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OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH
CAROLINA
TUESDAY MAY 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nickelston called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Yontz 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.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners

Commissioner Morris welcomed those in attendance and noted that he had posted his blog from the two budget work sessions that had been held and as a reminder that there would be more meetings this week including a meeting with the Board of Education.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and noted that he recently read a great article in Readers Digest about libraries and that it is good to see all the folks here from the library. As many of you know I had a run in with a deer recently and we seem to have an increasing population. If anyone has any suggestions on this please let me know as this is a dangerous problem due to traffic accidents with deer. Vice Chairman Walker noted that he hoped those in attendance would find their time well spent.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and noted that as Commissioner Morris previously stated that there would be more budget work sessions this week as well as the Public Hearing for the Budget. Commissioner Yontz urged people to attend and voice their concerns and that is what the Board is here for.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and noted that it was good to see so

many familiar faces and that he loved to see the library turnout. Commissioner Mendenhall noted that he was excited to hear the comments tonight and that the Public Hearing scheduled for Friday has been moved to the Commissioners Chambers from Court Room A, and that it would still be at 7. He stated that he hoped people would attend and noted that if not to remember that all meetings are livestreamed now and are available to view on YouTube.

Chairman Nickelston welcome those in attendance and noted that it was great to see such a large turnout.

County Manager Oakley welcomed those in attendance and noted that he wanted to give thanks to our Fire Departments. He stated that he received a letter from Wieland Copper in reference to a fire at their facility on April 23rd and their appreciation of the quick service they received from our Fire Departments. To show their appreciation they gave a \$500.00 donation to the Fire Departments which will go through the Fire Marshal's office.

Chairman Nickelston expressed his thanks to the men and women working in the Fire Departments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellen Peric
1095 Wheeler Smith Rd.
Lawsonville, NC 27022

RE: Arts Update

The Apple Gallery – June

The Stokes County Arts Council presents The Stokes Opportunity Center in the Apple Gallery. This exhibit, on display the month of June, features ceramics and other mediums by the adults attending the Center.

An opening reception will be held at the Apple Gallery on Friday, June 6th from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

Danbury Songwriters begins 3rd Season: May 30th 7pm

The 2019 season of The Danbury Songwriters kicks off with Taylor Vaden on Thursday, May 30th at 7pm! Taylor Vaden is a singer-songwriter and entertainer from King, North Carolina. He was a 2017 & 2018 Carolina Music Award Nominee, 2018 Forsyth County Entertainment Award Nominee & Winner. Taylor's latest single, "This," is now available on iTunes. Tickets for the Danbury Songwriters are \$5 in advance and at the door. Season tickets for the Summer 2019 Series are also available for \$50. That's 14 shows, every Thursday, from May 30, 2019 through August 29

Junior Mountain Music Program Recital - May 31st 6:30 pm Arts Place

We are wrapping up our first semester of the Stokes Junior Mountain Music program with a spring recital at The Arts Place!

Funded in part by the North Carolina Arts Council, the Junior Mountain Music offers low cost music instruction to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in Stokes County. The students have been hard at work since January learning to play traditional music instruments like the banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle and bass!

ArtShine June 1st Saturday 2-4:30pm at Moore's Springs Manor

Slip on your dancing shoes, tip your glasses, and open up your wallets for a great cause on Saturday, June 1st, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. as ARTShine, a fundraiser for the Stokes County Arts Council, makes its way to picturesque Moore's Springs Manor. This beautiful venue is located near Hanging Rock State Park at the foot of the Sauratown Mountains. Entertainment by the Matt Kendrick Trio. Matt Kendrick, a bass player and composer, is one of North Carolina's most beloved jazz musicians. He's a member of the music faculty at Wake Forest University. This year will feature the Pacific Rim Food Truck, as well as hors'douevres and great desserts. Live and Silent Art Auction with painters and artisan demonstrations on site. Proceeds benefit school programs in all Stokes County Schools.

Trivia – June 4th 6:30 pm

Bring your family, bring your friends, meet 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 create a team name (Smarty Pants, Looney Tunes, Know-It-All's) 2) Collaborate and answer 4 rounds of 10 questions from categories similar to: Sports, Classic TV, State Flags, Mathematics, English, Movies, Art, World, US History, and General Knowledge. 3) At the end of each round, sheets are collected and tallied. 4) Enjoy snacks, drinks, coffee, ice cream and a meal while enjoying a fun time trying to make your way through easy and stumping questions.

Danbury Songwriters – June 6th 7:00 pm

Jeff Wall is the self proclaimed, Big dumb hick, a solo acoustic singer/songwriter/storyteller from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. "Jeff Wall is a one of a kind. His show combines a deceptively simple homespun delivery, with humor both hilarious and dark. Think of Roger Miller/Kinky Friedman, in the physically imposing body of an older, white, hillbilly, Lawrence Taylor. This is one act you won't want to miss."

Recap: May 19th Sunday 4 pm - Suzy Bogguss

A Sold Out Show! What a show – everyone had a great time!

Lots of folks hung around to meet Suzy and have their picture taken with her after the show.

Olivia Shelton
602 North Main Street
Danbury, NC 27016

RE: Hospital, SCAC Libraries

Thank you for your continued support of the hospital and the Arts Council.
We use the hospital often and am thankful that it is here.
I want to speak in support of our libraries this evening.
I don't think those of us who do not lack information really understand what libraries mean to people.
My big cause for the library is the bookmobile which is based in Danbury but goes throughout the county.
If you have a senior citizen, a child home for the summer, or someone without transportation they can have access to books through the bookmobile.
All you have to do is call the library and it will come to you.
It is an expensive service and we realize that.
Our librarians and staff are in need of some sort of graduated cost of living increase.
I hope that you will support Jake Oakley's budget in funding this over the next three years.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sharon Richardson
3220 Piney Mountain Rd.
Walnut Cove, NC 27022

RE: Libraries

I am here tonight in support of the local libraries.
Our three Boards are all unified and wearing our purple in support of our libraries.
We have met together and really learned a lot about our local branches.
We urge you to support Jake Oakley's request for the graduated pay increase for the libraries.
It doesn't matter what time of day you go there, they are always busy.
They do so many things that I was not even aware of.
Lots of people now think that because of the digital age that libraries are not necessary but they are.
Many people do not have access to the internet where they live and this is where they go to have access to technology.
I have always used the library's summer reading program since first moving to Stokes County; and now enjoy it with my grandchildren.
I would like to give the Board some signatures that are in support of the library pay increase and the bookmobile.

Diane Myers
PO Box 310
King, NC 27021

RE: Libraries

I serve on the King Public Library Board of Directors and I am the Director for Habitat for Humanity of Stokes County.
I fully support the County Manager's budget proposal pertaining to the library employees salaries.
Their service to the community is invaluable.
They should be rewarded.
Families feel the effect of the poverty cycle in Stokes County everyday.

Some people struggle daily with food, shelter , and other basic needs so free programs through the library are very important.

These programs include job link, free internet usage, and even children's programs; allowing families opportunities otherwise out of reach.

We are blessed in Stokes County to have service providers to back these programs up.

Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to providing safe, decent, affordable housing to all citizens of Stokes County.

With that new foundation in place families are better equipped to overcome other obstacles.

The partnership with the library is a natural fit and helps to facilitate economic growth.

I appreciate your support and thank you for your time.

Laurie Dunkelberger
321 Cherokee Ct.
King, NC 27021

RE: Libraries

I am here as a Board Member of the King Public Library.

I moved here from Pennsylvania nine years ago and we had two days to find a house and get the contract back on our house we were selling.

We were not sure how we were going to do it and our realtor took us to the Library and they helped with everything.

The staff was helpful and knowledgeable with all the things we needed.

I had no idea that the county did not have the money to buy books and materials for the library until I got involved with the Friends of the Library.

This is a great way for me to get involved.

My husband and I were also impressed with what a beautiful building the library is housed in for a small town of 11,000 people.

The building and materials are great but nothing matters if you don't have staff.

Staff who cares and goes out of there way to help.

This is why I am here to encourage you to fund the increase.

Patrick Simmons
5153 NC 89 West
Westfield, NC 27053

RE: Libraries

Five generations of my family has lived in Stokes County that I know of.

Any of you that know the County well, know that there are some large areas with no high speed internet.

There are many millions of dollars of property value in these areas.

We don't have a lot of cell phone towers, so the internet is very important.

I am a Board Member at the Danbury Public Library and a Regional Member at the NWRL.

I am a cabinet builder by trade but I have lots of hobbies, such as restoring old wood working tools, and old automobiles.

Finding parts for some of that stuff can prove challenging.

The library has allowed me to market and sell some of the things I have made over the years.

I bought an old truck for \$3,500 from South Dakota and used the library to research about this vehicle and find parts.

I even had to make parts for it.

A few years ago someone offered me \$70,000 for that truck.

Internet access makes it possible for me to make a living.

As a coach I post any of my teams accomplishments online.

The library and it's staff make it possible for me to do this.

When I first started going to the library Nora Lankford, a former Commissioner's wife was the librarian there and she was a lot like me in the fact that we had not had access to the internet in school but she tried all she could to help me.

Lisa Lawless, Librarian at the Danbury Public Library has helped me learn so much about the internet and technology and has helped me to be successful in my business while living in an area where it seems like technology forgot.

I just want you to think about that when it comes to approving the library budget and providing the staff that works there with a fair market wage.

There have been many people and Mr. Mendenhall would know this being that he was the Principal at North Stokes, that when they come to Stokes County have no cell service or access to the internet at all.

All the libraries leave there internet on 24 hours a day so there is wifi available.

Just want you to consider all the ways that it helps me, my neighbors, and my community by having the internet, and resources available when you vote on the budget.

Pam Tillman
113 Gayle Drive
King, NC 27021

RE: LifeBrite

I want to take this opportunity to give an update on the hospital.

We had our open house and had a great turnout.

If you were not able to attend I encourage you to check out our Facebook page, LifeBrite Community Hospital of Stokes.

We would like to thank Dale Sands Photography for attending and taking some great photos.

We were also excited to have many of our community partners in attendance and make contributions to the evening.

We appreciate the donations from The Arts Place and Hampton House.

Yadkin Valley Home Health, Mountain Valley Hospice, Cardinal Innovations, King Chamber, and Horace Stimpson with Communities of Northwest Stokes were also in attendance.

Our therapy partners, Innovative Therapy Concepts donated some door prizes that we were able to give folks.

I appreciate the opportunity to tell you about the hospital, encourage support for the hospital, and just remind people that we are open for business.

Our emergency department is open 24/7 no matter what insurance you have.

We can treat there or transport somewhere else if needed.

I would like to highlight the therapy services.

Our physical and occupational therapy services are located inside the hospital in Danbury.

We treat inpatient, outpatient, and our nursing home patients.

We offer individualized programs and education.

I would like to offer to meet with any of you individually and help you answer any questions you may have or that you might receive from anyone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Walker requested clarification on Budget Amendment # 110 regarding money allocated for paving projects from Finance Director Julia Edwards.

Finance Director Julia Edwards explained that the remainder of the \$500,000.00 allocated for paving in last years budget was being moved back into Capital Reserve for the Fiscal Year.

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.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

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Budget Amendments

Tax Administration

INFORMATION AGENDA

Cardinal Innovations Quarterly Update

Cardinal Senior Executive Melissa Bunker provided the quarterly report to the Board. There was discussion between the Board and Cardinal Senior Executive Melissa Bunker regarding services offered through Cardinal and the pilot program involving Foster Care.

Stokes Partnership for Children

Cindy Tuttle, Executive Director with Stokes Partnership for Children provided the Board with an update on the NC 211 program and the NC Care 360 program. Cindy Tuttle, Executive Director with Stokes Partnership for Children introduced the new Behavior Inclusion Specialist Melissa Kirkland and expressed her gratitude to the Board for their help in making this position possible.

(5 minute recess taken)

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Economic Incentive Agreement for Chestnut Street Investment LLC (Old Francisco School)

Economic Development Director Will Carter presented the Board with information regarding the

Economic Incentive Agreement for Chestnut Street Investments.

The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Black on what he has been able to accomplish in the Francisco community.

After a brief discussion by the Board this item was moved to Action Agenda at the next meeting.

JCPC Appointments/Re-Appointments

The JCPC Appointments and Re-appointments were moved to the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

Insurance Renewals

Support Services Supervisor Glenda Pruitt presented the Board with the FY 19/20 Workers Compensation, General Liability, and Automotive Insurance renewal rates received from the NCACC.

After a brief discussion this item was moved to the Action Agenda at the next meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

Life Brite Hospital Foundation

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the LifeBrite Foundation repair with Garanco Construction Company in the amount of \$14,585.00 and Budget Amendment #113.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Request for Abandonment of section of SR 1983

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the request for abandonment of a section of SR 1983.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

NC DOT Supplemental Agreement

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the NC DOT Supplemental Agreement in the amount of \$97,456.00 for paving only with no milling or striping included.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Animal Shelter Veterinarian Contract

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the Veterinarian contract between Dr. Preston Roberts and the County of Stokes.

Vice Chairman Walker 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)

Commissioner Yontz moved to to enter Closed Session.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

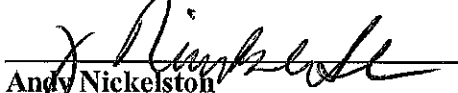
Adjournment

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to Adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.



Shannon Shaver
Clerk to the Board



Andy Nickelston
Chairman