

**STATE OF NORTH  
CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF STOKES**

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**OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH  
CAROLINA  
MONDAY JULY 22, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Mendenhall delivered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners**

Commissioner Morris welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home through YouTube.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and watching at home and noted that he was happy to see the much needed rain this evening.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home and noted that he always likes to see people participate in local government.

Chairman Nickelston welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home.

County Manager Oakley welcome those in attendance and those watching at home.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellen Peric  
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.

### **4th Tuesday Paint Night - "Portrait in Charcoal"**

Join Artist Craig Richards through this easy to learn process to create a portrait. Craig will teach how to lay out a portrait, how smooth charcoal to create form and how to add those details that matter.

**Time: 6-8pm Location: The Arts Place Artist's Loft Fee: \$30**

### **Danbury Songwriters July 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm Robin Bullock**

Danbury Songwriters featuring Robin Bullock. Hailed as a “Celtic guitar god” by Baltimore City Paper and “one of the best folk instrumentalists in the business” by Sing Out! Magazine, Robin Bullock is one of the preeminent acoustic music masters of our time.

The 17th-century harp tunes of legendary Irish bard Turlough O'Carolan, the spirited jigs and reels of rural Ireland, the haunting ballads of the southern Appalachians and the timeless compositions of Bach, Dowland and Francesco da Milano all find a musical common ground in Robin's music, where lightning-fast fingerwork one moment is perfectly balanced with tender, quiet intimacy the next.

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

### **July 26<sup>th</sup> -Songs and Stories with John Berry (Full Band Performance)- 7pm at The Arts Place of Stokes**

During the 1990's, John Berry placed 20 singles on the Country Music Charts, six which landed in the Top 5, scoring one #1 with "Your Love Amazes Me." He has earned multiple Gold and Platinum records over the years. John was nominated for the ACM Top New Male Vocalist in 1994, won a Grammy Award in 1996 for his participation in Amazing Grace: A Country Salute to Gospel Vol. 1, was nominated for another Grammy in 1995 for his smash hit Your Love Amazes Me and was nominated for the CMA Horizon Award and Top Male Vocalist Award in 1995. In 1997 he was nominated for Vocal Event of the Year (for Long Haired Country Boy with Charlie Daniels and Hal Ketchum) and in 2013 John was nominated for the Mainstream Country Male Artist by the ICM Awards. And thanks to the miracles of modern technology, he even sang a duet with the late, great Patsy Cline.

### **General Admission Tickets \$40**

Stokes County Arts Council Member Tickets - \$35

Tickets available for purchase online via [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

### **July 27<sup>th</sup> Barn Quilt Class – 9am to 3pm -Sarah Maddox**

Our next Barn Quilt Class with instructor Sarah Maddox is Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Your instructor will guide you through the painting process, no prior painting experience is necessary. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Nine designs to choose from. View designs at <http://artsplaceofstokes.org/3-x-3-barn-quilt-class/>

Registration in our 3 x 3 Barn Quilt Class is \$90 (non-refundable) and includes all materials – 3ft by 3ft Birchwood Quilt Square and paints.

\*2 x 2 Option also available - Cost \$55

### **Danbury Songwriters – Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Riley Baugus – 7pm**

The Danbury Songwriters present Riley Baugus at The Arts Place of Stokes.

Riley Baugus represents the best of old time American banjo and song. His powerful singing voice and his expert musicianship place him squarely in the next generation of the quality American roots tradition.

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

### **August 3<sup>rd</sup> – “Once Upon a Saturday” - “Stories That Sing!”**

Our new monthly "Once Upon a Saturday" series for bright, imaginative young minds returns on August 3rd with "Stories That Sing!"

Stories That Sing is an interactive story time that features books that have been illustrated from songs. Join the Burgess Family as we embark on a musical adventure through time and cultures, fables and legends, to discover that we are all connected through our songs, stories, and laughter.

Admission is **FREE!** Bring the entire family and join in on the fun.

### **Danbury Songwriters –Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Leah Kaufman**

The Danbury Songwriters welcome Leah Kaufman to The Arts Place of Stokes.

Based in Raleigh, NC, Leah Kaufman's music features a clear voice, ear-catching melodies and beautifully crafted lyrics. Her songwriting takes a love for old-time music's drive and melodic simplicity and marries it with the evocative lyricism of contemporary songwriting. An accomplished finger-style guitar player as well as fine flat-picker, whether her songs slide into bluegrass, swing or blues, the common core of exquisite lyrics, fine guitar work and a clear strong voice holds true.

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

### **Kids Camps**

- Take the Lead Dance Camp – July 22-26<sup>th</sup> The Arts Place  
Our Dance camp will be taught by professional dancers Julianne Harper and David Hawk at The Arts Place of Stokes July 22-July 26, 10am to 1pm daily. We will explore hip-hop, jazz, and contemporary styles in this camp. All levels are welcome, no previous dance experience is necessary. Friday Final Presentation: 12:00 pm

This camp is made possible by a collaboration of Take the Lead North Carolina, Our Communities of NW Stokes, and the Stokes County Arts Council.

- New Perspectives on Art Camp – July 29 –Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> The Arts Place
- Art of Cooking Camp – Aug 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> The Arts Place

**Note:**

**\*We hosted our first Bridal Shower at The Arts Place – It was beautiful. Everyone commented on what a great space we have.**

## **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

Tax Administration - Monthly Report

Tax Administration - Fiscal Year End

Capital Project Ordinances

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

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **Register Of Deeds - 4th Quarter Report**

Register of Deeds Brandon Hooker presented the Board with a quarterly report and noted that he hired the part time position approved in the budget and expressed his thanks to the Board for this much needed position.

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **LifeBrite Hospital**

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented information to the Board related to the bylaws of the SRMH Board of Trustees and setting a date for a meeting.

After some discussion by the Board the meeting date for the Board of Trustees for the Hospital was set for August 12th at 5:00pm in the Commissioners Chambers.

### **RFQ Draft - Meadows Water**

Public Works Director Mark Delehant presented the Board with further information on the RFQ for the Meadows Water Project.

There was some discussion among the Board regarding the RFQ and a current water study being conducted through a grant.

After a brief discussion and some requested changes to the RFQ, this item was placed on the

Action Agenda at the next meeting on August 12th.

### **Purchase Agreement**

County Manager Oakley presented the Board with the Purchase Agreement for the Fulp Garage Property and the updated Addendum to the purchase agreement.

After a brief discussion among the Board, this item was placed on the Action Agenda at the next meeting on August 12th.

### **Appointments - Stokes County Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board**

County Manager Oakley presented the Board with a request from the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board for two new members:

Robert P. Lindsay  
George Cuthins

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for the nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to close the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### **DSS Board/Board of Health - Organizational Structure**

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented information to the Board regarding reconstituting the DSS Board and Board of Health and setting a date for the Public Hearing.

After some discussion by the Board, the Public Hearing date was set for September 9, 2019 at the beginning of the Regular Commissioners Meeting.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **Salary Study Proposals**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver presented the Board with information on reference checks on the companies that submitted proposals.

After some discussion by the Board, the Board elected to approve The Mercer Group to perform the Salary Study.

Commissioner Yontz moved to to approve the Mercer Group to perform the Salary Study for Stokes County.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

#### **YMCA Recreation Contract**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.  
Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the YMCA Recreation Contract.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.  
Ayes: Mendenhall, Morris, Nickelston, Yontz  
Nays: Walker

#### **Resolution for Storage/Maintenance Building**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.  
Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Resolution for the Storage/Maintenance Building.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

#### **Resolution for Walnut Cove EMS Station**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.  
Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Resolution for the Walnut Cove EMS Station.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

#### **Resolution for Walnut Cove Solid Waste Transfer Station**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.  
Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the Resolution for the Walnut Cove Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

#### **Stokes County Health Department Lab Fee Changes**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.  
Commissioner Yontz moved to to approve the Stokes County Health Department's new lab fee schedule presented at the Board of Health Meeting on July 15th.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

#### **Tobacco Sign - Reagan Building**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.  
Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the posting of a no tobacco sign at the Regan Building which information was presented about at the Board of Health meeting on July 15th.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.  
Ayes: Mendenhall, Morris, Nickelston, Yontz  
Nays: Walker

#### **Stokes County Health Department - Adjudication Policy**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.  
Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the Stokes County Health Department's Adjudication Policy presented at the Board of Health Meeting on July 15th.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Stokes County Health Department -Overall Operations Policy**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the Stokes County Health Department's Overall Operations Policy presented at the Board of Health Meeting on July 15th.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.



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



**Andy Nickelston**  
**Chairman**