

**STATE OF NORTH  
CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF STOKES**

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**OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH  
CAROLINA  
MONDAY JUNE 24, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Chairman Nickelston delivered the Innvocation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners**

Commissioner Morris welcomed those in attendance and extended a special welcome to the young athletes in attendance.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and extended his congratulations to the athletes in attendance.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and noted that it was always a pleasure when serving on the School Board to see the athletes come in and be recognized for their achievements and tonight is another great night for this.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and noted that he saw many people in attendance that he knew, as well as seeing a young man that he coached in wrestling who is here tonight as the coach of a state champion wrestler. He extended his congratulations to all the state champion athletes and commended them for their hard work.

Chairman Nickelston welcomed those in attendance and congratulated all of the state champion athletes in attendance.

County Manager Oakley welcomed those in attendance and noted that he attended the Stokes Partnership for Children Awards on June 11th where Chairman Nickelston and Sheriff Marshall were recognized for their support of this valuable program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellen Peric  
1095 Wheeler Smith Rd.  
Lawsonville, NC 27022

RE: Arts Update

### **The Apple Gallery – July**

The Stokes County Arts Council presents Belinda Eldridge in the Apple Gallery. Belinda is a photographer and many of her subjects are from Stokes County – where she grew up.

An opening reception will be held at the Apple Gallery on Friday, July 12th from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Paint Night – June 25<sup>th</sup> – 6 to 8pm**

"Painting the Beach"

Join Artist Craig Richards as he leads the class through the steps of completing a painting of a beautiful beach scene. Students will follow along step by step to learn how to create sky, water and sand. This easy process will have you painting like a pro. All materials are supplied - \$30 fee.

Located in The Arts Place Artists Loft

### **Danbury Songwriters June 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

June 27, 2019 The Danbury Songwriters welcomes **Arcus Wyatt** to the stage at The Arts Place. Arcus plays Piedmont Blues fused with Americana. His passion for music has developed many journeys and accomplishments such as opening for and sharing the stage with International Blues Artist The King Bees and Abe Reid and graduating at Fuller and Stevie Ray Vaughn to Jason Isbell and Robert Johnson. \$5 at the door.

### **Trivia – July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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. Food for this event will be Hot Dogs and fixings with side dishes and desserts. Donations for the food go to our Stokes County Student Scholarship Fund.

### **Danbury Songwriters Series – July 4<sup>th</sup> Special – 7 pm**

Come celebrate the birth of our nation with the Danbury Songwriters as they welcome the Stokes County Historical Society and The New Danbury Cornet Band, to The Arts Place on Thursday, July 4th at 7:00 pm.

The evening will begin with a presentation by the Stokes County Historical Society exploring the rich history of our county with beautiful photography, detailed historical research, and interesting stories of Stokes County's beautiful people and places.

The New Danbury Cornet Band will entertain with patriotic tunes played on the 1880's horns of the original Danbury Cornet Band, discovered in the attic of the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department. The instruments were restored through funding from the Historical Society. Steve Shelton will

share his research on the horns and their popularity in the mid to late 1800's.

This **FREE** celebration begins at 7:00 pm at The Arts Place. Concessions will be available and festivities will end before dark so guests can make it to local fireworks displays to round out the night!

**“Once Upon a Saturday – Bremen Town Musicians” – 11am**

Stokes Arts presents a new monthly series at The Arts Place for bright, imaginative young minds. Once Upon a Saturday brings theatre to life for kids ages 4 to 10. This interactive program encourages kids to become involved in the theatre and experience the many benefits of the performing arts!

Saturday, July 6 at 11am it's the Bremen Town Musicians featuring Peter and Christina Holland of Once Upon a Blue Ridge. Peter and Christina and friends present this classic tale that shows you're never too old to follow your dreams. With plenty of music, humor, and audience participation, Bremen Town Musicians is a treat for all ages.

Admission is **FREE!**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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.

Tax Administration

Minutes- Regular Meeting June 10, 2019

Budget Amendments

Home and Community Care Block Grant Revision

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

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**INFORMATION AGENDA**

**Stokes County NCHSAA State Champion Athletes for the 18/19 School Year**

County Manager Oakley on behalf of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners presented the State Champion Athletes from North Stokes, South Stokes, and West Stokes with a Resolution for the Appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

**Stokes County Emergency Services Lifeline Recognition**

County Manager Oakley presented the Stokes County Board of Commissioners with information on the Mission : Lifeline Gold Plus Award that the Stokes County EMS has been honored with.

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **Planning Board Appointments/Re-Appointments**

County Manager Oakley presented the Planning Board Appointment/Re-Appointment requests from Planning Director David Sudderth.

After some discussion and full consensus of the Board the Planning Board Appointments/Re-Appointments were moved to the Action Agenda for the next meeting.

### **Stokes County Agricultural Fair Request**

Steve Page with the King American Legion requested the Board to consider paying \$6,500 towards the insurance premium for costs associated with the Stokes County Fair. Mr. Page stated that the last few years the low attendance due to weather has caused the loss of funds from the fair to pay this.

After some discussion the Board agreed to move this item to the Action Agenda at the next meeting with a Budget Amendment to be added to allocate the funds in the amount of \$6,500.00.

### **NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate Designation**

Assistant County Manager /Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the Board with information regarding the NCACC Annual Conference and the need for a voting delegate designee.

After some discussion by the Board, Commissioner Mendenhall, Commissioner Morris, Vice Chairman Walker, and Chairman Nickelston confirmed that they would attend the conference and it was decided that Commissioner Morris would act as the Voting Delegate Designee.

No Action needed on this item.

### **Hart Purchase Agreement/Settlement Statement/Budget Amendment #128**

County Manager Oakley presented the Board with information regarding a purchase agreement for the Hart property to be purchased to secure the access to the river from this location and requested that this item be moved to the Action Agenda tonight due to the time sensitive nature of the request and the need to act on this in the current fiscal year.

After some discussion and full consensus of the Board the Purchase Agreement with Budget Amendment #128 was moved to the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to move this item to the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **Donation of Land for County Use - Mecum Property**

County Manager Oakley presented the Board with information related to the donation of land from the Mecum's in Walnut Cove for the site for the new EMS Station approved in the budget. He noted that this generous donation just needs to be formally accepted by the Board and that a receipt of donation in the amount of \$70,000.00 will be provided to the Mecum's from County Attorney Browder's office. County Manager Oakley requested this item be moved to the Action Agenda at

tonight's meeting.

The members of the Board expressed their gratitude to the Mecum's for their generous donation of land for the new EMS Station.

After some discussion and full consensus of the Board the donation of land from county use was moved to the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to move this item to the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

(5 minute recess taken)

### **Transportation Contracts**

Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the Transportation Contracts presented at the last meeting on June 10th.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **Catering Contract**

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Catering Contract presented at the last meeting on June 10th.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **NC D.O.T. Addition**

Commissioner Yontz moved to to approve the NC D.O.T. Addition presented at the last meeting on June 10th.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **Purchase Agreement with Budget Amendment #122**

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Purchase Agreement for the land purchase of the Jessie Glendale Bullins Estate with Budget Amendment #122 in the amount of \$75,000.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **Budget Ordinance**

Vice Chairman Walker noted that although he voted against the budget that he would be voting in favor of the Budget Ordinance.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the 19/20 Budget Ordinance as presented by

Finance Director Julia Edwards.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Hart Purchase Agreement/Settlement Statement/Budget Amendment #128**

Vice Chairman Walker moved to to approve the Hart Purchase Agreement and Budget Amendment #128 in the amount of \$14,900.00.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Donation of Land for County Use - Mecum Property**

Commissioner Yontz moved to to approve the acceptance of the donation of land from the Mecum's and acknowledge with receipt of this donation.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to adjourn.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

  
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Shannon Shaver  
Clerk to the Board

  
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Andy Nickelston  
Chairman