

**STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA
COUNTY OF STOKES**

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**OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH
CAROLINA
MONDAY JULY 8, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Walker called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order.

Vice Chairman Walker noted that Chairman Nickelston would be absent from the meeting tonight.

Absent: Nickelston

INVOCATION

Commissioner Morris delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Morris moved to to move Item B. from the Information Agenda to the Discussion Agenda at the next meeting.

The motion Died for lack of Second.
Absent: Nickelston

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Ayes: Mendenhall, Walker, Yontz

Nays: Morris

Absent: Nickelston

COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners

Commissioner Morris welcomed those in attendance and those watching online and noted that he would hold office hours Tuesday from 4-7 for anyone that might be interested and that he would be blogging from tonight's meeting in the morning.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and noted that he wanted to put a plug in for the local farmers markets in the county as he had the opportunity to visit one recently. He encouraged folks to visit the markets.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and noted that he looked forward to working on things for the county.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their participation in local government and noted that he hoped everyone had a good Fourth of July Holiday.

County Manager Oakley welcomed those in attendance.

Absent: Nickelston

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellen Peric
1095 Wheeler Smith Road
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.

Danbury Songwriters July 11th 7pm

July 11, 2019 The Danbury Songwriters welcomes the Brown Mountain Lightning Bugs to the The Arts Place of Stokes.

The Brown Mountain Lightning Bugs are a folk(ish)/Americana group hailing from Winston-Salem, NC. Comprised of Zack and Kendra Harding, and Ryan Packet, Their influences range from Neil Young to Regina Spektor. Blending their unique musical sensibilities, the band seeks to craft an entertaining experience that has a little something for everyone.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and at the door.

July 13th Portable Art Sit In – The Arts Place 10am – 12noon

Are you an artist that practices a portable art? Can you pick up your craft and work anywhere? Come join other local artist at the Arts Place of Stokes for a 'Portable Art Sit In!' Artists of ANY medium are invited 'Sit In' and work on their current projects in the company of other local artists. As long as the weather is nice, we will be 'sitting in' on the front porch. Saturday, July 13, 2019. 10am until noon at The Arts Place

Kaleidoscope Making Class – 12:30 to 3:30pm The Arts Place

Have you ever wondered how a kaleidoscope works? How and why do the designs change as you turn or shake the decorated tube? Come and let your creative voice shout as you learn. We will turn a 7" aluminum tube, three mirrors, and your choice of colored beads into your own kaleidoscope! Be proud to share it with friends and family. All materials are provided, but you can bring your own beads and found objects to see how they can change a design.

Limited to 8 participants \$60

Danbury Songwriters Series – July 18th– 7 pm

Growing up 200 yards from the Arts Place, Joshua is a true Danbury Songwriter by any definition. He plays both acoustic and electric guitar and has a style all his own in both his many originals and songs composed by others.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and at the door.

**Films of the Triad Movie Night –“Susie’s Hope”
Central Park – 8:30pm**

July 18th -King

Come to Central Park this summer for a **FREE**, family friendly night of fun enjoying films created in the Triad!

Popcorn and other concessions will be available for purchase 15 minutes before showtime, arrive early to get a good seat!

Movies put on through partnership with the Stokes County Arts Council and the Piedmont Triad Film Commission and hosted by the City of King.

Mason Via and Hot Trail Mix in Concert – July 20th 7pm The Arts Place

Hot Trail Mix is an innovative North Carolina bluegrass band with a rowdy youthful vigor that excites audiences of all ages! Hot Trail Mix combines soulful high lonesome harmony singing with virtuosic instrumental prowess. The band features an all-star cast of convention ribbon winners, including: Mason Via (guitar), Zeb Gambill (mandolin), Grayson Tuttle (banjo), Sam Weiss (fiddle), and Zachary Smith (of Town Mountain) on bass. Led by Mason Via, a young singer/songwriter and son of award winning songwriter David Via (Corn Tornado). Mason's lyrics are also considered by many to be the driving force behind the band's music, and his vocals back up the deep emotion that his lyrics possess.

Tickets are \$10 General Admission and \$8 for Stokes County Arts Council members

Kids Camps

- Theatre Camp wraps up on July 12th at Mount Olive Elementary
- Visual Arts Camp – July 15th – 19th at Mount Olive Elementary
- Pottery Camp – July 15th – 19th at The Arts Place (Additional Camp added because first camp sold out early)
- Take the Lead Dance Camp – July 22-26th The Arts Place
- New Perspectives on Art Camp – July 29 – Aug 2nd The Arts Place
- Art of Cooking Camp – Aug 12 – 16th The Arts Place

Note for John Berry fans:

John Berry and his band will perform July 26th Friday at 7pm

Tickets will go quickly: go to Brown Paper Tickets

Paula Duggan

1546 Asbury Speedway Road

Westfield, NC 27052

RE: Our Communities of NW Stokes

About Our Communities of NW Stokes:

Our Communities is a local development initiative that focuses on revitalization in Francisco, Collinstown, Asbury, Westfield, Harts Store, and Double Creek--and on building partnerships and programs that benefit Stokes County, especially the most rural areas. It is a community-driven and allvolunteer effort. Our Communities of NW Stokes Foundation, a non-profit (501c3) organization, was created in 2015 to support this work and assist with funding other projects.

Goals:

- Sustain and nurture NW Stokes communities
- Build local capacity to shape the future
- Improve service delivery
- Promote education and technology
- Integrate the arts into community life and development
- Create a business-friendly environment
- Conserve our natural, historical, and cultural assets
- Increase community involvement and inclusion

What volunteers in the Our Communities Initiative and Foundation are doing:

- Organizing FarmFest
- Leading a community-driven development process
- Creating opportunities for civic engagement and education
- Raising funds for local organizations and projects
- Advocating for NW communities and residents
- Teaching classes and workshops
- Documenting and preserving local music and history
- Working with providers to expand broadband internet access
- Managing the only non-profit foundation in our area
- Offering project management and support services
- Building a network of partners and resources locally and around North Carolina

Some 2019 projects in addition to FarmFest:

Micro-grants and scholarship programs; classes in sustainable practices, cooking, health and wellness, gardening and crafts; help for seniors, a dance camp and programs in the schools. We are also working on longer-range issues that community members have prioritized in planning workshops over the past four years: broadband, a permanent walking trail and park, and a centrally located place to meet and eat, get groceries and buy gas. And, we continue to take action to achieve better education, transportation, job training, and healthcare, and a viable plan for sustainable economic development.

To learn more contact Paula @ 336-351-6002 or Texie @ 336-351-4142

Absent: Nickelston

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.

Minutes

Budget Amendments

Capital Reserve Resolution

Holiday Schedule for 2020

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Absent: Nickelston

INFORMATION AGENDA

LifeBrite Hospital

Hospital Administrator Pam Tillman presented the LifeBrite Community Hospital's Quarterly Report to the Board of Commissioners and requested to schedule a meeting of the Board as the Hospital Board.

After a brief discussion by the Board regarding meeting as the Board of Trustees for the Hospital this item was placed on the Discussion Agenda at the next meeting to clarify the Board of Trustees for the Hospital Board, as well as set a date for the meeting.

Absent: Nickelston

RFQ Draft - Meadows Water

Public Works Director Mark Delehant presented the Board with information on sending out an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) regarding the Meadows Water Project and noted that as part of this process there would be a committee selected to oversee this project which would consist of a member of the Board of County Commissioners, along with himself, Glenda Pruitt, David Sudderth, Will Carter, Jake Oakley, and Shannon Shaver. This Committee would go through the Qualifications received and make a selection and pursue this project.

After much discussion by the Board Commissioner Mendenhall suggested 2 Commissioners be on the Committee and Commissioner Morris concurred.

The consensus of the Board was to move this item to the Discussion Agenda at the next meeting on July 22nd for further discussion.

Absent: Nickelston

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Tax Administration - Monthly Report

Tax Administrator Richard Brim presented the monthly Tax Administration Report to the Board.

After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to move the real and personal refunds more than \$100 to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting on July 22nd.

Tax Administration - Fiscal Year End

Tax Administrator Richard Brim presented the Annual Settlement of the Fiscal Year End Report to the Board.

After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to move 2 items to the Consent Agenda at the meeting on July 22nd:

1. Annual Settlement for FY 18/19 - Resolution
2. Order to collect 19/20 FY Taxes-Resolution

Salary Study Proposals

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the 5 proposals received

from the RFP sent out regarding the Salary Study.

The Board directed Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board to check some references and contact the companies to coordinate them coming to a meeting to present to the Board. The Board also narrowed the selection to 4 companies and excluded the PTRC.

There was a consensus of the Board to move this item to the Action Agenda at the next meeting on July 22nd.

County Leased Properties

County Manager Jake Oakley presented information regarding County Leased property and noted that in the months to come he will be looking at all County Leased Property. He presented the Board with an updated lease drafted by County Attorney Browder for the space currently being leased by the Artists Way in Danbury.

After some discussion by the Board, and a request for the County Manager Oakley to meet with the tenant and go over the new lease this item was moved to the Action Agenda at the next meeting on July 22nd.

YMCA Recreation Contract

County Manager Jake Oakley presented the updated Recreation Lease with the Stokes County YMCA and noted the only change is the small increase approved in this years budget. The previous amount was \$117,484.00 and the new amount is \$120,595.00.

After some discussion by the Board and a general consensus to look at new ways to promote recreation in the county in the future this item was moved to Action Agenda at the next meeting on July 22nd.

ACTION AGENDA

Planning Board Appointments/Re-Appointments

Vice Chairman Walker opened the floor for nominations

Commissioner Mendenhall motioned to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Morris seconded

Vice Chairman Walker polled the Board

All Board Members present voted for the list as presented:

Ted Hairston Beaver Island Township
Tommy White Peters Creek Township
Ronnie Tilley Big Creek Township
Keith Wood Danbury Township

Patrick Flinchum Meadows Township

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Planning Board Appointment Requests as presented.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
Absent: Nickelston

King American Legion Post 290- Stokes County Agricultural Fair Request

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the request from the King American Legion in the amount of \$6,500.00 and Budget Amendment #3.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
Absent: Nickelston

Adjournment

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to adjourn.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.
Absent: Nickelston


Shannon Shaver
Clerk to the Board


Andy Nickelston
Chairman