

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present: Anna H. Baucom  
Bobby Sikes  
Dr. Jim Sims  
Ross Streater  
Vancine Sturdivant  
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager  
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board  
Robert Thomas, Finance Officer  
Rita James, Data Processing  
Scott Rowell, ACTS  
Rodney Diggs, Emergency Management  
Mike Sessions, Utilities Director

Others present: Scott Forbes, County Attorney  
Janine Rywak, Cooperative Extension

County Manager Gatewood called the meeting to **Order**. County Manager Gatewood then called on Minister Michael McLeod to deliver the **Invocation**.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** County Manager Gatewood stated that each year the December meeting serves as the re-organization of the Board. County Manager Gatewood noted the first order of business was election of a Chair for the Anson County Board of Commissioners. County Manager Gatewood then opened the floor for nominations for board chair. Commissioner Sturdivant nominated Anna Baucom, seconded by Commissioner Sikes. Commissioner Streater made a motion that the nominations be closed with said name, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn. Commissioner Sims voiced that he did not want to make a nomination but felt that the nomination could not be closed until all people have had an opportunity to make a nomination. Commissioner Sims felt we needed to make sure of that before we closed it. County Manager Gatewood noted his point was well taken and asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none Commissioner Streater again stated his motion to close the nominations on the said name with Commissioner Woodburn stating his second still stands. County Manager Gatewood called for a vote on the nomination for Ms. Baucom to serve as Chair for the coming year. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom then took the gavel to preside over the meeting. Chairman Baucom thanked board members for the nomination. Chairman Baucom stated that Commissioner Streater currently serves as Vice Chair and then opened the floor for nominations. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to nomination Ross Streater again for Vice Chair. Chairman Baucom asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to closed the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** Chairman Baucom asked if there were any additions or deletions. The Clerk called attention to the four Budget Amendments and the jail report give each member prior to the meeting and asked that they be added to the Consent agenda. Chairman Baucom stated that the jail report shows an average of forty-nine which is manageable. Chairman Baucom felt the court was working hard to keep things moving and help us keep the census low and voiced appreciation for this. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Chairman Baucom recognized Frank McGuirt, our representative in the House of Representatives. Chairman Baucom guessed it would be a while before we had a representative and was glad he was here. Representative McGuirt stated that several weeks ago the Clerk to the Board notified him that the county had a rather tattered and torn North Carolina state flag at the courthouse and asked if he could be of some assistance in getting one. Representative McGuirt shared that this would be one of his last official acts adding that it has been a distinct honor and pleasure to represent Anson County in the North Carolina House. Representative McGuirt stated that Anson had not asked for much but he was able to get a few grant dollars our way and things that helped the citizens of Anson County. Representative McGuirt stated that the Manager had been really good to work with as well as the County Attorney. Representative McGuirt stated that Ms. Bonnie said we needed a new flag and he procured a flag that was flown over the North Carolina State Capital and he has certification of that from Governor Perdue. Representative McGuirt read the following: State of North Carolina, Office of the Governor, the Honorable Beverly E. Perdue – the State of North Carolina presents this North Carolina flag to Anson County Commissioners on behalf of Representative Frank McGuirt and certifies that it was flown over the State Capital building on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012. Signed Bev Perdue, Governor of North Carolina. Representative McGuirt then presented the flag to Chairman Baucom. Chairman Baucom noted this would look good with our refurbished courthouse. Representative McGuirt commented that the courthouse was beautiful and it was his pleasure to present this to the citizens of Anson County. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Representative McGuirt. Representative McGuirt told commissioners to feel free to call on him anytime and in fact, gave pens to board members with his telephone number so they could call.

**Public Hearing: FY2014 Community Transportation Grant Application:**  
Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Public Hearing, Scott Rowell was here to speak to this issue. Mr. Rowell stated that they were applying to the state for administrative and capital expenses for fiscal year 2014. Mr. Rowell shared that the amount was the same as this year and last year and they only have to replace two lift equipped vehicles. Chairman Baucom stated that it seems a lot of this has to do with employees. Mr. Rowell stated that they could not use the money to do collective bargaining. Mr. Rowell shared that there was a part called certs and assurances that has to be signed by the attorney but Washington has not released the document at this time. Mr. Rowell stated that he would contact the County Attorney when he receives the document. Chairman Baucom called for comments from the public. Hearing none, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to closed the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, that the ACTS request be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION**

**Section 5311  
FY 2014 RESOLUTION**

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Community Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by *Commissioner Woodburn*, for the adoption of the following resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, (*Legal Name of Applicant*) Anson County hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project, prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements related to the applications

made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chairman of Anson County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

**Appearances:**

**Darrell Dawkins:** Mr. Dawkins, Chief of Gulledege Fire Department and Mike Railton, President, read the following:

The Gulledege Volunteer Fire Department, Station 9, respectfully and happily wishes to inform the county commissioners that they have acquired land that would better suit their needs. This will require that we move approximately 1,000 feet from our current location at the intersection of Dickie Little Road and Gulledege Road to the intersection of Gulledege Road and Webb Road. Plans are now in the works to build a better facility at the new location. Since we are partners in the community and with the county we present this information to you in order to ask for your blessing. If permission is needed by the Board of Commissioners we seek such permission at this time.

Commissioner Sims asked if the request concurred with all local, state and federal statutes with Mr. Dawkins answering as far as they know it does. Commissioner Sims congratulated them on what they were doing and the great volunteer work they do. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dawkins stated that the present facility has served their purpose since 1977 and they are trying to get more modern and be better equipped for the community. Chairman Baucom voiced that in a community like ours volunteers were critical to our safety and voiced appreciation for the work of all volunteers.

**Bjorn Hansen:** Mr. Hansen, Transportation Planner for Centralina COG, stated that for the last year they have been working on a project on behalf of the State DOT. Mr. Hansen stated that Centralina applied for this project about two years ago to put together a mobility management agency for the nine-county region. Mr. Hansen explained that this was a one call one click center that allows residents throughout the region to call and find out information about transit services, receive assistance on training and how to use the transit service and offer training for staff and leadership on best practices and other activities that they have been exploring. Mr. Hansen stated that one main activity identified over the past year that they want the region to develop is a volunteer transportation program. Mr. Hansen was aware that Anson County uses volunteers for some Medicaid trips and noted that especially in South Carolina they've been putting together a volunteer transportation program to help provide transportation for the elderly but they were looking to put together transportation not only for the elderly but adults with disabilities and veterans. Mr. Hansen noted that some funding for transportation is very specific and general transportation dollars are getting cut across the state. Mr. Hansen explained that they were looking to put together a volunteer transportation program that would provide for scheduling, insurance,

outreach, volunteer screening, background checks as well as driver training. Mr. Hansen stated that this would allow a lot of community agencies such as VFW, Red Cross and other groups that are interested in providing volunteer transportation. Mr. Hansen shared that they were looking to put together a grant proposal with the activities detailed in the information provided in the Agenda packet and state DOT requires that the activities in the grant application have to come from an adopted plan. Mr. Hansen shared that they were about two thirds of the way through the process of developing the ultimate plan for the region and in the meantime if they go before each of the county commission and get endorsement for the list of activities in the grant proposal that will suffice. Mr. Hansen stated that they would start service in 2013 and this would pay for about two years of service and during the period they would be looking to go out to the community for sponsorship through Wal-Mart, BI-LO and others that would receive service from residents in the community. Mr. Hansen asked board members to endorse their application with a resolution of support and they would then go before the Centralina Council of Government Board of Delegates to formally authorize staff to apply for the funds. Commissioner Sims referred to page five, number two, sentence one and asked about collective bargaining and asked why you needed collective bargaining for volunteers. Mr. Hansen noted the statement was part of the general language that applies to all grant applications. Chairman Baucom felt this was a part of the Public Hearing with Mr. Hansen stating it would apply here as well. Commissioner Sims asked if this was a commonality of late or something that has been going on for many years with Mr. Hansen stating he could not answer the question. County Attorney Forbes noted it was something that has been highlighted lately in the media and was probably in writing so people could address it. County Manager Gatewood stated that both Scott and Ms. Jackson have been involved with this and both were supportive. Chairman Baucom asked if we had a system of volunteers now that transport with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. County Manager Gatewood shared that they were paid volunteers with Mr. Rowell stating that currently they have thirty-two or thirty-three and they are reimbursed by Medicaid to take people to medical appointments. Mr. Rowell explained that they do not have the money to keep their vans moving and people volunteer to take the elderly and disabled to appointments and most are medical appointments. Vice Chair Streater asked why they were called volunteers if they were paid with Mr. Rowell answering that they get mileage reimbursement from Medicaid. Vice Chair Streater asked if the grant would be used for this with Mr. Hansen answering that Medicaid trip volunteers were being paid the full business rate of fifty-five cents a mile. Mr. Hansen noted these were for trips that may be medical related but they don't make a decision based on income, age or disability. Vice Chair Streater asked for an example of the type trip he was talking about with Mr. Hansen answering they were talking about people that were homebound with no car that need a ride to the grocery store. Mr. Hansen pointed out that state allocations for these types of trips were being cut and the highest areas of growth are on the edge of Mecklenburg County and surrounding counties and they are the toughest to serve. Mr. Hansen stated that the model presented was based on the model from Sumter, South Carolina. Vice Chair Streater asked who would administer

the dollars with Mr. Hansen answering Centralina COG. Vice Chair Streater then asked who would our citizens call with Mr. Hansen explaining that citizens would call an 800 number that would be established and provided there is a volunteer available the trip will occur but if there is no available volunteer the trip will not happen. Mr. Hansen stated that this is the reason they are looking to partner with VFW's, the Red Cross, Churches and other interested groups. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced that we have a lot of seniors and asked no matter where they live someone would come for them with Mr. Hansen answering provided there is a volunteer willing to make the trip. Chairman Baucom questioned the line item of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to develop the volunteer transportation system and asked how this money would be used. Mr. Hansen stated that a lot of it would be staffing the call center 8-5 Monday through Friday and purchasing the scheduling software. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Mr. Hansen if he would open a call center in Anson County with Mr. Hansen answering there would only be a need for two employees and they would do that at their office in Charlotte. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Hansen if his strategy included reimbursement for volunteers for their gas mileage with Mr. Hansen answering yes but there are different reimbursement rates. Mr. Hansen stated that they would use the volunteer reimbursement rate as defined by the IRS and instead of fifty-five cents a mile it was about eleven cents a mile. Chairman Baucom felt Mr. Hansen had a hard road ahead of him. Vice Chair Streater asked if any county dollars were attached with Mr. Hansen answering that Anson County was a member of Centralina and pays dues so technically a portion would be Anson County money but no additional funds would be requested to pay for the program. County Manager Gatewood voiced that we have a great need for transportation services in the county and recommended approval of the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CENTRALINA MOBILITY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
NCDOT Targeted Transit Assistance Program FY 13-14 Grant Application

**WHEREAS**, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and  
**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and received funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for public transportation projects; and  
**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Targeted Transit Assistance Program is to provide financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities in all areas- urbanized, small urban, and rural; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Centralina Council of Governments has been working under contract to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to develop a Mobility Management Agency for the nine-county region to improve services for elderly individuals, individuals with disabilities, and veterans; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Transit Advisory Board for Anson County reviewed and endorsed the funding proposal for Targeted Transit Assistance funds to implement a Mobility Management Agency for the region; and  
**WHEREAS**, no funds are being requested from Anson County to help implement this agency.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a resolution of support for Centralina's funding proposal to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

### **Public Addresses to the Board:**

**Merrie Datin** express to board members her anger, frustration and disappointment with how the TDA operates. Ms. Datin stated that she has owned a bed and breakfast known as The Forever Inn for eight and one-half years. Ms. Datin stated when they started they knew they would have to advertise outside of Anson County to succeed. Ms. Datin stated that she spent money to get the word out. Ms. Datin noted they were doing well for a small B&B in a small town with not enough shops, art galleries or fine restaurants. Ms. Datin noted there were other businesses that opened over the years and a lot were no longer open. Ms. Datin felt for some types of businesses there was not enough traffic from just locals. Ms. Datin felt it was not the board's job or the TDA's job to make sure businesses were successful but it was the TDA's job to spend the money they have collected to promote the county and encourage visitors, whether they stay overnight or not. Ms. Datin noted even if they come for the day they will be spending money at gift shops, restaurants, buying gas and maybe they will like it enough to come back or tell a friend. Ms. Datin shared that she recently appeared before the TDA board for funding for an Art contest and was turned down. Ms. Datin noted the contest was called Treasures of Anson and being turned down added to the frustration she has had over the years and made her investigate exactly what the TDA was supposed to be doing. Ms. Datin shared a copy of House Bill 685 passed in 2001 with board members. Ms. Datin also included a list of current board members adding that the law states that all money collected from the room tax must be spent by the TDA and it must be spent for tourism related promotions and activities. Ms. Datin stated that a certain number of the members must be individuals representing tourism related businesses and one-third of the members must be affiliated with businesses that collect room tax and three-quarters must be currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism. Ms. Datin added that nowhere in the law does it say that advertising of projects has to result in heads in beds. Ms. Datin stated that to the best of her knowledge this phrase was the current board's overriding criteria to qualify for funding, advertising or any projects. Ms. Datin was of the opinion that the TDA has killed the spirit of groups and organizations that are trying to make a difference in our community. Ms. Datin stated that with their heads in beds mindset they turn down a lot of worthwhile projects that could possibly do some good for our county. Ms. Datin stated that because they have not been spending the money the TDA now has about eighty thousand dollars sitting in an account not doing anybody any good. Ms. Datin felt if they were saving it for a Visitor's Center how many years and how much money will they need before they can create or build a Visitor's Center let alone employ staff to man in. Ms. Datin added that if you don't have any visitors you don't need a Visitor's Center. Ms. Datin stated that several years ago she remembers that the chamber was set up as a visitor's center and a wall rack was put up, a discover Anson logo was put on the wall and even the window says visitor's center. Ms. Datin wondered if they were saving it for the Agri Civic Center and if that would really bring in visitors on a regular basis. Ms. Datin felt when we do have an Agri Civic Center for large events we would need far more rooms than we have now and how can we attract a quality hotel if we don't have enough visitors. Ms. Datin

wondered if they were saving it for a movie company, feeling eighty thousand dollars would be a joke to a legitimate movie company and wondered if that would have a long lasting and consistent effect on our economy. Ms. Datin shared that she read in the paper about a recent AEDC meeting where the local realtors were saying they were losing sales because of the bad reputation Anson County has for high crime. Ms. Datin felt this was a bad reputation that good promotion could be vital but instead it is sitting in a bank account. Ms. Datin pointed out that the current board members were not tourism professionals and they don't know what they are doing. Ms. Datin felt if the TDA had individuals from tourism related businesses like it was supposed to at least they would appreciate that promotion and marketing are essential to attracting visitors. Ms. Datin commented that if anyone felt the TDA money should be saved for capital improvements they would be ignoring the promotion that is desperately needed now. Ms. Datin felt the TDA money was supposed to be used to promote our county to bring in more visitors and businesses, which in addition to room tax would also bring in more sales tax. Ms. Datin felt it a shame that over the years since the law was enacted that this money that should have been spent to promote the county was not spent. Ms. Datin wondered how many businesses failed due to lack of promotion on their part or the TDA's part. Ms. Datin stated that she knew it was not possible for the Board of Commissioners to spend the money but they could direct the TDA board to follow what the law says, to appoint the right people to the board and correct the balance on the board to what was intended in the law as written. Ms. Datin was of the opinion that no one had read the law because they were not following it. Ms. Datin disclosed that it was awkward for her to come before the board because her husband is the part time director of the TDA. Ms. Datin stated that he was on the board for many years and then became the director and resigned from the board. Vice Chair Streater asked Ms. Datin what was her request with Ms. Datin answering that she would like the TDA to be directed to spend the money they are supposed to spend. Vice Chair Streater asked about her request of the TDA with Ms. Datin answering that she asked for four hundred dollars for an Art contest. Ms. Datin shared that they funded it the first year but when she went back the second year they said no because she only had ten entries. Ms. Datin again stated that she would like the TDA to spend the money they are supposed to be spending and she would like the board to be made up of the right people so they will spend the money. Ms. Datin added that the current board has no interest in spending the money. Chairman Baucom felt the board needed to have a conversation about this and looked to the County Manager to develop a plan for addressing this matter. Commissioner Sims then asked Sheriff Allen our crime rate related to the state with Sheriff Allen answering we generally run a little below the state average. Sheriff Allen stated that the state usually runs two years behind as far as updating the numbers. Sheriff Allen shared that we have not had a murder in Anson County in over three years. Commissioner Sims felt the reputation of us having a high crime rate was subject to scrutiny with Sheriff Allen answering it was simply fictitious and we were no more dangerous than Mecklenburg or Union counties. Sheriff Allen felt Anson County was a safe place to live. Chairman Baucom then asked why people say that with Sheriff Allen feeling they use it as an excuse and not a reason.

## **Administrative Matters:**

**Utilities Update:** Mike Sessions, Utilities Director, shared with board members that since the middle of 2011 to present they have done about 8.8 miles of new waterline. Mr. Sessions stated that coming up next year was Teal Hall Road, Old Prison Camp Road, Wall Atkins Road, a McFarlan tie in and Lindsey Court. Mr. Sessions stated that the timber cutting at waste treatment was almost complete and comprised of almost twenty-six acres and would give us about 20 additional acres for spreading sludge. Mr. Sessions noted that some of the farms they were using have been bought and sold and no longer available. Mr. Sessions referred to the filtration plant noting that in March 2011 DENR inspected the sludge lagoons and found some deficiencies. Mr. Sessions shared that we had seepage on the dams and large trees. Mr. Sessions noted the trees were probably thirty years old and after working on this for a year and a half they feel it is time to make the corrections. Mr. Sessions stated that they have two lagoons, one is just over five acres and the other is a little over ten acres and it is time to rework them. Mr. Sessions also stated that they add alum to the raw water to help with the removal of turbidity and that becomes sludge. Mr. Sessions shared that over thirty years they have spent five hundred thousand dollars which averages a little less than seventeen thousand a year. Mr. Sessions shared that they received recommendations from three companies, did soil testing and found our embankments do not meet DENR safety factor of 1.5 so this has to be addressed. Mr. Sessions shared that the space from the top of the water to the dam shows inadequate freeboard and they solicited a solution from different companies. Mr. Sessions shared that one solution was to use a belt press at a cost close to five million dollars plus more operating expense. Mr. Sessions stated that with this solution they would have to purchase equipment, a truck, add at least one additional employee and pay for the disposal. Mr. Sessions added that this solution would necessitate the purchase of additional land. Mr. Sessions stated another solution was to work from the outside of the existing lagoons to rework them and would also require the purchase of additional land. Mr. Sessions shared that the third solution presented by the engineers and the one they favor is to work from the inside of the lagoons out thereby not requiring the purchase of additional land and they could do one lagoon at the time. Mr. Sessions stated that doing one at a time would not interrupt the work at filtration. Mr. Sessions stated that if they do this they would reshape the inner side of the dam and add a geo synthetic liner that they hope would last thirty more years. Mr. Sessions shared that this would be a five million dollar project. Mr. Sessions shared that they knew this would be an expensive project but they think they can get grant funding and low interest loans. Mr. Sessions shared that they, along with the engineering company, talked with DENR several times and this is something that has to be done as they have run the useful life of the lagoons. County Manager Gatewood asked the timeline for the project with Mr. Sessions answering probably two years. Commissioner Sims asked the approximate cost for one lagoon with Mr. Sessions answering the cost was for both since both have to be done. Commissioner Sims asked if we could do one at the time with Mr. Sessions stating the reason they have to be done is because of the dams as they would still have the deficiency. Mr. Sessions stated that because of the size of the

project they received recommendations from two engineering companies. Mr. Sessions shared that they used Hobbs Upchurch and McGill. Vice Chair Streater asked why we did not use more than one engineering firm with Mr. Sessions stating they have started using other firms. Mr. Sessions shared that they were using a different company now on their waterlines and they would like to use McGill for this project. Mr. Sessions feels using more than one would get us better service and prices. Chairman Baucom asked what happens if we don't do this with Mr. Sessions answering we don't have a choice. County Manager Gatewood stated the worst case scenario would be they shut us down. Mr. Sessions added that we would receive fines until they shut us down. Mr. Sessions stated that he did not realize that if you own your own property and have a pond on it, if the dam is a certain height DENR can come in and do the same thing to you that they did to them. Commissioner Sims asked where the money would come from for this project with Mr. Sessions answering that McGill would apply for grants and would be looking for low interest loans. Vice Chair Streater felt the money would come from the utility fund to repay the loans with Mr. Sessions answering yes. Chairman Baucom noted it was totally an enterprise system. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to accept the recommendation and that we shop around in the future when getting engineering firms to do work for us on different projects. Commissioner Woodburn asked as it comes together and we have more information would he share that with board members with Mr. Sessions answering that once the project is complete he has no problem pulling equipment from another department to be used at filtration to help save money. Commissioner Woodburn asked if there was a completed quote for the total project with Mr. Sessions answering the quote was right at five million dollars. County Manager Gatewood stated that as with any other project they will update board members at various intervals. Motion carried unanimously.

**Voting Delegate Legislative Goals Conference:** Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Woodburn if he was going with Commissioner Woodburn answering he would be glad to attend. Chairman Baucom voiced that Commissioner Woodburn was our guy for this as he does a very nice job. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to appoint Commissioner Woodburn. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Woodburn asked board members if they know of anything in the legislature or if they could think of something they would like the Association to consider we need to get the information together. Chairman Baucom asked to put this on the January Agenda and asked board members to be thinking. Chairman Baucom felt what they were doing to pre-K education was going to bite us in five to fifteen years. Chairman Baucom felt the cutting to senior colleges will make it cost prohibitive for some to attend college. Commissioner Sims felt parents should look at state supported schools because you will pay the state's part at private schools.

**Set Meeting Schedule for 2013:** Vice Chair Streater asked the clerk if she was recommending having the January meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> with the clerk stating the pink was just suggestions. County Manager Gatewood stated that they were suggesting the day after Labor Day for the September meeting. Vice Chair Streater felt

some folks were on vacation that week with Commissioner Sims stating that was not a good week for him. After much discussion, motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the 2013 meeting schedule as follows:

January 7	July 8
February 5	August 6
March 5	September 9
April 2	October 7
May 7	November 5
June 4	December 3

Motion carried unanimously.

**Date for Annual Meeting with SPCC Trustees:** Chairman Baucom asked if they suggested April 9<sup>th</sup> with the clerk answering yes. Several board members had a conflict with this date and after discussion, they asked to clerk to work with SPCC to see if the meeting could be rescheduled for April 11 or April 16<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Baucom announced that SPCC, as all schools are, is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and this is done every ten years and they had no recommendations. Chairman Baucom shared that Dr. Sidor stated that he had never been at a school that had no recommendations and gave them all the week of Thanksgiving off.

**Pee Dee Lumber Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Rodney Diggs stated that North Carolina Senate Bill 300 requires that all jurisdictions have a mitigation plan. Mr. Diggs stated that last year around March we adopted the county plan and now FEMA and the State want regionalization of these plans. Mr. Diggs noted there was one in the mountains and this was the second one in the state and we are in with Scotland, Montgomery and Richmond counties. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Diggs if he had any input with Mr. Diggs answering yes. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Diggs if he felt good about it with Mr. Diggs answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if someone would come help us if we needed it with Mr. Diggs answering yes and we can get grant money if we have a disaster. Mr. Diggs stated that if we have repetitive loss floods or severe repetitive loss claims there is grant money to fix it. Chairman Baucom asked if we would help others if we could with Mr. Diggs answering yes. Motion Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE  
PEE DEE LUMBER REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, Anson County is vulnerable to an array of natural hazards that can cause loss of life and damages to public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, Anson County desires to seek ways to mitigate situations that may aggravate such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the development and implementation of a hazard mitigation plan can result in actions that reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Anson County Board of Commissioners to protect its citizens and property from the effects of natural hazards by preparing and maintaining a local hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also the intent of the Anson County Board of Commissioners to fulfill its obligation under North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 166A: North Carolina Emergency Management Act and Section 322: Mitigation Planning, of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to remain eligible to receive state and federal assistance in the event of a declared disaster affecting the (ANSON COUNTY); and

**WHEREAS**, Anson County, in coordination with Anson County, Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton, Wadesboro, Montgomery County, Biscoe, Candor, Mount Gilead, Star, Troy, Richmond County, Dobbins Heights, Ellerbe, Hamlet, Hoffman, Norman, Rockingham, Scotland County, East Laurinburg, Gibson, Laurinburg, and Wagram has prepared a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan with input from the appropriate local and state officials;

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have reviewed the Pee Dee Lumber Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for legislative compliance and has approved the plan pending the completion of local adoption procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby:

Adopts the Pee Dee Lumber Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the proposed actions of the Plan.

Adopted on December 4, 2012.

Chairman Baucom called for a fifteen minute break before hearing from the County Manager.

After the break, the **County Manager's Report** was the next item of discussion. County Manager Gatewood shared that our United Way campaign just ended and Anson County Government employees pledged \$8,074, which is fifty-six percent ahead of last year. County Manager Gatewood noted this was not only Anson County employees but board members as well. County Manager Gatewood noted the Christmas luncheon was Friday beginning at 12 Noon and the last three years we've provided employees a little token of appreciation and we've not had any returns. County Manager Gatewood stated that he and Bonnie were 100% certain they will not have any returns on Friday or Monday. County Manager Gatewood offered congratulations to Ms. Bonnie Huntley and acknowledged her efforts in organizing the Christmas luncheon. County Manager Gatewood shared that tomorrow we have another surplus real estate auction at 12 Noon on the steps of the courthouse. County Manager Gatewood stated that we will get these properties off our books and back onto the tax roll. County Manager Gatewood shared a copy of the listing from the paper with Commissioner Sims. County Manager Gatewood mentioned our emergency

reserve fund noting we've not had to use any of it during the month of November so we still stand at \$31,497 and over five months we've used fifty-five percent. County Manager Gatewood stated that for the last three months we've been working very closely with our Architect Moseley and our general contractor Messer on the Emergency Services Center. County Manager Gatewood shared that Messer came in with a cost estimate of 4.25 million dollars and we received eight bids with the top at 5.3 million dollars. County Manager Gatewood stated that all along he has indicated that we plan to build this 24,000 square foot building at a cost of construction around 3.6 million dollars. County Manager Gatewood reported that we are right at 3.6 million and in January they will come back to the board with a recommendation to approve the contract and proceed with breaking ground during the first quarter of 2013. County Manager Gatewood stated that if approved, by the first quarter of 2014 we will be opening the new facility. County Manager Gatewood shared that the audit report was completed on November 28 and due to the LGC on December 1 so we made our schedule two years in a row. County Manager Gatewood acknowledged Rita James, Robert Thomas, Bonnie Huntley, Cathy Baxter and Deneal Bennett for doing a yeoman's job in pulling all this together. County Manager Gatewood noted it was a very positive report sharing that in June 2007 our fund balance was 1.7 million dollars and as of June 30, 2012 we have 7.2 million dollars in our fund balance. County Manager Gatewood reported that some of the 7.2 million was assigned to continued improvements at the courthouse, façade of the Belk building and other capital projects. County Manager Gatewood shared that the Belk building should be completed March 1 weather permitting. Chairman Baucom voiced that the most positive feedback she gets is the courthouse and the Belk building. Chairman Baucom feels it has lifted the spirit of the community and voiced appreciation to the board, the County Manager and staff. County Manager Gatewood stated that in addition to the courthouse and Belk building the library and parks and recreation buildings have also been renovated. Chairman Baucom felt not enough people were taking advantage of the Parks and Recreation facility. Chairman Baucom shared that she heard last week that we need longer hours at the library but she did not know how to make that happen. County Manager Gatewood shared that as of June 30, 2012 our bonded debt was now zero. County Manager Gatewood shared that he gave a County Manager's update to the Rotary Club last week and it went very well. County Manager Gatewood stated that he made the following promises to the group: 1)our new website is underway and would go live January 2013; 2)credit card payment options for tax collections, health department and water department will begin January/February 2013; and 3)the county is committed to the Agri Civic Center and making it happen just as quickly as we possibly can. County Manager Gatewood shared that the schedule calls for acquiring the land in 2013, beginning the design phase in 2014, site development in 2015 and beginning construction in 2016, adding that he hopes we can find a way to accelerate the schedule by at last eighteen to twenty-four months. County Manager Gatewood stated that we just completed a successful general election and as the County Manager he received a lot of calls but received no calls complaining about the election. County Manager Gatewood felt they owed a lot of credit to Steve Adams and asked him to

share his brief observations. Mr. Adams shared that they have a total registration of voters as of November 6 of 17,397. Mr. Adams shared that early voting had 6,322 voters and the biggest number Anson County has ever had. Mr. Adams stated that election day we had 4,650 voters, 252 absentee by mail voters and 161 provisional voters. Mr. Adams stated the grand total was 11,385 and in 2008 we had 10,733 total voters. Mr. Adams noted that voter turnout was 66.42%; one of the highest in our region. Mr. Adams stated the grand total for this election, including salaries, equipment, advertising, etc. was \$51,572.08 which comes to a cost per voter of \$4.53. Mr. Adams stated that the second primary in July cost per voter about \$60. Mr. Adams reported that the Board of Elections group, the campaigners and party chairs did a wonderful job. Mr. Adams stated that he was honored and pleased to be a part of the process and thanked the County Manager and board members for their support. Mr. Adams stated that the early voting site at the Board of Education office worked out well with plenty of parking and was a good working relationship. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members of the Christmas parade on Thursday beginning at 4 PM. County Manager Gatewood shared that for Christmas county offices will close Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and again on Tuesday, January 1, 2013. County Manager Gatewood waved his flag from the Veterans Day ceremony noting Mr. Ward, Ms. Jackson and a host of volunteers decorated the courthouse beautifully. County Manager Gatewood stated that next year they hope to have at least one band in the parade. County Manager Gatewood shared that they distributed 375 cups of Wendy's chili. County Manager Gatewood stated that many years ago there was an American flag at the top of the Belk building and he doesn't know if it was illuminated or not but we will have an American flag at the top again and it will be illuminated. County Manager Gatewood shared a proposed budget schedule for 2013/2014 asking board members to schedule a budget retreat on Saturday, March 2. County Manager Gatewood pointed out that on April 15 they would like board members to approve the utilities and budget rates and an update on the repairs to the sludge pond and dam would be given at that time. County Manager Gatewood stated that the recommended budget would be presented at the June 4 meeting, the budget Public Hearing will be on June 20 with adoption on June 27. By consensus board members agreed to the schedule as presented. Chairman Baucom asked if there would be an opportunity at the budget retreat to set some priorities and consider what is next. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would hope a part of the discussion would be on capital projects and how we plan to take the Agri Civic Center from vision to reality on an accelerated schedule. County Manager Gatewood felt the board needed to spend time on some of the legislative issues such as fracking. Chairman Baucom noted the County Attorney had already done some work in identifying and reviewing legislation but feels we need a plan as to how we are going to deal with it. Vice Chair Streater felt we needed to do something to bring county employee salaries up and asked to talk about this at the March retreat. Chairman Baucom added without creating more salary compression. County Manager Gatewood commented that it must be affordable for the county and citizens and sustainable over time so once we start the program we can finish it. Commissioner Woodburn felt another topic we needed to start laying the

ground work for was interaction between the county and municipalities. Commissioner Woodburn stated that because of the challenges we are all facing we could look at things like duplication of services, collaboration and doing things to make a lot of things bearable for everyone. County Manager Gatewood stated that he, Bonnie and Sheriff Allen have been in conversation and we plan to start that process in a formal way in January by doing a School of Government Webinars on Internet Café's here in this room. County Manager Gatewood felt we also needed to discuss our relationship with the Board of Education. County Manager Gatewood noted it was really nice to have early voting sponsored by the Board of Education and we could not have done it in the basement of the government center and voiced appreciation to Dr. Firn and the Board of Education. County Manager Gatewood reported that on Wednesday, December 12 the county and BCBS were sponsoring four nutrition seminars beginning at 10, 11, 1 and 2 in the Ingram Room. County Manager Gatewood shared that he attended the retirement gala for Carol Walter on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Baucom offered thanks to the County Manager and staff for all they do. Chairman Baucom congratulated Commissioner Sturdivant, Vice Chair Streater, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Woodburn on their re-election. Chairman Baucom commented that she takes this as an endorsement of the path we are on as a board and as a county government.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Baucom reminded board members of the Senior Citizen's lunch on Thursday beginning at 11 and the county luncheon on Friday at Noon. Chairman Baucom asked board member attending to make sure she knows they are there. Chairman Baucom shared a report she received this week that someone wanted to take oil to the landfill and she thought there used to be a barrel there that you could deposit used oil in and it seems you can't do it anymore. Mr. Sessions explained that the landfill stopped accepting the oil and it was because people were not just putting oil in there but they were mixing it with other chemicals. Mr. Sessions stated that the landfill had to pay to have it separated but any parts house or auto center will take oil. Mr. Sessions was of the impression that it cost the landfill around \$7,000 to have the oil separated. Chairman Baucom felt some of the convenient centers have been abused with people just throwing it over the fence no matter where it landed. Commissioner Woodburn voiced appreciation to Mr. Sessions for checking into the oil matter saying he understands the decision made and noted that they also don't take paint anymore. Mr. Sessions stated that they could take paint if you put sand in it or it is dried up. Commissioner Woodburn felt in order to get people to do things it has to be convenient and when he goes to Wal-Mart he is not thinking of taking trash and when he goes to buy a part for a vehicle he is not thinking about taking oil. Commissioner Woodburn felt \$7,000 was a lot of money but he looks at this as a service to the citizens of Anson County and a convenience. Mr. Sessions offered to meet with landfill officials and discuss these issues. Chairman Baucom suggested looking at the contracts with County Attorney Forbes offering to review. Commissioner Woodburn felt if this was their concern and we were getting income from it could we possibly split the difference with them. County Manager Gatewood noted they would take a look at the contract, have a conversation and report back in January.

Commissioner Sims voiced that over the years he has seen the basis of services shrinking from the landfill with Chairman Baucom thinking she has too. Commissioner Sturdivant referred to the landfill no long taking oil and voiced that where Commissioner Woodburn stated he would take his back home some other citizens would dump it or pour it out.

**Old Business:**

**Records Retention & Disposition Schedule – Register of Deeds:**

Chairman Baucom stated that it needs to be approved as it is what they've got to do and what they are going to do. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Shared Local Foods Extension Agent Position:** Chairman Baucom stated that this would cost us \$4600 this year and \$9300 in years to come. Ms. Rywak stated that when the County Attorney reviewed the memorandum the questions he had were forwarded to A&T University. Ms. Rywak explained that there are no set figures in salary in the memorandum because as increases may arise they would have to change the memorandum so therefore they included only percentages. Ms. Rywak stated that the offer letter sent to the individual that has been selected for the position will specify the amounts and the cost share percentages. Ms. Rywak stated that any county within the memorandum can opt out of the agreement with a sixty day written notice and the University can as well. Ms. Rywak stated that this was a cost share arrangement with the University and the employee would be considered a state employee and if anything would happen that the county would opt out and the person go through unemployment then cost share would go into that line item just as it does with salary and fringe benefits. Ms. Rywak stated that after Union County got the contract they had more questions that our County Attorney so they submitted additional correspondence. Ms. Rywak stated that Union County asked if this position would be considered lock in and they were concerned that with three county governments working together with the University what would happen if each county wanted to do something different. Ms. Rywak stated that the three Extension Director's met and recommended that we need to be lock in and whatever A&T does we need to do the same thing. Ms. Rywak shared that Union and Stanly counties do not contribute to a 401K so therefore they said no one would contribute. Ms. Rywak stated that Union County had a concern with the eligibility to opt out of the arrangement and A&T's response was if anybody opts out they will do a new memorandum. Ms. Rywak stated that Union County was not happy with this and then shared a copy of the revised last page to the memorandum. Ms. Rywak stated that they put an asterisk on the second page under item 5 and at the bottom put that this is to stipulate by any party hereto, including Union County, Anson County or Stanly County separately. Ms. Rywak stated that this was a new position and a new opportunity but also a new challenge and if approved they will reassess the program in six months intervals. Ms. Rywak shared that they anticipate with the applicant considered for the position that this will do wonderful things and be a good program. Ms. Rywak noted that this would not require new funding for this fiscal year

but she will have to include it in the budget for next fiscal year. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve. Commissioner Sims asked Ms. Rywak to give a report on the positives and negatives sometime before the next contract. Ms. Rywak stated that she plans to introduce this person to the board at a meeting. Vice Chair Streater shared that he received a couple of calls explaining more about the position. Motion carried unanimously.

**Anson Rescue Squad:** Anthony Ratliff stated that he was not sure why he was here other than to present a proposal to increase the hours of rescue from twelve-seven to twenty-four seven. Mr. Ratliff shared that he was told that County Attorney Forbes had questions about the financial impact on EMS. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager if he had reviewed the contract with County Manager Gatewood answering he along with Mr. Teal had reviewed the contract and asked Mr. Teal to share his questions with the board. Mr. Teal shared that when we started talking about this a few months ago there was a list of a few items identified as potential points for improving our current emergency medical system. Mr. Teal stated that they met with Mr. Ratliff and asked him to consider our request. Mr. Teal stated that Mr. Ratliff presented the request to his board and they did not agree to any request made. Mr. Teal stated that the only request agreed to was that we change the current contract from twelve hours a day seven days a week to twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. Mr. Teal was of the opinion that the requests made were to move Anson County Emergency Services forward while adding value in the rescue squad being a part of the system. Mr. Teal feels without some adjustments to the agreement he feels we are not creating any public value by moving forward with the twenty-four hour seven days a week proposal. Mr. Teal noted the financial impact to the taxpayers was approximately \$135,000 annually that will be taken from potential revenue that EMS currently has based on average reimbursement per call, the amount of calls run from 8PM to 8AM per month and averaged out over a year. Mr. Teal felt EMS was not necessarily reducing services and would have the same amount of money going out with less opportunity for the money to come in. Mr. Teal feels the current agreement is ineffective and by the fact that they are reducing their revenue potential by this amount he feels the agreement should be reevaluated before taking a vote. Chairman Baucom questioned the remark about the current agreement being ineffective with Mr. Teal noting ineffective may be the wrong word. Mr. Teal felt one thing that was a need for our county and was prevalent from their call volume was transfers from Anson Community Hospital to other hospitals in our area. Mr. Teal shared that transfers make up roughly forty to forty-five percent of their call volume and the rest would be 9-1-1 calls. Mr. Teal stated that one of the considerations in the new contract was that Anson Rescue help participate in the transfers and they did not agree. Mr. Teal felt it was a potential revenue source for rescue and it would really help on the EMS side with volume and the fact that their folks are up all hours of the night. Mr. Teal commented that this was one of his main concerns that was not agreed to and where the word ineffective came from and an area to improve upon. Mr. Teal felt we were adding a service but we were not increasing the amount of revenue coming in and felt there was no need to add an

additional truck during the nighttime period. Vice Chair Streater asked the number of hours employees work with Mr. Teal answering they work twenty-four hours a day every third day and on weekends it varies. County Manager Gatewood asked Mr. Teal the number of full time staffers with Mr. Teal answering fifteen fulltime positions operate two twenty-four hour trucks seven days a week and one supervisor to oversee the two trucks seven days a week. County Manager Gatewood asked of those fifteen how many are paid volunteers with rescue with Mr. Teal thinking half and Mr. Ratliff thinking five. Vice Chair Streater asked Mr. Ratliff how he would cover this if they were scheduled for twenty-four hours with rescue. Mr. Ratliff stated that they told their people they would not be allowed to work over a thirty-six hour period, which sometimes now at EMS they've been allowed to work over forty-eight hours. Mr. Ratliff stated that he did not expect this and it seems to be a double standard. Mr. Ratliff shared that their proposal was to take more calls which would generate more money which they were willing to lose and County Manager Gatewood was adamant that he didn't care who got the money. Mr. Ratliff stated that he understands Mr. Teal is having trouble keeping employees because they are tired of running and working all the time. Mr. Ratliff explained that he has part time paid employees and volunteers and if they take on more than they can chew it will impact them. Mr. Ratliff noted that Anson Rescue came before the county in the 80's and requested EMS be established to alleviate some of the burden. Mr. Ratliff stated that he starting making observations in October and there were five calls at night when he was away from his livelihood that he answered himself because there was no EMS truck. Mr. Ratliff felt if you would listen to the scanner at night you would hear that people are put on hold because if one truck goes out to answer a 9-1-1 call and there is a call at the hospital for a transfer they politely put them on hold until that truck gets off that call to come back before they take the transfer. Vice Chair Streater questioned the wait time on transfers with Mr. Ratliff stating that the 9-1-1 call could be a transfer depending on what they find when they get there. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Ratliff his opinion on the wait time for transfers with Mr. Ratliff saying he's never timed them but feels the average is about an hour. Vice Chair Streater asked if the case was severe enough would they not fly the helicopter with Mr. Ratliff answering it depends on the weather. Commissioner Sikes explained that what brought this on was giving Anson Rescue a zero time period to respond and the only way they can do that is be there twenty-four hours a day because if they aren't they would go broke with EMS running all the calls. Commissioner Sikes stated that we have three ambulance services in the county and Ansonville and Burnsville don't have a time limit because they are so far away. Commissioner Sikes explained that the state doesn't look at in route time but they look at response time. Commissioner Sikes shared the reason Anson Rescue wants to go twenty-four hours is because of the zero time period they were put in and they could not survive. Mr. Ratliff noted their average response time on wrecks was 2.9 minutes as far as getting the truck out. Chairman Baucom noted the existing agreement with Anson Rescue was included in the agenda packet and it does not tell her the new proposal. County Manager Gatewood shared that item 2 in the current proposal reads that the contractor shall provide the county with weekly ambulance service during peak hours Monday

through Sunday 8:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. and we would scratch from during peak hours 8:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. and insert twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. County Manager Gatewood stated that this says that Anson Rescue Squad would operate twenty-four seven and will respond to approximately every third ambulance call. County Manager Gatewood stated that he did not care who got the money as he just wanted to provide the very best response time and service to all citizens of this county. County Manager Gatewood recommended that although the agreement was not exactly what Anson EMS would like to have that the board consider this on a trial basis for six months and they come back within six months with an update, to include the pros and cons and then decide if we want to continue or modify it as need be. Vice Chair Streater referred to the patient waiting at the hospital and if EMS was on a call why rescue could not take that person to wherever with Mr. Ratliff answering right now there was no one available. Vice Chair Streater stated that if they go twenty-four hours they would have someone available with Mr. Ratliff answering they could have but he was not sure he could supply for an extended period of time personnel to perform this duty with volunteers. Mr. Ratliff felt he would have to hire more part time or go to full time with employees. Mr. Ratliff stated that 9-1-1 calls were a different matter and most of the time it will be local and a short run. Mr. Ratliff stated that he could not run calls at night because he is required to be at work at 7 AM in the morning and this would cause problems for the volunteers and probably at other times. Vice Chair Streater mentioned a meeting with Mr. Ratliff and asked if something was done with the zero time would that fix the problem. Commissioner Sikes felt not really as they want the people to get an ambulance and rescue can't do that with volunteers without being there twenty-four hours. Mr. Teal felt we were moving from a volunteer system to a paid system and they were asking to move their contract to a twenty-four hour operational period and they will pay employees to be there. Mr. Teal stated that if they need someone to take a transfer because they are busy he wants rescue to be available to do it. Mr. Teal felt they may or may not have trouble staffing but it is no longer a volunteer system when you're paying someone to be there for twenty-four hours and they will basically be a paid rescue squad. Mr. Teal noted they would have the ability to take the transfer and the board chose not to and that was his biggest concern with the situation. Commissioner Sikes felt rescue's point on this was they don't want to go out of the county because their main objective was to be here for wrecks. Chairman Baucom noted they have the equipment, the expertise and the skill and that would be her concern about them going out of the county. Vice Chair Streater voiced that we could not afford to put equipment on every fire department. Chairman Baucom voiced that they could afford the \$135,000 to supplement EMS more than they could afford the equipment. Commissioner Sikes stated that the contract makes it sound like the \$24,000 is for the 8:30 – 8:30 ambulance but it is for the rescue side and they are not being paid for the ambulance. Commissioner Sikes reminded board members when Mr. Lucas was here we gave them \$50,000 a year to run the ambulance and they paid twenty percent of their calls back to us which equaled out so it was stopped and they now operate on what they make from the ambulance. Commissioner Sikes voiced that the \$24,000 was to help keep up all the rescue equipment and trucks. Vice Chair

Streater stated that based on the recommendation from County Manager Gatewood, he offered a motion to approve on a six months basis and at that time County Manager Gatewood, Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Teal will come back with an evaluation on paper as to what has taken place. Commissioner Sikes offered a second to the motion. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Ratliff is he would be able to keep his volunteers for six months while we do this with Mr. Ratliff answering he hopes so. Vice Chair Streater asked if anything happens to come back to the board immediately. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sikes commented that a few weeks ago Anson EMS had several ambulances out of commission and didn't have enough to cover and Anson Rescue gave them an ambulance to run calls with until they could get theirs back up and running.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** approved minutes dated November 7, 2012 and November 26, 2012 and closed session minutes dated November 7, 2012.

**Tax Releases:**

## Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

				12/04/12			
20251	Trexler, Franklin	2012	1,520.85	12-3-18073	Real Taxes	Releases	Clerical Error
			<b>\$ 1,520.85</b>				
					Real Taxes	Refund	
			<b>\$ -</b>				
22021	Altman Furnishings	2012	64.98	1211-000035	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21035	Covington, Thomas C	2012	2.86	1206-000396	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22018	Froeber, Donald	2011	199.52	1203-000503	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21031	Horne, Leatha H	2011	29.22	1203-000735	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21033	Liles, Annie L	2011	16.42	1111-000993	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22017	Lindsey, Sylvia	2011	3.87	1204-001265	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21032	Martin, Dustin	2011	11.46	1202-000916	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22015	Pemberton Paula	2009	13.20	1002-001048	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22016	Pemberton Paula	2010	11.12	1010-001455	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22022	Sossaman, Donna	2011	10.06	1204-002068	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22020	Taylor, Leigh M	2010	9.42	1102-001301	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20248	Taylor, Linda	2012	159.77	1209-001649	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs - County Change
21034	Tyson, Betty H	2012	43.34	1210-001796	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20249	Wall, Shavonda	2010	21.89	1103-001988	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20250	Wall, Shavonda	2011	85.68	1112-001556	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
			<b>\$ 682.81</b>				
22019	Childers, Alvin	2011	5.44	1204-000373	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21036	Phillips, Shelby	2012	33.04	1209-001321	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22014	Thomas, Robert m	2011	2.85	1204-002230	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
			<b>\$ 41.33</b>				
20249	Wall, Shavonda	2010	1.86	1103-001988	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20250	Wall, Shavonda	2011	7.78	1112-001556	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
			<b>\$ 9.64</b>				
			<b>2,254.63</b>				

**Tax Collector's Report:**

# Real Property Taxes

**FY 2012-2013 Current Year Ad Valorem - 2012**

**November 30, 2012**

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Year 2012	-	-	-	139,879.76	1,330,911.40	863,307.89	662,140.94	1,545,771.18
Year 2011	153,989.93	109,921.59	207,718.61	78,897.91	1,033,340.38	1,114,236.77	724,932.68	1,057,582.02
Year 2010	132,854.57	142,607.79	132,015.62	64,025.06	698,291.83	1,078,301.02	727,146.32	1,834,033.24
Year 2009	261,656.33	87,022.22	149,915.40	75,012.59	562,659.35	1,317,720.88	681,923.36	1,487,890.82
Year 2008	131,934.01	145,103.87	144,764.28	82,074.70	1,509,823.05	750,653.41	705,888.42	1,308,422.04
Year 2007	103,614.43	101,440.48	92,036.48	284,567.14	1,310,396.82	788,895.51	539,491.44	912,342.12
Year 2006	178,097.47	135,565.80	99,256.26	52,974.73	1,152,305.43	871,645.87	600,534.92	1,229,982.74
<b>Of Total Collections</b>								
<b>County Taxes &amp; Late List</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
Year 2012	-	-	-	106,855.68	1,100,182.13	716,431.79	548,716.84	1,246,234.94
Year 2011	114,354.72	80,805.60	121,655.06	53,935.78	840,543.63	921,545.62	603,338.68	865,688.02
Year 2010	101,065.71	104,729.42	95,416.97	47,746.47	560,283.83	894,518.98	605,605.64	1,479,716.19
Year 2009	189,446.64	63,406.87	112,505.37	52,118.13	460,019.34	1,104,190.36	561,891.76	1,192,815.02
Year 2008	99,314.46	107,874.15	140,520.34	61,341.51	1,218,671.84	633,646.80	574,997.79	1,046,831.34
Year 2007	78,986.40	72,638.39	71,653.77	228,499.71	1,083,649.84	612,969.68	452,661.26	714,929.80
Year 2006	135,349.05	111,677.89	73,463.10	36,851.87	923,498.88	726,149.72	502,659.49	1,013,901.27
<b>Current Year (2012) Ad Valorem Collections %</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
Year 2012					10.76%	14.37%	18.46%	28.32%
Year 2011	92.77%	93.20%	93.75%		7.87%	13.92%	18.51%	24.84%
Year 2010	92.95%	93.57%	94.09%		4.90%	13.35%	15.95%	27.10%
Year 2009	92.70%	93.11%	93.78%		4.47%	12.81%	17.03%	26.88%
Year 2008	93.40%	94.15%	94.62%		12.88%	15.53%	20.18%	29.04%
Year 2007	94.32%	94.78%	95.25%		12.95%	16.08%	19.69%	25.78%
Year 2006	94.53%	95.28%	95.78%		9.72%	15.87%	20.69%	30.37%
Year 2005	95.09%	95.85%	96.43%		11.83%	17.64%	21.77%	30.22%
Year 2004	94.25%	95.47%	96.05%		1.32%	7.59%	16.65%	29.10%
Year 2003	95.06%	95.74%	96.66%		3.58%	12.64%	18.90%	27.62%
<b>Current Year (2012) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
Year 2012	-	-	-	44,734.04	9,226,756.70	10,479,738.36	9,979,652.70	8,777,582.71
Year 2011	877,303.12	824,977.42	757,956.67	32,692.26	9,407,190.90	10,421,780.20	9,872,181.97	9,108,774.55
Year 2010	859,307.48	784,518.34	720,335.90	6,847.17	9,730,558.67	8,865,833.89	10,243,265.68	8,883,658.36
Year 2009	859,835.75	811,612.36	732,900.66	32,526.38	9,309,025.66	10,257,601.76	9,763,301.52	8,627,953.83
<b>History of Past Due Mailings</b>	<b>02/10/11</b>		<b>11/08/11</b>		<b>02/14/12</b>		<b>10/01/12</b>	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	4,771	3,526,519.23	2,168	2,100,002.93	4,559	3,637,092.32	2,419	2,362,763.93
<b>Tax Scroll Billings</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Taxed Value</b>	<b>County Tax</b>	<b>Late List</b>	<b>City Taxes</b>	<b>Fire Taxes</b>	<b>Total Billed</b>	
Year 2012	0.767	1,329,890,486	10,200,268.80	14,665.91	1,635,582.81	504,013.76	12,354,531.28	
Year 2011	0.767	1,327,866,369	10,147,848.87	13,689.32	1,639,958.48	499,585.19	12,301,081.86	
Year 2010	0.767	1,327,866,369	10,184,743.25	15,890.10	1,629,828.36	503,371.31	12,333,833.02	
Year 2009	0.894	1,074,350,757	9,604,696.60	38,844.26	1,596,904.94	419,657.98	11,660,103.78	
Year 2008	0.894	1,067,095,405	9,539,833.35	15,293.61	1,587,401.81	418,342.90	11,560,871.67	
Year 2007	0.894	1,057,504,045	9,454,086.99	36,594.58	1,567,062.65	417,392.35	11,475,136.57	
Year 2006	0.894	1,031,311,772	9,219,927.97	30,747.75	1,470,983.74	413,585.67	11,135,245.13	
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>County Tax</b>	<b>City Taxes</b>	<b>Fire Taxes</b>	<b>Total Billed</b>				
Year 2012	1,912,391.52	95,646.61	113,513.96	2,121,552.09				
Year 2011	1,903,727.55	96,335.67	112,271.30	2,112,334.52				
Year 2010	1,909,334.87	96,146.67	110,638.22	2,116,119.76				
Year 2009	1,997,433.34	93,637.75	102,680.57	2,193,751.66				
Year 2008	2,036,138.47	80,919.31	104,766.86	2,221,824.64				
Year 2007	1,845,058.15	752,396.25	36,424.77	2,633,879.17				
Year 2006	866,105.28	128,816.34	34,170.91	1,029,092.53				
	<b>Aug 2012</b>		<b>Sep 2012</b>		<b>Oct 2012</b>		<b>Nov 2012</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>
Active Garnishments	181	64,536.50	269	112,766.64	230	100,507.04	217	95,016.24
Accts with Agreements	62	16,470.15	53	12,526.24	53	12,496.37	53	12,315.77
Accts in Foreclosure	381	194,812.71	370	176,551.24	365	175,335.93	364	176,123.40
Bankruptcies	102	57,611.07	99	65,810.21	99	58,081.72	99	58,339.89
Remaining Accts Collectible	8,141	2,303,609.62	7,912	2,186,862.14	7,739	2,151,276.64	6,880	2,111,494.03
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	17,371	11,163,302.31	16,097	12,501,743.06	15,002	11,912,433.00	13,037	10,431,893.53
**Red = AR Dollars	26,238	13,800,342.36	24,800	15,056,259.53	23,488	14,410,130.70	20,650	12,885,182.86
	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	7	2,955.91	11	17,682.99	11	4,689.48	2	1,086.92
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	108	56,925.32	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	108	58,219.98	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		312,705.18		313,115.88		308,994.36		305,601.47
<b>One Year Ago</b>	<b>Aug 2011</b>		<b>Sep 2011</b>		<b>Oct 2011</b>		<b>Nov 2011</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>
Active Garnishments	299	111,149.56	288	105,743.34	280	103,807.53	257	95,471.63
Accts with Agreements	66	16,364.65	67	17,095.55	65	16,169.58	63	16,040.65
Accts in Foreclosure	104	27,990.43	104	28,033.57	104	28,090.94	81	26,728.99
Bankruptcies	124	73,945.42	125	74,360.84	125	74,436.97	124	74,610.07
Remaining Accts Collectible	7,469	2,220,189.41	7,367	2,177,604.68	7,258	2,118,909.32	6,458	2,018,013.27
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	18,160	11,374,389.31	16,187	12,424,581.67	15,078	11,770,626.33	13,697	10,856,002.53
**Red = AR Dollars	26,222	13,824,028.78	24,138	14,827,419.65	22,910	14,112,040.67	20,680	13,086,867.14
	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	1	270.09	1	665.00	1	370.09	24	3,110.80
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	62	29,747.92	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		266,172.01		265,767.94		265,646.02		263,004.67

<b>Remaining Accts Collectible</b>	7,469	2,220,189.41	7,367	2,177,604.68	7,258	2,118,909.32	6,458	2,018,013.27
<b>Current Year Ad Valorem(All)</b>	18,160	11,374,389.31	16,187	12,424,581.67	15,078	11,770,626.33	13,697	10,856,002.53
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	26,222	<b>13,824,028.78</b>	24,138	<b>14,827,419.65</b>	22,910	<b>14,112,040.67</b>	20,680	<b>13,086,867.14</b>
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
<b>\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo</b>	1	270.09	1	665.00	1	370.09	24	3,110.80
<b># Accts Given to ParaLegal</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Garnishments Executed</b>	62	29,747.92	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Debt Setoff Letters Mailed</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)</b>		366,173.91		365,767.84		365,646.02		362,904.67

**Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update:**

**Fund Balance Calculation**

	<b>As of 11-30-12</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Two Months</b>	<b>Last</b>	
		<b>Same Month</b>	<b>Ago</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Now</b>
		As of 11/30/11	As of 09/30/12	As of 10/31/12	As of 11/30/12
<b>Available Fund Balance</b>					
Cash & Investments (General)		\$ 7,776,598	\$ 7,530,321	\$ 7,025,982	\$ 6,849,327
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)		\$ 12,606	\$ 15,120	\$ 15,371	\$ 15,623
Less Cash from General (other funds)		\$ -	\$ (61,867)	\$ (68,867)	\$ (77,331)
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)		\$ (18,206)	\$ 118,493	\$ 120,688	\$ 126,060
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)		\$ (52,979)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)
Less Encumbrances		\$ (956,492)	\$ (212,006)	\$ (203,705)	\$ (340,976)
<b>Total Available</b>		\$ 6,761,528	\$ 7,346,586	\$ 6,845,995	\$ 6,529,229
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)		\$ 28,090,574	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175
<b>Total Available for Appropriation</b>					
Total Available		\$ 6,761,528	\$ 7,346,586	\$ 6,845,995	\$ 6,529,229
Total Expenditures		\$ 28,090,574	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175
<b>Total % Available Fund Balance</b>		<b>24.07%</b>	<b>27.62%</b>	<b>25.74%</b>	<b>24.55%</b>
<b>Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC</b>		<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>
		<b>\$2,247,246</b>	<b>\$2,127,854</b>	<b>\$2,127,854</b>	<b>\$2,127,854</b>
<b>% Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		<b>16.07%</b>	<b>19.62%</b>	<b>17.74%</b>	<b>16.55%</b>
		<b>\$ 4,514,282</b>	<b>\$ 5,218,732</b>	<b>\$ 4,718,141</b>	<b>\$ 4,401,375</b>

**Monthly Jail Report:**

**ANSON COUNTY JAIL  
December 1, 2012**

- As of 9:00am today (December 1, 2012) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **45** inmates in Anson County; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **1** inmate in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and **0** inmates awaiting transfer to DOC.
- The following is a breakdown of the Average Daily Population:

<u>Year</u>	<u>ADP</u>	<u>Total Booked</u>	<u>Booked/Month</u>
2003	51	1920	160
2004	54	1954	163
2005	58	2119	177
2006	55	2027	169

2007	55	----	----
2008	53	1707	142
2009	62	1919	160
2010	68	1483	124
<b>2011</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>139</b>

**3. 2011 Totals**

January	59	113
February	61	136
March	56	144
April	59	170
May	59	145
June	53	162
July	58	124
August	66	177
September	62	126
October	57	136
November	60	132
December	46	104

**4. 2012 Totals**

January	40	117
February	45	125
March	48	158
April	45	146
May	48	146
June	55	138
July	56	117
August	44	134
September	45	157
October	56	124
<b>November</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>108</b>

**Budget Amendment – Airport:** to appropriate additional funding from the North Carolina State Department of Transportation Div of Aviation Federal Vision 100 Funding for the Anson County Airport – Jeff Cloud Field for Airfield Improvements per the letter dated October 26, 2012:

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase: Airport 11-4530	<u>\$ 166,667</u>
Total Increase:	\$ 166,667

Section 2. General Revenues:

Increase: Airport 11-4530	\$ 150,000
Increase: Airport 11-4530	<u>\$ 16,667</u>
Total Increase:	\$ 166,667

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

**Budget Amendment – WWTP:** to appropriate revenue from sale of timber at WWTP from Troy Lumber Company to offset costs of clearing land at WWTP for sludge spraying purposes.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 17. Expenditures:

Increase:	WWTP –Operations & Maint 62-7131	\$ 36,626
Total Increase:		\$ 36,626

Section 18. Revenues:

Increase:	WWTP-Gen & Admin 62-7130	\$ 36,626
Total Increase:		\$ 36,626

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

**Budget Amendment – Health Department:** to appropriate additional funds from the North Carolina Dept. of Health Women's and Children's health for the Anson County health Department Immunization Action Plan.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	Health programs 11-5110-5181	\$ 500
Total Increase:		\$ 2,026

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Health – All Programs 11-5100	\$ 2,526
Total increase:		\$ 2,526

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

**Budget Amendment – Richmond Street Project:** to transfer funding from Waste Water fund Balance to cover outstanding invoiced for subcontractors for the Richmond Street Project until payment has been received by the Rural Center at which time the Waste Water Fund Balance will be reimbursed.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Richmond Street Sewer Project Ordinance Amendment

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 4. Expenditures:

Increase:	AC Richmond Street Sewer project 50-4340	\$ 100,000
Total Increase:		\$ 100,000

Section 3. Revenues:

Increase:	AC Richmond Street Sewer Project 50-3100	\$ 100,000
Total Increase:		\$ 100,000

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

**Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Department:** to appropriate final revenues received to close out Gov. Hwy Safety (Fed Fy 2010) Grant for the Anson County Sheriff's Department.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 885
Total Increase:		\$ 885

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 885
-----------	---------------------------	--------

Total Increase: \$ 885  
Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

**Budget Amendment – Belk building:** to allocate funding for renovations of the Belk building from unused funds in the courthouse building budget.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase: Belk Building 11-4264	\$ 90,000
Total Increase:	\$ 90,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Decrease: Courthouse Building 11-4165	- \$ 90,000
Total Decrease:	- \$ 90,000

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to go into closed session for Contract Negotiations pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and Personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6). County Manager Gatewood stated that with the board's permission he invited Mike Sessions to join the session for part one. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to recess until Noon Friday. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 3 hr. 30 min.

