

**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 NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday November 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Board of Commissioners Present: Chairman Andy Nickelston, Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker, Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall, Commissioner Rick Morris, and Commissioner Jamie Yontz

County Administration Present: County Manager Jake Oakley, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver, Finance Director Julia Edwards, and County Attorney Ty Browder

#### **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 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 and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home and noted that he was glad to have had the chance to attend two good events in the county. One being the FTCC Trades Building ribbon cutting and the Business Leader of the Year held by the King Chamber.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and watching at home.

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 welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home. He noted that he recently attended the DARE Graduations at Sandy Ridge and Nancy Reynolds Elementary and commended the Sheriff's Department for their hard work and dedication in providing this valuable program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Nickelston noted that there were no individuals signed up for public comments at tonight's meeting.

## **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

Community Services Block Grant Program Application for Funding

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

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **2019 Fiscal Year Audit**

Finance Director Julia Edwards introduced Kelly Gooderham with Martin and Starnes who presented the 2019 Stokes County Fiscal Year Audit.

### **NWRL Presentation**

Chairman Nickelston turned the floor over to Joan Sheriff with the Northwestern Regional Library, Lisa Lawless, Danbury Public Library Librarian, Christine Boles, Walnut Cove Public Library Librarian, and Chelsea Russell, Assistant Branch Manager. Joan Sheriff with the NWRL noted that Ann Nichols, King Public Library Librarian could not be in attendance.

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **King Library Board Appointment**

Chairman Nickelston presented the Board with the following information:

The King Library Board made a request that Sabrina Gatewood be appointed to the King Public Library Board to replace Scott Tedder who has stepped down. The request was received from Joan Sherif with the NWRL.

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall nominated Sabrina Gatewood.

Vice Chairman Walker moved that the floor be closed for nominations.

Commissioner Yontz seconded.

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

With no discussion the motion carried and with full consensus of the Board, this item was moved to the Action Agenda at the next meeting.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **Friends of Stokes Shelter- Funding Request/Service Agreement and Budget Amendment #47**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the Service Agreement between the Friends of Stokes Shelter and the County of Stokes with Budget Amendment #47 in the amount of \$49,602.00.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion.

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Mendenhall requested that County Manager Oakley read the Service Agreement in it's entirety.

Commissioner Yontz suggested that the payment be divided into 7 equal payments of \$7,086.00 to be paid out monthly beginning December 1, 2019. He noted that this would get the Board through this budget cycle and as long as this arrangement does not hinder the shelter in any way it would be his preference to pay it this way.

After much discussion, the Board agreed to amend the Service Agreement to reflect the requested change and to amend the original motion.

Commissioner Morris moved to amend the original motion to approve the Service Agreement with the amendment of a one time payment of \$49,602.000 to 7 equal payments of \$7,086.00 beginning on December 1, 2019.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the amended motion.

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

### **Sales Tax Referendum**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for any comments/questions/discussion.

After much discussion among the Board, Chairman Nickelston polled the Board on the option of the Resolution they were in favor of passing:

Commissioner Morris: Option 1

Vice Chairman Walker: Option 2

Commissioner Yontz: Option 1

Commissioner Mendenhall: Option 1

Chairman Nickelston: Option 1

Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the Resolution as presented in Option 1 on the agenda.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Ayes: Mendenhall, Morris, Nickelston, Yontz

Nays: Walker

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion to adjourn.


Commissioner Mendenhall motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Yontz seconded.

Chairman Nickelston opened the floor for any discussion/comments/questions.

With no discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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

  
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**Andy Nickelston**  
**Chairman**