to place this item on the next meetings Action Agenda.

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

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to Tax Administrator Richard Brim.

Tax Administrator Richard Brim presented the following information to the Board.



## Tax Collection Status Report FY 2018-19

### TAX COLLECTION STATUS REPORT

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED BY MONTH FY 2018-2019

CURRENT	COUNTY	SCHOOL	USE VALUE	INTEREST		KING	RURAL HALL	WALNUT COVE	SERVICE	CITY OF	TOWN OF		EDU DEBT
2018 TAX	REG & MV	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	359,522.21	360,648.59	13,744.25	2,287.76	2,229.93	13,679.65	4,005.31	7,983.37	47,835.89	103,642.80	7,244.00	1,153.49	47,488.78
OCTOBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOVEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DECEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	\$ 5,997,307.30	\$ 5,998,120.00	CONT'D	CONT'D	\$ 15,518.72	\$231,727.38	\$ 43,518.38	\$ 127,992.89	\$ 814,561.28	#####	\$ 253,646.02	\$ 18,719.68	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	\$ 4,673,217.70				\$ 14,481.28	\$ 98,635.62	\$ 20,687.62	\$ 102,285.11	\$ 826,908.72				
PERCENTAGE	56.20%				51.73%	70.14%	67.78%	55.58%	49.62%				
PRIOR	COUNTY	SCHOOL	USE VALUE	INTEREST		KING	RURAL HALL	WALNUT COVE	SERVICE	CITY OF	TOWN OF	TOWN OF	EDU DEBT
	REG & MV	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	686.23	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	40,630.59	-	-	12,504.38	82.55	306.86	42.94	436.34	3,875.47	2,053.36	82.97	144.76	2,546.53
OCTOBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOVEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DECEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	\$ 172,251.48	\$ 5,998,120.00	\$ 23,768.42	\$ 42,727.87	\$ 230.05	\$ 1,882.70	\$ 198.05	\$ 2,321.72	\$ 14,872.69	\$ 10,085.32	\$ 3,527.86	\$ 419.34	\$ 787,658.27
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	\$ 377,748.52		\$ 11,231.58	\$ 157,272.13		\$ 3,117.30	\$ 801.95	\$ 2,878.28	\$ 27,127.31				\$ 589,183.73
PERCENTAGE	31.32%	56.21%	67.91%	21.36%	23.01%	37.65%	19.81%	44.65%	35.41%				57.21%



Discovery and Garnishment Report

<b><u>Tax Administration Report- (July, August &amp; September 2018)</u></b>				
Discoveries	Audit Dates	# of Accounts	Total Value	Taxes Due
Business and Personal Property Discovery Report*	7/1/18 - 9/30/18	391	\$1,888,521	\$17,889.54
Report to the Board in accordance with GS 105-312(b)				
Garnishments*	Dates	Total Accounts	Original Levy Amount	Collected Amount
Total Amount Collected for Quarter	7/1/18 - 9/30/18	255	\$115,887.79	\$69,461.50
*Detailed report can be submitted upon request by Board				

DataMax – Interstate Collections and NC Debt Setoff

<b><u>Vehicle Taxes</u></b>	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018</b>
Month to Date Collected	\$295.55	\$496.08	\$191.10
# of Accounts Collected	10	6	3
Month to Date Cancelled	\$0.00	\$43.77	\$0.00
# of Accounts Cancelled	0	1	0
<b><u>Property Taxes</u></b>	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>August 2018</b>	<b>September 2018</b>
Month to Date Collected	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



# of Accounts Collected	0	0	0
Month to Date Cancelled	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
# of Accounts Cancelled	0	0	0
<u>EMS</u>	July 2018	August 2018	September 2018
Month to Date Collected	\$860.51	\$2,104.21	\$730.28
# of Accounts Collected	12	20	10
Month to Date Cancelled	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98.36
# of Accounts Cancelled	0	0	1
Total Collected (July-Sept 2018)			
Vehicle Taxes	\$982.73		
Property Taxes	\$0.00		
EMS	\$3,695.00		
Grand Total (July-Sept 2018)	\$4,677.73		

### EMS Billing and Collections

#### Current and Delinquent EMS Billings

<u>Month</u>	Transports		<u>Collected</u>	Medicare/ Medicaid	Other
	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Charged</u>		<u>Contractual *</u>	<u>Contractual*</u>
JULY, 2018	539	\$354,228.90	\$127,273.44	\$73,692.98	\$9.51

AUGUST, 2018	200	\$132,191.23	\$133,951.43	\$67,233.80	\$978.95
SEPTEMBER, 2018	287	\$188,342.75	\$126,582.59	\$38,210.65	\$433.31
TOTALS:	1026	\$674,762.88	\$387,807.46	\$179,137.43	\$1,421.83

\*contractual obligation, amount for which the patient cannot be billed.

Real and Personal Property Releases Less Than \$100

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HALL, RONALD G	1045 GREEN VALLEY RD, GERMANTON, NC 27019	849944-2018-2018	\$30.34
SINGLETON, NANCY T	418 WEST ST, KING, NC 27021	853655-2018-2018	\$49.77
NEAL, WENDALL A	1195 OLD VFW RD, PINNACLE, NC 27043	11139-2018-2018	\$55.23
		11139-2017-2017	\$61.65
		11139-2016-2016	\$61.23
		11139-2015-2015	\$57.79
SMITH, CYNTHIA D	1391 BRADLEY RD, PINNACLE, NC 27043	853532-2018-2018	\$56.98
MARTIN, KEVIN LEE	1145 MARTIN HOLLOW RD, MADISON, NC 27025	6796-2018-2018	\$45.16
		6796-2017-2017	\$45.08
		6796-2016-2016	\$44.77
HAIRSTON, MELVIN WELCH	606 MARSHALL ST, WALNUT COVE, NC 27052	321201-2018-2018	\$55.23
MOORE, FRED ALDINE	1289 FRED MERRITT RD, KING, NC 27021	281171-2018-2018	\$55.23
		TOTAL AMOUNT	\$618.46

Real and Personal Property Refunds Less Than \$100

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>LEDGER NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
MOORE, FRED ALDINE	1289 FRED MERRITT RD KING, NC 27021	281171-2017-2017	100.4140.390	\$41.99
			100.3839.012	\$5.01
			209.3100.160	\$5.42
			211.3100.160	\$2.71
			100.3100.160	\$1.10
MOORE, FRED ALDINE	1289 FRED MERRITT RD KING, NC 27021	281171-2016-2016	100.4140.390	\$41.99
			100.3839.012	\$4.98
			209.3100.160	\$5.08
			211.3100.160	\$2.71
			100.3100.160	\$1.09
MOORE, FRED ALDINE	1289 FRED MERRITT RD KING, NC 27021	281171-2015-2015	100.4140.390	\$39.66
			100.3839.012	\$34.68
			209.3100.160	\$4.48
			211.3100.160	\$2.56
			100.3100.160	\$4.11
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$197.57	

Real and Personal Property Releases More Than \$100

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
SINGLETON, NANCY T	418 WEST ST, KING, NC 27021	853656-2018-2018	\$144.99	REAPPRAISED LAND W/ SIZE ADJ FOR YEAR 2018
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$144.99	

Renaming of Whitaker Rd. (Private Drive)

It was brought to the attention of our GIS/Mapping Office of a road name duplication in the Pinnacle zip code by the Pinnacle Postmaster. Whitaker Rd. is a State Maintained Rd. in Surry County and has approximately 17 homes, Whitaker Rd. is a Private Drive in Stokes County with 2 unoccupied homes. All landowners have been notified in writing of the situation. Both Stokes County homeowners have signed a letter prepared by our office and have agreed to rename the Private Dr. to Hiram's Way. It is the recommendation of the Tax Administration the standard \$200 fee associated with renaming a Private Dr. be waived. This recommendation is based upon if Stokes County makes the change there will be no inconveniences to any homeowners of mailing address changes in either county and there is no risk of any Emergency Services Personnel being dispatched to the wrong address.



Change in Real Property Value of the former Francisco School

<b><u>Property Owner: Chestnut Street Investment LLC</u></b>			
<b><u>Parcel Number: 6000-01-16-9974    Address: 7165 NC 89 Hwy W</u></b>			
<b><u>Tax Year 2018 Value</u></b>		<b><u>Tax Year 2019 Value</u></b>	
<b>Land Value</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>Land Value</b>	<b>\$99,900</b>
<b>Building Value(s)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Building Value(s)</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$524,900</b>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

EMS Estate Write-Offs

The chart below is a list of Estate Claims made by our Tax/EMS Collection Staff that are no longer collectable. We have received letters from Estate Attorneys for the following five accounts stating "That all assets of the above referenced estate were used to pay priority claims under GS 28A-19-6 which had preference over your claim. We regret there were no assets to pay your claim." Based on these letters our office has no further recourse to collect these claims. I am requesting the Board of Commissioners Write-Off the following accounts based on this information.

<b><u>EMS Estate Write-Offs</u></b>	
<b><u>Account #</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>
<b>27859</b>	<b>\$430.00</b>
<b>26028</b>	<b>\$1,484.35</b>
<b>3435</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

<b>6759</b>	<b>\$1,894.14</b>
<b>22992</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,458.49</b>

#### Request for Exemption –Late Application

Per NCGS 105-282.1, “Late Application.....an application for exemption or exclusion filed after the close of the listing period may be approved.....by the board of equalization and review, by the board of county commissioners.....as appropriate.”

We have one late application on which the Tax Office is recommending approval:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Temple of the Holy Name 1283 Prabhupada Rd. Sandy Ridge, NC 27046	6968-00-46-6238	1.46 Acres Vacant Land

Reason: Temple of the Holy Name has owned this property since 2017, it is located “adjacent” to the Temple property and contributes to the “convenient use” of said building

#### Request for Exemption – Late Application for Elderly Exemption

Abstract No: 309880

Parcel No: 6944-04-93-6617

The above taxpayer owns 20.35 acres of land and a dwelling located at 1939 Piney Mountain Rd, Walnut Cove with an assigned tax value of \$192,600. She is requesting acceptance of a late application for the year 2018 for the elderly exemption. A review of her application and accompanying documents indicate that she qualify for the exemption.



North Carolina General Statute 105-282.1(a1) states "...Upon a showing of good cause by the applicant for failure to make a timely application, an application for exemption or exclusion filed after the close of the listing period may be approved by...the board of county commissioners...as appropriate. An untimely application for exemption or exclusion approved under this subsection applies only to the property tax levied by the county or municipality in the calendar year in which the untimely application is filed."

Due to the circumstances of this request, and discussion with Ms. Anders the Tax Administration recommends approval by the Board of this late application.

Tax Administrator Richard Brim noted that the following items need approval at the October 22, 2018 regular Commissioners Meeting:

- Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00
- Renaming of Whitaker Rd. (Private Drive)
- Write-off Request – EMS Estate
- Late Application – Religious
- Late Application – Elderly Exemption

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

Commissioner Jones commented:

- You did a great job.
- Want to commend you for that and the large print on the charts.
- I really appreciate that.
- Loved the way you handled the road names.
- This could be a real safety issue and I feel that this is a fair resolution.
- The numbers looks great.
- Looks like you are doing a great job and have acclimated very well into your new position.

Tax Administrator Richard Brim responded:

- It is going well.
- We have everyone in position now.
- We had Lynn come over to personal property from DSS.
- It is the first time we have had a full staff in months.
- Everyone has acclimated really well into their new positions.

Vice Chairman Walker commented:

- You did a great job.
- I wouldn't expect any less since you were trained by our County Manager.



- I am comfortable putting anything you have requested on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman Mendenhall commented:

- I read over everything.
- It all looks great.
- I don't have any questions.

Commissioner Lankford commented:

- Do you know how old the private drive is that we are renaming?

Tax Administrator Richard Brim responded:

- From what I could find out the road in Surry County has been there since 1985.
- We didn't start doing private road names until sometime in the late 90's.

Commissioner Lankford continued:

- Just wondered how long this last drive has been there.
- Sounds like it has been resolved.
- Keep up the good work.

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman instructed the Clerk to place the items requested on the next meetings Consent Agenda for approval.

### **Fire Commissioners – Recommendations for October 2018- October 2020 Term**

Chairman Mendenhall turned the floor over to County Manager Oakley.

County Manager Oakley presented the following information to the Board:

The request below was received from Texie Jessup, President of the Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association:

It is the recommendation of the Stokes County Fire & Rescue Association that Wayne Barneycastle be considered for Fire Commissioner, Fire Service Member for the October, 2018-October, 2020 term. Wayne is currently serving as a Fire Commissioner and would be willing to take another term. His information is as follows:

Wayne Barneycastle  
4511 NC 66 Hwy S  
King, NC 27021

The two Civilian Members that rotate off are Amos Elvis and Robert Knight, both have expressed an interest in taking another term. Also, for your information, I've attached the listing of the current Fire Commissioners.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, if you need further please let me know.

The following is the 19-20 Stokes County Fire Commissioners Listing

1. (Fire Service Member): **Clifford Hall**, (October, 2017 - October, 2019)

1305 Creasey Rd.

Lawsonville, N.C. 27022 (336) 593-2751, 336-326-7999

[clifford.hall@centurylink.net](mailto:clifford.hall@centurylink.net)

2. (Fire Service Member): **Donnie Mabe** (October 2017 – October, 2019)

1594 Sheppard Mill Road

Danbury, NC 27016 (336) 593-8823

3. (Fire Service Member): **Open** (October, 2018 – October, 2020)

4. (Civilian Member): **Steve Fagg** (October, 2017 – October, 2019)

1071 Talley Road

Westfield, NC 27053 (336) 593-2612

(Assigned to Lawsonville, Francisco)

5. (Civilian Member): **Open** (October, 2018 – October, 2020)

6. (Civilian Member): **Open** (October, 2018 – October, 2020)

Ex-Officio/Secretary: **Scott Aaron**

Stokes County Fire Marshal

P.O. Box 20

Danbury, NC 27016 (336) 593-2484

Ex-Officio: **Texie Jessup**

President, Stokes County Fire & Rescue Association

6621 NC 89 Hwy W

Westfield, NC 27053

Updated 9/26/18

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

With no discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman directed the Clerk to place this item on the next meetings Action Agenda.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

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

### **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)

Commissioner Jones 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 Lankford 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 October 8, 2018 meeting.

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

Animal Shelter

Commissioner Lankford motioned to approve the request of the Sheriff for the Supervisor to take over the day to day operations of the Animal Shelter, with the Sheriff continuing to be over the Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

With no further discussion and a 4-0 vote 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.

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

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**Ronnie Mendenhall**  
**Chairman**