

**STATE OF NORTH  
CAROLINA  
  
COUNTY OF STOKES**

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**OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH  
CAROLINA  
MONDAY MAY 13, 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nickelston called the meeting to order.

### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Morris delivered the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the Agenda as presented.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners**

Commissioner Morris welcomed those in attendance and watching online. Commissioner Morris noted that he would hold his office hours on Tuesday the 14th from 4-7 in room 325, this being the second time. He noted he would be blogging the budget meetings once they begin along with the regular meetings.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and noted that he hoped those in attendance find their time well spent. Vice Chairman Walker noted that he is getting used to the new technology and that for the most part we are now paperless.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and noted that he was glad to be back after missing the last meeting due to a training for work in Indianapolis.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and noted that it is always a pleasure to see the community come out. Commissioner Mendenhall noted that he would not be making many comments during the meeting due to a root canal performed just a few hours prior to the meeting.

Chairman Nickelston welcomed those in attendance and noted he appreciates those willing to spend their time here.

County Manager Oakley welcomed those in attendance and noted that he recently attended the DARE Graduation at Pinnacle Elementary. This was a very touching program due to one of the

speakers having lost a child to drug addiction.

## **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Recommended Budget**

County Manager Oakley presented the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Recommended Budget and Budget Message. A copy of the message as well as the budget can be found on the County Website under the Finance tab, as well as a paper copy in the Administrative Office. Copies are also available for purchase.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellen Peric  
1095 Wheeler Smith Road  
Lawsonville, NC 27022

RE:Update on the Arts

### **The Apple Gallery – May**

The Stokes County Arts Council presents artist Fran Speight in the Apple Gallery. This exhibit, on display until May 31st, features works in oils and pastels.

Speight says that “My passion is painting the landscape, to capture the ever changing light and colors in the natural elements that surround us. I want to take the viewer on a visual journey, to feel the light and color of a place and time, and perhaps a memory.”

Speight worked in local galleries for 33 years as a professional framer. Now retired, she devotes her time to painting.

An opening reception was held at the Apple Gallery on Friday, May 10.

### **Our Spring Barn Quilt Class was so popular we've added another date!**

**Saturday, May 18, 2019. 9:00-1:30 pm.**

In our Spring Barn Quilt Class you will paint a 2ft by 2ft Birchwood Quilt Square. This class welcomes all levels of painters, beginner to advanced. Registration is \$55 (non-refundable) and includes all materials. Instructor: Sarah Maddox.

7 designs to choose from. Pick yours at <http://artsplaceofstokes.org/spring-barn-quilt-class-new-date-added/> Email your selection to [felicia@stokesarts.org](mailto:felicia@stokesarts.org)

### **Come Hear North Carolina, 2019 NC Music Celebration**

Come Hear NC is a promotional campaign of the North Carolina Department of Natural & Cultural Resources and the North Carolina Arts Council designed to celebrate North Carolinians' groundbreaking contributions to many of America's most important musical genres — blues, bluegrass, jazz, gospel, funk, rock and everything in-between.

All proceeds go toward supporting our “Junior Mountain Music” program – teaching local students grades 3-5 on traditional acoustic instruments. We have a matching grant for this program from the NC Arts Council.

The final program of this series:

### **May 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday 4 pm - Suzy Bogguss**

One of the most acclaimed female country singers of the late '80s and '90s, Suzy Bogguss is one of country music's most pristine and evocative vocalists. With the release of her 1989 major label debut, *Somewhere Between*, Suzy quickly became one of the key artists that defined those golden days of '90s country. She scored a string of Top 10 singles with country radio staples like “Outbound Plane,” “Drive South,” “Hey Cinderella,” “Letting Go” and “Aces,” and her 1991 album of that name was certified platinum. Suzy has released albums ranging from modern swing music with Ray Benson of *Asleep At The Wheel*; to original jazz music to a collection of classics

originally performed by Merle Haggard in her most recent album, Lucky.

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday– 7:30 pm Celebrating the Women of Jazz**

Andrea Lauren Templon has been called “one of the most versatile vocalists in North Carolina”. Andrea’s eclectic musical tastes and adaptability are evidenced by the variety of genres she has performed throughout the years: from country to rock, beach, top forty, R&B, reggae, funk, rock and, yes, jazz.

Jazz takes center stage on Saturday, May 25th at The Arts Place. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., Andrea Templon will celebrate the women of Jazz - Ella, Billie, Nina and more!

Tickets are \$10 for SCAC members, \$12 General Admission, and \$5 for 18 & under.

**ARTShine – June 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 2 – 4:30 pm  
Moore’s Springs Manor**

Our fundraiser of the year!

Matt Kendrick Trio

Pacific Rim Food Truck

Artists on Location

Art Auction – Live and Silent

Drinks, Food, Entertainment included in ticket price

\$50 each

Pam Tillman  
113 Gayle Drive  
King, NC 27021

RE: LifeBrite Hospital

Pam Tillman, LifeBrite Hospital Administrator extended her gratitude to the Board of Commissioners for their dual role in acting as the Board of Directors for the Hospital as well as the Board of Commissioners. She extended an invitation to the Board and public to attend the LifeBrite Hospital Open House being held this Thursday from 4-7. The Open House will include tours of the hospital, free health screenings, slideshow presentation of the history of the hospital, refreshments, and door prizes. Ms. Tillman noted that LifeBrite is more than just a health care facility, they are part of the community. ER is open 24/7, Outpatient Facility, Clinics at the hospital and around the community, and the Surgery Center in King. Ms. Tillman noted that her door is open to answer any questions you may have about the hospital and thanked the Board for allowing her to present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Minutes

Budget Amendments

## 2019 Local Government Agencies General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule

All attachments presented on the Agenda are available in the attachments of the Agenda on the County Website and are available upon request from the Clerk, with the exception of the minutes approved which are located on the County Website under the minutes tab.

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

Chairman Nickelston noted that there were no items on the Information Agenda at tonight's meeting.

### **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

#### **Charters of Freedom**

Ron Lewis with Foundation Forward presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Charters of Freedom. The previous Board approved a Charters of Freedom setting and signed a Letter of Intent. As the time for the installation of the setting draws near the final details were discussed. Mr. Lewis suggested an alternate location beside the Administrative Building and noted that it would likely be next Spring before the project begins and that he would be back closer to that time to work out finalized details.

No actions were taken on this item.

#### **Life Brite Hospital Foundation**

Public Works Director Mark Delehant presented the Board with information regarding an issue with a portion of the foundation of LifeBrite Hospital and requested approval for the quote received to repair this. Mr. Delehant noted that there was only one bid for this contract received and this is a serious issue requiring immediate attention. There was discussion among the Board.

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

#### **Request for Abandonment of section of SR 1983**

County Manager Oakley presented the Board with information regarding a request from a citizen for the abandonment of a portion of SR 1983. There was a brief discussion by the Board on this request.

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

#### **2019/20 Health and Dental Insurance Rates**

County Manager Oakley presented the Board with information regarding the 2019-20 Health and Dental Insurance Renewal Rates and noted that there would only be a 3.75% increase on health insurance compared to the almost 12% increase last year, and only a .96 cent increase on dental. County Manager Oakley requested that the Board place this item on the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting in order to meet the open enrollment deadlines.

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

## **NC DOT Supplemental Agreement**

County Manager Oakley presented information to the Board regarding the NC D.O.T. Supplemental Agreement with the County and noted that the additional paving is due to the savings from the original agreement due to the NC D.O.T. being willing to work with the County in providing this service at cost. There will still be available funds for future paving. Mr. Oakley noted that \$500,000.00 was approved in the budget last year for paving and the first portion of this is set to begin June 17th. There was some discussion among the Board on this item.

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

## **Tax Office - Monthly Report**

Tax Administrator Richard Brim presented the Tax Administration's Monthly Report with a request to place the Real and Personal Refunds over \$100, and the Present-Use Value Late Applications on the next meetings Consent Agenda.

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board, the Chairman directed the Clerk to place the Real and Personal Refunds over \$100, and the Present-Use Value Late Applications on the next meetings Consent Agenda.

## **Animal Shelter Veterinarian Contract**

County Manager Oakley presented information regarding the new contract for the Veterinarian that will be contracting with the Animal Shelter. After a brief discussion, County Manager Oakley and the Board expressed their gratitude to Dr. Cowan for working with the County and for being willing to continue on until a new Veterinarian could be contracted with.

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

## **Budget Meeting Schedule**

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the Proposed Meeting Schedule for the 2019 Budget Meetings, Joint Meeting with the Board of Education, and the Public Hearing for the Budget. With no conflicts the schedule was agreed upon by the Board. It was noted that this would be advertised in the Stokes News as well as posted on the County Website.

No actions were taken on this item.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **Court Room A and B Carpet Replacement**

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the Courtroom A and B Carpet Replacement and Budget Amendment # 103.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Lease- NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NC Forest Service)**

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NC Forest Services) Lease with the County of Stokes.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Proclamations**

Commissioner Yontz moved to approve the Proclamations presented for EMS Week, Foster Care Month, and Older Americans Month.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**2019/20 Health and Dental Insurance Renewal Rates**

Commissioner Yontz moved to approve the 2019/20 Health and Dental Insurance Renewal Rates.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Rationale for Closed Session:

To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3)

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

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)

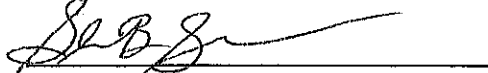
Commissioner Mendenhall moved to enter Closed Session..

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Yontz moved to Adjourn the meeting..

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.



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



**Andy Nickelston**  
**Chairman**