

STATE OF NORTH  
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COUNTY OF STOKES

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OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH  
CAROLINA  
MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Walker 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

County Manager requested that Budget Amendment #20, and #21 be added to the agenda. Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Budget Amendments #20, and #21.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

### COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners

Commissioner Morris welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home through YouTube and noted that he recently attended the NCACC Annual Conference at the Grandover in Greensboro where he picked up a lot of good information. Commissioner Morris also noted that he attended the ground breaking ceremony for FTCC at Smith Reynolds Airport for the new airplane maintenance facility that they are building that is state of the art. Commissioner Morris noted that he added a blog post for the meeting the Board recently had with LifeBrite as the Hospital Board.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home and noted that he also attended the NCACC Annual Conference and attended a variety of seminars with lots of good information. He noted that one in particular caught his attention and although he thought it would have nothing to do with Stokes County he found it very interesting and realized that the topic which was human trafficking could be happening anywhere as well as in Stokes County. He stated that he always feels this conference helps him to be more aware and be a better Commissioner. He also expressed his gratitude to Melissa Bunker with Cardinal and wished her well, and welcomed her replacement Reid Thornburg.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and watching at home and noted that he was

enjoying the nice weather and appreciated those joining them and hoped to have a productive meeting and move the county forward.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home and noted that he always likes to see people participate in local government. Commissioner Mendenhall noted that he also attended the NCACC Annual Conference and that he attended many good breakout sessions including one with Guilford County and how they are handling the opioid crisis. He noted that this year had some of the best sessions in the three years he has attended. Commissioner Mendenhall also expressed his gratitude to Melissa Bunker with Cardinal and wished her well, and welcomed her replacement Reid Thornburg. Commissioner Mendenhall announced to the Board that they will be receiving an invitation to Dr. Janet Spriggs FTCC President's Inauguration Ceremony.

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

County Manager Oakley welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home. County Manager Oakley let the Board know that the Animal Shelter received another favorable inspection and noted that he appreciates the work of the Sheriff and Chris Lawson and all the hard work they and the staff have put in at the shelter and bringing it up to state standards.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ellen Peric  
1095 Wheeler Smith Road  
Lawsonville, NC 27022

RE: Arts Update

Ellen Peric provided the Upcoming Events:

Aug 27 | 4th Tuesday Paint Series - "Painting a Waterfall"  
Arts Place Studio Loft | 6p - 8p | \$30

Aug 29 | The Danbury Songwriters: Richard Boyd & Todd Verts  
The Arts Place | 7pm | \$5

Aug 31 | Children's Mask Workshop | The Arts Place  
10a-12p | \$25

Sept 1 | Trivia Night | The Arts Place  
6:30pm | Free

Sep 16 | Apple Gallery Reception: Amanda Gordon | Apple Gallery  
5:30—7:30pm | Free

Sept 6-7 | Musical Theater Auditions: Broadway Comes to Danbury  
Sept 6 - 5-8pm | Sept 7 - 2-5pm | The Arts Place

Sept 7-8 | Beginner Pottery Workshop | The Arts Place  
9a-1p Sat & Sun | \$85

Sept 7 | Once Upon a Saturday Children's Theatre: "Animal Tails"  
11a - 12p | The Arts Place | Free

Sept 14 | 45th Annual Stokes Stomp Festival on the Dan | Moratock Park  
One Fret Over, The Allen Boys, Dori Freeman,  
Larry Sigmon & Martha Spencer, Laurelyn Dossett & Molly McGinn  
9a - 7p | 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.

Minutes

Budget Amendments

Budget Amendment #20

Budget Amendment #21

Tax Administration

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

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **Cardinal -Quarterly Update**

Senior Community Executive Melissa Bunker with Cardinal Innovation provided a quarterly update. Melissa Bunker introduced Reid Thornburg to the Board and announced that he would be taking over her territory as they were making changes in locations covered. The Board expressed their gratitude for the service provided by Melissa Bunker and noted they were looking forward to working with Mr. Thornberg.

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council Appointment Request**

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall nominated Linda Brown and moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Morris seconded.

The motion carried and this item was moved to the Action Agenda at the next meeting.

### **Stokes County Jury Commission - Appointments**

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for nominations.

Vice Chairman Walker nominated Durward Bennett and moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded.

The motion carried and this item was moved to the Action Agenda at the next meeting.

### **Pine Hall Shelter-Trail update & fee proposal**

Support Services Supervisor Glenda Pruitt presented the Board with information regarding the new Pine Hall Shelter and rental fee schedule. The recommendation to the Board was to adopt the same fee schedule as the rental of the Pine Hall Building which is a \$100.00 refundable security deposit and \$50.00 rental fee per 4 hour block of time.

After some discussion by the Board and full consensus this item was moved to the Action Agenda at the next meeting.

### **Danbury ETJ Appointments**

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall nominated Donnie Mabe and moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Morris seconded.

The motion carried.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **The American Legion- Department of N.C.**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the American Legion -Department of N.C. with funds being appropriated in Budget Amendment #21..

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Nickelston asked Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver to state the rationale for entering into Closed Session.

Rationale for entering Closed Session:

- 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 to enter Closed Session..

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to adjourn.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.



Shannon Shaver  
Clerk to the Board



Andy Nickelston  
Chairman