

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present: Anna H. Baucom, Chair
Ross Streater, Vice Chair
Bobby Sikes

- Jim Sims
Harold C. Smith
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Cathy Baxter, Senior Accounting Officer
Jeff Waisner, Parks and Recreation

Others: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom welcomed everyone to the first meeting of May. Chairman Baucom noted the Minister was not present and called on Reverend Bernice Bennett to do the Invocation.

Chairman Baucom noted there was a lot of work to do tonight and the first order of business was **Approval of the Agenda**. Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Code of Ethics and if they had any perceived or real conflict of interest in any matter that comes before the board this evening to let it be known. Chairman Baucom noted there were 3 Budget Amendment to add to the Consent Agenda. Chairman Baucom noted one was for the renovation at Parks and Rec., one was for renovations and repairs to the Judge's Chamber at the courthouse and the third was to appropriate additional revenues from the ABC Board to the Council on Alcoholism. Commissioner Sikes asked to add a Resolution for the RPO under Commissioner Concerns. Chairman Baucom asked the whereabouts of the County Attorney with County Manager Gatewood stating he was on his way. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

Thomasina Spencer, Lilesville Precinct: Ms. Spencer shared that she was Precinct Chair for Lilesville District 2 and as a member of the Anson County Democratic Party Executive Committee she was here tonight to give the committee's report and the nomination for the vacant seat for Lilesville District 2. Ms. Spencer stated that she did not have the written letter of statement of those results and proceedings and according

to the procedure she must have those reports or the letter in order to complete the report to the board tonight. Ms. Spencer asked if a verbal statement would do with Chairman Baucom answering there would need to be a written letter but if she had the report she thought they could receive it in person. Board members agreed. Ms. Spencer shared that as a result of the votes by persons living in the Lilesville District the nomination was for Vancine Sturdivant for the vacant seat of their precinct. Commissioner Smith asked if that was all that would be in the report if she had the written report to give to the board with Ms. Spencer answering there should be statements of how the proceedings went to make sure the statutes were followed. Commissioner Smith then asked the County Manager if he had a copy of the statute feeling the board needed to know what all was involved and entailed. Commissioner Smith then asked the number of candidates with Ms. Spencer answering there were 5 candidates and 1 dropped out so when it came to the voting there were only 4 candidates. Commissioner Smith felt the report was needed to know who was applying. Vice Chair Streater asked how many days they had before the sixty days were up with Chairman Baucom answering they had until the 8th of May. Commissioner Smith then asked how many people had a vote with Ms. Spencer thinking there were 9 persons. Ms. Spencer noted the Chair and Vice Chair of the Precinct had five and one-half votes each and each of the other members who were elected officials from that area had one vote each according to the procedure. Vice Chair Streater asked if this candidate received the most votes with Ms. Spencer answering yes. Vice Chair Streater then made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Lilesville Precinct. Ms. Spencer interrupted to say she understood there should be 8 votes explaining that Ms. Sturdivant relinquished her vote. Ms. Spencer stated that she did not understand how Commissioner Smith was getting 9 when there were only 8 persons that actually cast votes. Vice Chair Streater asked if a majority of members voted for Vancine with Ms. Spencer answering that Vancine received eight and one-half on the second ballot. Commissioner Smith asked Ms. Spencer if she was at liberty to disclose who the folks were that applied and if this was public record with Ms. Spencer stating it should be a part of the letter that should have been submitted. Commissioner Smith felt if she was going to disseminate some parts of it he thought she needed to be fair to all of them and let them know who the others were. Chairman Baucom stated that the decision was made at a public meeting of the Democratic Party and everyone had every opportunity to be there and see it. Commissioner Smith felt this was part of the letter that was to be delivered and they should have it. Chairman Baucom noted there was a motion on the table and called for a second. Commissioner Woodburn offered a second to the motion. Commissioner Smith voiced that he wanted to make a nomination with Chairman Baucom stating there was a motion and a second. Commissioner Smith then asked the Chairman her process feeling she could not exclude other persons. Chairman Baucom responded that there was the General Statutes and there was also the Democratic Party Orders of Procedure and she could attest that all the legal processes were observed as were the Democratic Party Procedures. Commissioner Smith felt the board had the authority to appoint a person and again asked the Chairman the procedure she was using because he had a nomination. Chairman Baucom stated that

the board heard the recommendation of the Democratic Party to which Commissioner Smith responded that the General Statutes say they could accept or reject and at this time if the board was going to vote on any candidate he had a nomination. Chairman Baucom noted there was now a vote and a second on the table and called for the vote. Commissioner Smith disagreed with the procedure feeling each board member could nominate someone. Vice Chair Streater stated that his motion was to accept the Democratic Party recommendation. Chairman Baucom commented that he's had two months to nominate someone. Vice Chair Streater stated that he could withdraw his motion and then he could nominate her. Chairman Baucom asked Commissioner Woodburn if he would withdraw his second with Commissioner Woodburn thinking the board needed to know the proper procedure. Commissioner Woodburn stated that for the point of order we had a motion and a second on the floor but then at the same time it does say that we don't have to accept the nomination and how we do someone else he didn't know. Chairman Baucom stated that the board did not have to accept it but they must hear it. Vice Chair Streater then stated that if he withdrew his motion and Commissioner Woodburn withdrew his second then he could nominate someone and anybody else could nominate someone then they could vote. Commissioner Smith felt the board did not have to go by the Chairman's procedure. Commissioner Woodburn stated that when other boards make recommendations they typically accept their recommendation and he didn't see anything wrong with the motion and second. Vice Chair Streater then restated his motion to read at this time I will make a motion to accept the Democratic Party's nomination of Vancine Sturdivant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Woodburn. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Smith opposed. Commissioner Smith again asked the Chairman's procedure with Chairman Baucom answering it was done. Commissioner Smith felt as a point of order they should wait for the Attorney to arrive. Vice Chair Streater suggested moving on with the meeting and when the Attorney arrives they will ask him.

Victoria Whitt – Sandhills Center Update and Budget Request: Ms. Whitt stated that she had three issues to present tonight. Ms. Whitt noted the first item was their county general budget request. Ms. Whitt commented that Vice Chair Streater serves on the Sandhills Center Board and that Anson County was well represented by him. Ms. Whitt shared that their board voted in March that they would not request any additional funding from the counties apart from what they have requested in the past 8 years. Ms. Whitt stated that in the past 8 years in recognition of the difficult economic times they were requesting the same amount of \$55,000. Ms. Whitt reminded board members that the funding was instrumental in Sandhills Center being able to maintain a local presence in each of their counties. Ms. Whitt stated that prior to 2009 Sandhills Center provided all of the outpatient services and in 2009 under the requirement by the General Assembly they were required to divest of those services and after a competitive process they divested to Daymark Recovery, is a private non-profit company. Ms. Whitt stated that she brought with her representatives of Daymark to discuss the services that are continuing and available. Ms. Whitt introduced Billy West, CEO of Daymark Recovery and Cassandra Byers, Director of the local outpatient unit in Anson County.

Mr. West stated that their company was a spinoff of the old area program system that he thought worked well. Mr. West stated that they have now expanded to approximately twenty-eight counties with thirty-two locations and they provide care to about fifty thousand North Carolina citizens with mental health and substance abuse illness each year. Mr. West stated that the vast majority of these were indigent patients and they range from school age children to geriatrics population and everything in between. Mr. Webb invited board members to visit their website at daymarkrecovery.org to learn more about them. Ms. Byers shared that the Anson County Center provides advance access, which is a walk-in crisis services, comprehensive clinical assessments, out-patient individual, family and group counseling for mental health and substance abuse. Ms. Byers explained that their substance abuse program was a very intense service 3 days a week for 3 hours and they also offer DWI assessments, short and long term treatment, medication management, intensive in-home services and juvenile justice substance abuse mental health partnership. Chairman Baucom asked of the people that come to her with issues or problems what was the most frequent problem with Ms. Byers answering they have quite a few with mental health issues as well as substance abuse. Commissioner Woodburn asked if the services were reaching all citizens of Anson County that need it or because of funding restrictions were there some that need services that aren't able to receive them. Ms. Byers shared that they do not turn anyone away and if they don't provide a particular service they refer them to a provider that does. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he knows consolidating the LME's was still in the works and asked if they had any feel for what was on the horizon as far as the organization is concerned. Ms. Whitt reminded board members that the funding they provide goes directly to keep these services here in Anson County. Ms. Whitt added that without the support it would be very difficult to have the level they have available. Ms. Whitt shared that when she started thirty-two years ago there were forty-one LME's and there are now twenty-three and the plan is for there to be eleven. Ms. Whitt was very pleased that Sandhills Center was one of the eleven to be moving forward. Ms. Whitt stated that other LME's that have not met the requirements have been told that they have to identify a merger partner. Ms. Whitt shared that they were in the process of talking with Guilford County and even though they are a big county they are not large enough to be a single county LME. Ms. Whitt stated that they have reached a draft merger agreement and resolution that will be presented to their Board next week and if they vote to move forward she will return to present the documents. Ms. Whitt noted that under General Statutes any LME merger has to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Whitt shared that the merger would bring to the Guilford Center the ability to survive and to Sandhills Center expanded population, expanded Medicaid and Medicaid dollars, expanded reserves and helps them minimize any future risk of a reduction of LME's from eleven to five or six. Commissioner Woodburn commented that Guilford was not a Wake or Mecklenburg and asked if there would be controls in place to help maintain autonomy with Ms. Whitt noting that was something their board was conscious of and have been able to work out a tentative proposal as far as how they can have representation on the board but not become a majority. Ms. Whitt added that technically Guilford Center as

an LME would cease to exist and Guilford County would become the 9th county of Sandhills Center. Commissioner Woodburn voiced that his real concern was Anson County. Vice Chair Streater shared that a concern was how many representatives they would have on the board but so far it's been a board that looks out for the whole system.

*Commissioner Sims joined the meeting at this point.

Chairman Baucom voiced that she was hearing that the addition of Guilford would not dilute the services in Anson County with Ms. Whitt answering it would not. Ms. Whitt feels that system reform resulted in the transition to them doing the service to these people but there has been no reduction in services based on a merger. Ms. Whitt added that if anything it brings additional Medicaid dollars into the entire system that will be available to all the counties. Chairman Baucom asked if representation on the board was based on population or if there was a set number with Ms. Whitt explaining it was a combination. Ms. Whitt noted that historically they have made the commitment that no county would have less than 2 and they have stuck to this in looking at a new composition. Ms. Whitt stated that under the General Statutes they are allowed to have a thirty member board and they currently have a twenty-six member so there is room for growth. Chairman Baucom thanked Ms. Whitt for her presentation.

Dan Mace-Moseley Architects: Cathy Baxter stated that she put together a brief overview of the proposed Emergency Services Center facility and shared a copy with board members. Ms. Baxter stated that she tried to anticipate some of the questions that may be asked with a brief response to each question. Ms. Baxter shared that the new facility would house Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Emergency Operation Center (EOC), the 9-1-1 call center and the Emergency Operation Director/Fire Marshal. Ms. Baxter noted that we hope to open the facility in November 2013 with an estimated cost of approximately \$3.5 million. Ms. Baxter stated that at the June meeting she would present a Resolution to authorize the filing of an application for the approval of the financing agreement for the facility. Ms. Baxter then introduced Mr. Mace for a brief presentation on the proposed facility. Mr. Mace stated that on behalf of Moseley Architects he was grateful and happy to serve as the Architect for this important capital project for Anson County. Mr. Mace stated that the group came up with a mission and goals to achieve with the project to be good stewards of available funds, to create an operational and staff efficient design to serve the county now and in the future, to be safe, secure and dependable and to maximize local participation for the project. Mr. Mace stated that North Carolina building code requires this to be an essential facility, which is one built to withstand greater forces due to the important nature of the functions within. Mr. Moseley explained that this was a one story building with an area for onsite storm water retention required by code. Mr. Mace explained the layout for those present noting there would be a call center for ultimately 8 consoles for 9-1-1, an Emergency Operations ready room,

various functions for Fire Marshal and other safe and secure operations for the county. Mr. Mace noted there would also be a 3 vehicle bay equipped to handle up to 6 vehicles. Mr. Mace shared that the building would be a masonry structure on the outside, standing seam slope metal roof and glazing's with ballistic properties to withstand the force of airborne ballistic items. Mr. Mace stated that they were currently in the design development phase and they hope to advertise the project for construction in September and open bids a month later. Mr. Mace shared that since January they have seen approximately a 3% increase in the cost of construction but he has some contingency estimated funds in case this continues. Mr. Mace stated that he anticipates receiving very good contractor bids and feels the project will be very beneficial to the local economy. Mr. Mace estimates construction cost around \$3.5 million with the fixtures, furnishings and equipment, which are very specialized at an additional cost. Mr. Mace expects the project to land under the estimated \$4 million. Chairman Baucom asked if the number included landscaping with Mr. Mace answering yes. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned the collection site and asked if all EPA regulations would be met with Mr. Mace answering yes. Commissioner Woodburn asked if any hazardous materials were involved with Chairman Baucom noting EMS had medications. Mr. Mace shared that all codes would be met, adding that they can't get approval to begin any construction until the state DENR has approved their plans and efforts on the site to make sure the storm water runoff is not adversely affected by the building. Mr. Mace noted that they were spending a great deal of time making sure they were making the most economical decisions on the building systems. Mr. Mace stated that they do a lot of green buildings or buildings that are environmentally responsible and they were doing a check list now to make sure the building will operate from a utility cost as low as possible and will incorporated as many local materials as possible. Commissioner Woodburn voiced that he hopes the building will be constructed in a manner that it should be fairly easy to remain in compliance with environmental regulations going forward. Commissioner Sikes voiced that when we started talking about this he never dreamed in his wildest nightmare that it would cost this much money. Chairman Baucom feels we need to look at the value it adds to emergency services and to the community. Vice Chair Streater stated that when the discussion first started we were building just an ambulance shelter with Chairman Baucom noting about a year ago they started talking about an emergency services center. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Mace for his presentation. Mr. Mace offered that we have a lot of very gracious volunteers that have helped them move this far and it will all benefit the citizens. Mr. Mace added that this was the kind of facility you never want to reap the benefits of until a disaster happens and then you're glad it's there. Mr. Mace applauded the board for diving into a necessary capital project and one that protects the citizens of the county. Commissioner Sims asked the number of architectural firms interviewed with County Manager Gatewood answering that several proposals were received and 2 firms were interviewed. County Manager Gatewood added that not only did they interview 2 but they went out to inspect some of their work and Moseley won out. Commissioner Sikes was of the opinion that the 9-1-1 equipment was practically new and asked if this would be different. Sheriff Allen

explained that they replaced the software and hardware but not the consoles or internal furnishings. Sheriff Allen stated that the software and some of the hardware could be moved plus they've met with the State 9-1-1 people to fund some of the new construction and received a positive response that we will get some help. Sheriff Allen stated that they did not buy new furniture or consoles and were still using the old ones.

Public Addresses to the Board:

Jeff Waisner: Mr. Waisner invited board members to the Parks and Recreation open house on Wednesday, May 9 from 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. to see their new facility. County Manager Gatewood asked Mr. Waisner for an update on the courthouse renovations. Mr. Waisner stated that the window replacements should be completed by the middle of next week and the next thing was installation of the new doors. Mr. Waisner reported that Progress Energy would be installing security lights and conduit around the courthouse and replacement of the concrete would begin soon. Commissioner Sims asked about a bathroom inside the courthouse with Mr. Waisner reporting some inside renovations had been made and invited board members to take a look. Mr. Waisner thanked board members for their new building adding that they feel like they should remove their shoes to go inside. Commissioner Sims felt Mr. Waisner had done a fantastic job on the courthouse. County Manager Gatewood again stated that one million dollars was appropriated for the courthouse renovation project and after taking a closer look it looks like we'll come in under the nine hundred thousand he's been projecting.

Evonne Burr – Health Department: Ms. Burr explained that the Anson County Health Department has been mandated by the General Statutes to do a community assessment every 4 years. Ms. Burr shared that the document helps them to identify things that affect the health of our population and to determine availability of resources within our community to address the issues. Ms. Burr shared that this year they were collaborating with Anson Community Hospital to meet the county needs and developing a new hospital. Ms. Burr stated that the health department must be accredited in 2013 and this research has been a vital part of the accreditation process. Ms. Burr noted that surveys were already being distributed to our citizens in order to know how they feel about the resources in Anson County. Ms. Burr stated that they were distributing surveys based upon the 2010 census data including place of residence, age, education, background, gender and race. Ms. Burr stated that surveys were available at the health department and the hospital. Chairman Baucom asked when they would have the results with Ms. Burr answering it was due to the state in December and should be available early January 2013. Ms. Burr was hopeful they could get it on the county website and would also have hard copies available at different locations. Ms. Burr added that to date they had collected 103 surveys and they hope to receive the 600 mandated by the population.

Steve Lear: Commissioner Smith asked to return to the appearance of Ms. Thomasine Spencer. Commissioner Smith noted that Commissioner Sims was absent at

that time. Chairman Baucom stated there were others on the list and they could go back. Mr. Lear noted the changes that had been made since he was last in their presence were quiet impressive. Mr. Lear expressed his appreciation for the efforts made in renovating the courthouse. Mr. Lear stated that although the work was still in progress the improvements were quiet impressive and noticeable. Mr. Lear thanked board members for the undertaking. Mr. Lear stated that it was a source of pride for all in the community to look upon this center piece. Commissioner Sims voiced that he felt Mr. Lear should have been made principal of Anson High when Mr. McLeod left and because he was not they've had problems with our school system. Board members agreed. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Lear to stay around a while and asked to open up the issue before going further.

Bishop Ellerbe: Bishop Ellerbe offered thanks to board members and the late Commissioner Spencer for information given him when he brought his concern about a road that needed to be repaired. Bishop Ellerbe stated that the information given him about 3 years ago worked and on April 12 of this year the road was completed. Bishop Ellerbe thanked the board for their assistance in this matter.

Francis Faulkner: Mr. Faulkner stated that he grew up in the Deep Springs area of Anson County and his father was a county commissioner in the 70's. Mr. Faulkner stated that he moved away 45 years ago and things have come full circle and he has come into possession of his father's family farm on Monroe-White Store Road. Mr. Faulkner shared that the farm house was early 19th century and possibly late 18th century and he has spent the last 2 year renovating the house and grounds to look like it did in the early days. Mr. Faulkner stated that unfortunately someone from out of the county purchased property about a quarter mile from him and they come on weekends with friends with all terrain vehicles, motorcycles and go-carts. Mr. Faulkner shared that it started as a family weekend camp and has now grown to include target shooting every Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Faulkner stated that it was a constant parade of people for a whole day of very loud activities. Mr. Faulkner likened it to hearing the soundtrack from the Texas Chainsaw Massacre. Mr. Faulkner stated that it was so nerve wracking they could not spend any time outdoors and it was ruining the quality of life in this area. Mr. Faulkner stated that he did an impromptu canvassing of houses within a mile of the location and of those he found at home 7 said it was driving them crazy. Mr. Faulkner asked if there was some existing ruling or if there was any recourse to protect the quality of life in a rural setting. Chairman Baucom noted that she had a copy of the Noise Ordinance and asked the County Attorney to review the Ordinance to see if changes needed to be made and asked for enforcement of the Ordinance. Mr. Faulkner shared that the owner of the property in question live in Matthews in a gated community surrounded by a golf course and they treat this property like a motorcycle rallying place and in conversation with the owner he mentioned that this would not be allowed in Matthews. Chairman Baucom feels non-residents buying property here may be becoming a merging issue and we may need to help people understand they need to respect Anson County property and property owners. Chairman Baucom asked Mr.

Faulkner to make sure the clerk had his contact information. Commissioner Woodburn shared that this was the type of activity that prompted the zoning in White Store and felt that Ordinance needed to be reviewed.

Chairman Baucom called for a fifteen minute break.

After the break, **Administrative Matters** was the next topic of discussion.

County Website Redesign Progress & Schedule: Chairman Baucom asked the target date for having it online and operational with Randy Gulledge answering that at the moment they were aiming for July. Mr. Gulledge noted that they plan to talk with departments to see what is missing from the current site and then find an application that will accommodate. Mr. Gulledge shared that graphics were not his thing as he was more technical so he was working with a graphic artist to make the site really good to look at. Mr. Gulledge stated that the website for the City of Asheville was one of the models given them to go by and it just so happens that the graphic artist did the art work for this site so he feels we are in good hands. Mr. Gulledge stated that it would not be an exact copy and would include seasonal photos as well as pictures of the courthouse. Mr. Gulledge stated that 4 to 6 weeks was wishful and July was probably more realistic. Chairman Baucom asked if departments would be able to change their information on the fly with Mr. Gulledge answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if it included a spell checker with Mr. Gulledge answering yes. Mr. Gulledge shared that there was development going on now to make some of the documents electronic so they could be completed on the screen and arrive electronically at the intended department. Chairman Baucom voiced that this would be the world view of Anson County and it had to be slick and she would like to see something included about what I like about Anson, interviews with people who moved here and people who have lived here all their lives. Mr. Gulledge likened this to building a house saying they have the floor plan and the walls but they don't have the paint and colors yet. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he had a Commissioner Concerns about this saying his concern was what would be there for Economic Development. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he had looked at the current county website and it's ok but it needs to jump out at you and we have to really sell Anson County. Commissioner Woodburn stated that when businesses and industries are looking to relocate the first place they go now is the web then they go to the Department of Commerce for that state so he thinks we need links to where they can get assistance as well as after we sell the county and tell them what is available and what we do there needs to be links to point them in the right direction. Commissioner Woodburn feels we need to be known in the right places and this was one thing missing. Commissioner Woodburn added that it needs to be user friendly. Chairman Baucom stated that she knew this was not an easy task but one that was important to them.

Date for Annual Joint Meeting with Board of Education: Chairman Baucom shared that she had had a conversation with Lisa Davis and they suggest each

board develop a set of questions and the two chairs will meet or the chair and another member of the board. Chairman Baucom stated that they came up with this as an alternate approach to the annual meeting. Commissioner Sims voiced that he was totally opposed to it feeling we were just giving the Board of Education a pass when we have problems. Commissioner Smith stated that he was elected by the people with Vice Chair Streater stating that after the meeting last year he did not care to go back. Commissioner Sims stated that he did not care to answer questions that he had nothing to do with. Commissioner Sims commented that they needed to find someone else other than Jimmy Sims to talk down to or tell what to do. Commissioner Smith agreed. Chairman Baucom stated that there was nothing in the law that said we had to meet; we just need their budget request. County Manager Gatewood reported that he received their budget request earlier in the day. Vice Chair Streater asked if board members would get a chance to look at it before putting anything together with County Manager Gatewood answering absolutely. Chairman Baucom shared that this board and the board of education traditionally have had a joint meeting every year and it was not going to happen this year so as an alternate they talked about a team from this board and a team from their board or the two chairs sitting down and talking. Vice Chair Streater asked if he would be on the team from their board with Chairman Baucom answering she had no control over that. Commissioner Sims asked about having the regular meeting and letting the two boards make up the agenda with Vice Chair Streater of the impression that Chairman Baucom did ask for a meeting between the 2 boards and not administration. Chairman Baucom voiced that she did ask and from what she understood that cannot happen. Chairman Baucom noted that if the full board meets the secretary has to take the minutes and a member of the administration is the secretary. Vice Chair Streater asked if he was the secretary of the board with Chairman Baucom answering that was her understanding. Commissioner Sims asked the County Manager for his view with County Manager Gatewood stating that it was clear we were struggling with the meeting and voiced hope that it would not have been this difficult. County Manager Gatewood recommended not going forward with the meeting if we're having difficulties with the meeting, the objectives, format and the process we would follow. Commissioner Woodburn voiced concern for getting into an adversarial relationship with the school board. Vice Chair Streater voiced that they did not have a problem with the school board with Commissioner Woodburn thinking that was the way it would be construed. Commissioner Woodburn felt this board needed to hear from them to know what was really important to them in the budget. Commissioner Smith voiced that the Commissioners were responsible for the appropriations of tax dollars. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he would hate to get to the point where we go our way and they go theirs because we have to work together for the citizens of Anson County and more importantly the children of Anson County. Commissioner Sims voiced that one of our duties was to protect the money of the taxpayers of Anson County and make sure it was used in a proper and legal manner. County Manager Gatewood stated that one objective could be for the superintendent to present the budget to this board and have him explain exactly what the money would be spent for. Chairman Baucom asked if the board was obligated to pay for certain

expenses related to public schools with County Manager Gatewood and Commissioner Woodburn answering yes. Chairman Baucom then stated that we have a laundry list of things that we must fund with County Manager Gatewood added that there was no statute that says to what extent and he feels this is where clarification on the part of the Superintendent and board members would be helpful. Chairman Baucom wondered if after the budget had some analysis if questions would flow from there and we could sit down and talk with board members about those issues. Commissioner Smith asked when board members would receive a copy of the school budget with County Manager Gatewood answering tomorrow. Chairman Baucom felt that this board wants to do the best it can for the school system and for the children of Anson County and that was not the issue. Chairman Baucom understands it is the duty of this board to allocate the funds that we can along with being responsible for it being spent well. Commissioner Woodburn voiced that not meeting would be a reflection on this board that we were not able to develop the objectives and did not think everyone was clear on that. Commissioner Sikes voiced that he would like to hear from the County Manager on the budget as he wanted to know how the money was spent and handled. Vice Chair Streater asked who would attend the meeting with Chairman Baucom answering the Board of Education and the superintendent who would explain the budget. Vice Chair Streater wondered if the board would be put back in the same position as last year with Commissioner Woodburn feeling we could talk about guidelines. Commissioner Smith was of the opinion that according to the statute the superintendent was the recorder or secretary of the school board and had to attend all meetings. County Attorney Forbes noted that any meeting would be subject to the open meetings law. Commissioner Woodburn stated that there are times people won't agree with us but we have to move forward and do what we're hired to do. After much discussion, it was decided that we could control the meeting with the Agenda and board members proposed May 15 or 17 as a meeting date.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom shared that Bonnie has been serving as secretary or recorder for the Tourism Development Authority meetings and the Tourism board asked that this board appoint her as a voting member. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom stated that she had planned to discuss the Noise Ordinance and ask that the County Attorney take a look at it to see how we could strengthen it and if it was adequate to address issues like these loud noises in the country.

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

Minutes: Approved minutes dated April 3, 9, 10 and 16, 2012 and closed session minutes dated April 3 and 16, 2012.

Tax Releases:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

				05/01/12			
20142	Pine Terrace Motor	2011	90.00	08-7-13748	Real Taxes	Release	Clerical Error
			\$ 90.00				
20143	Goulds Fork LLC	2011	502.67	11-7-6532	Real Taxes	Refund	Coding Error
			\$ 502.67				
20139	Baker, Brenda	2011	86.85	1203-000066	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
19310	Broadaway, Wesley C	2010	23.60	1103-000173	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19313	Brown, Curtis	2010	32.31	1103-000179	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21951	Edwards, Jonathan	2011	19.20	1202-000385	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19308	Hasenfus, Gregory W	2011	343.68	1201-000590	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19305	Heritage Hills	2011	94.10	1203-000672	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20145	Jim Hill Sand and Gravel	2011	461.83	1203-000829	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20144	Jim Hill Sand and Gravel	2011	373.84	1203-000836	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20146	Lockhart, John	2011	21.11	1204-001339	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Adjust Value to Bill of Sale
20140	Morris, Luther	2011	41.48	1204-001597	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Value Adjustment
19307	Richardson, Jay	2010	2.30	1101-001279	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19314	Scarborough, Ashlee	2011	24.53	1203-001679	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19309	Sturdivant, Velvet	2011	13.32	1106-001828	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19316	Townsend, Johnny	2011	111.60	1111-001682	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21952	Townsend, Johnny	2011	205.74	1107-001882	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19312	Tucker, Stephanie	2011	16.68	1108-001760	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19306	Tyson, Clyde A	2011	29.26	1203-001929	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20134	Wease, James C	2011	116.88	1107-002007	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20135	Wease, James C	2011	1.63	1107-002006	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20133	Wease, James C	2011	94.14	1203-001988	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20141	Wilson, Kimberly	2011	10.70	1203-002051	Vehicle Taxes	Release	High Mileage
			\$ 2,124.78				
19311	Burroughs, Arlie Dwayne	2011	23.85	1203-000200	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
19317	Canipe, Chippy	2011	61.25	1112-000200	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
19315	Vivian L Kellock	2011	18.64	1111-000920	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
20136	Wease, James C	2010	89.37	1104-002316	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
20138	Wease, James C	2007	92.54	1004-002206	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
20137	Wease, James C	2009	1.57	1004-002207	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
			\$ 287.22				
20139	Baker, Brenda	2011	8.76	1203-000066	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20145	Jim Hill Sand & Gravel	2011	52.14	1203-000829	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20144	Jim Hill Sand & Gravel	2011	42.21	1203-000836	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20134	Wease, James C	2011	12.05	1107-002007	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20135	Wease, James C	2011	0.17	1107-002006	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20133	Wease, James C	2011	10.63	1203-001988	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
			\$ 125.96				
			3,130.63				

Tax Collectors Report:

Vehicle Property Taxes

FY 2011-2012 - Current Ad Valorem Year - 2011

April 30, 2012

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2011	105,721.28	89,208.44	148,511.21	146,211.62	66,546.71	145,510.44	114,926.78	87,325.91
2010	105,412.14	120,638.72	102,776.37	132,099.43	59,678.19	135,881.82	112,831.03	90,177.13
2009	126,604.54	148,976.92	109,246.46	165,750.40	78,676.31	128,615.80	146,889.60	101,431.08
2008	133,467.18	143,135.63	113,001.20	193,942.28	115,732.30	146,866.80	116,428.33	101,739.99
2007	123,647.78	146,325.19	147,290.59	166,118.52	143,668.15	147,628.44	124,665.05	117,102.74
2006	92,961.20	129,893.08	114,626.08	157,960.67	137,685.46	134,050.57	148,557.15	161,751.61
2005	118,779.31	131,088.21	93,076.77	131,539.48	94,377.68	127,276.33	176,635.93	142,610.59
Of Total Collections								
County Taxes								
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2011	85,160.92	70,394.58	118,902.26	117,567.90	53,245.76	112,779.42	90,584.78	69,967.91
2010	83,870.76	96,381.18	83,476.51	107,502.33	47,539.38	105,909.91	87,696.46	71,814.37
2009	100,742.46	121,008.41	89,356.91	134,554.58	62,366.01	102,809.18	116,588.69	81,139.59
2008	107,462.61	116,225.68	90,925.14	155,695.83	91,988.86	117,025.16	93,602.22	82,363.60
2007	98,711.37	118,921.05	118,540.93	134,593.33	113,643.72	118,232.44	99,966.05	94,660.52
2006	74,206.32	106,168.06	93,444.65	127,794.21	109,043.87	106,565.99	118,369.14	127,982.67
2005	95,162.00	106,353.71	76,792.22	106,670.91	75,869.66	102,525.54	143,130.12	119,435.76
Current Year (2011) Ad Valorem Collections %								
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2011	56.21%	56.44%	61.75%	67.89%	66.43%	70.77%	73.38%	73.16%
2010	55.79%	60.46%	61.74%	67.57%	65.98%	69.88%	72.48%	72.77%
2009	56.71%	61.37%	61.15%	69.32%	68.56%	71.75%	76.21%	76.30%
2008	58.06%	61.79%	62.00%	70.89%	72.06%	76.33%	78.07%	76.81%
2007	58.75%	62.74%	66.28%	72.39%	75.42%	78.59%	80.07%	79.35%
2006	53.34%	57.96%	59.93%	66.77%	69.65%	72.51%	76.05%	77.89%
2005	66.63%	70.26%	69.72%	74.22%	74.67%	78.26%	80.75%	79.62%
2004	64.56%	69.64%	71.97%	77.53%	77.83%	81.56%	82.47%	82.47%
2003	69.45%	69.96%	67.97%	76.97%	76.99%	82.41%	83.61%	84.39%
History of Past Due Mailings								
	10/01/10		02/10/11		11/08/11		02/14/12	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	7,810	471,356.74	5,540	340,622.47	9,681	530,539.81	8,750	487,461.50
Total Monthly Veh Billings								
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2011	109,893.73	116,870.35	100,398.20	93,940.00	87,640.79	89,908.51	112,682.82	131,078.36
2010	107,672.23	117,140.95	97,615.33	90,680.69	82,034.34	84,233.87	109,039.61	119,912.86
2009	142,216.63	149,233.48	103,692.98	100,434.86	88,380.58	96,355.94	120,189.92	124,415.00
2008	155,143.04	148,373.75	113,200.10	108,876.07	96,624.23	104,656.71	140,299.87	125,658.12
2007	159,800.15	150,609.76	122,374.37	115,257.50	103,750.93	114,734.32	147,713.65	134,495.46
2006	150,995.18	145,191.02	120,878.86	115,964.90	104,861.62	114,077.68	148,750.88	137,007.57
Accounts Receivable by Type								
	Jan 2012		Feb 2012		Mar 2012		Apr 2012	
	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	156	11,843.89	149	11,652.10	88	4,938.77	89	4,856.07
Bankruptcies	1	5.36	7	460.10	48	2,320.38	48	2,303.14
Remaining Accts Receivable	4,764	266,456.98	3,958	225,055.58	2,842	152,491.21	2,725	147,120.18
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	5,598	312,107.41	5,273	299,554.21	5,233	297,971.01	5,817	332,326.27
**Red = AR Dollars	10,519	590,413.64	9,387	536,721.99	8,211	457,721.37	8,679	486,605.66
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One Year Ago								
	Jan 2011		Feb 2011		Mar 2011		Apr 2011	
	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	380	25,533.49	295	20,704.33	210	14,457.94	185	12,764.11
Bankruptcies	4	234.29	4	235.57	1	5.06	1	5.09
Remaining Accts Receivable	4,026	248,941.81	3,772	219,831.23	2,494	149,294.47	2,216	144,234.62
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	5,711	329,660.57	5,122	315,349.68	5,476	316,118.10	6,028	345,612.88
**Red = AR Dollars	10,121	604,370.16	9,193	556,120.81	8,181	479,875.57	8,430	502,616.70
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	94	7,320.09	6	383.64	2	89.60
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	77	6,151.24	6	390.04	2	90.23

Remaining Accts Collectible	6,261	1,699,990.72	5,397	1,590,644.94	5,286	1,542,040.56	5,200	1,523,196.72
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	5,154	2,031,353.72	3,636	1,387,475.06	3,435	1,181,344.56	2,874	1,097,469.60
**Red = AR Dollars	12,049	3,960,526.34	9,719	3,242,575.18	9,325	2,956,474.06	8,668	2,844,782.18
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	-	-	4	1,296.29	14	1,599.19	3	687.89
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	127	61,605.85	7	3,588.76	9	2,054.83
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		421,804.22	-	411,070.55	-	401,555.66	-	398,274.20

Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update:

Fund Balance Calculation					
		Last Year	Two Months	Last	
	As of 04-30-12	Same Month	Ago	Month	Now
		As of	As of	As of	As of
		04/30/11	02/29/12	03/31/12	04/30/12
Available Fund Balance					
	Cash & Investments (General)	\$ 11,105,230	\$ 12,843,318	\$ 11,738,848	\$ 11,738,848
	Cash & Investments (22 Fund)	\$ 10,851	\$ 13,360	\$ 13,611	\$ 13,862
	Less Cash from General (other funds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)	\$ 89,430	\$ 86,813	\$ 111,780	\$ 94,542
	Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)	\$ (52,979)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)
	Less Encumbrances	\$ (581,051)	\$ (696,311)	\$ (539,680)	\$ (491,308)
	Total Available	\$ 10,571,481	\$ 12,203,706	\$ 11,281,085	\$ 11,312,470
General Fund Expenditures					
	Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)	\$ 26,226,323	\$ 28,090,574	\$ 28,090,574	\$ 28,090,574
Total Available for Appropriation					
	Total Available	\$ 10,571,481	\$ 12,203,706	\$ 11,281,085	\$ 11,312,470
	Total Expenditures	\$ 26,226,323	\$ 28,090,574	\$ 28,090,574	\$ 28,090,574
	Total % Available Fund Balance	40.31%	43.44%	40.16%	40.27%
	Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC	8%	8%	8%	8%
		\$2,098,106	\$2,247,246	\$2,247,246	\$2,247,246
	% Undesignated Fund Balance	32.31%	35.44%	32.16%	32.27%
		\$ 8,473,375	\$ 9,956,460	\$ 9,033,840	\$ 9,065,224

Monthly Jail Report

ANSON COUNTY JAIL

May 1, 2012

- As of 9:00am today (May 1, 2012) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **41** inmates in Anson County; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **0** inmate in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and **0** inmates are 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
2011	58	1669	139

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

Fire District Tax Fund Budget Amendment: to adjust Fire District Collections.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 19. Fire District Fund:

Increase:	71-01 Fire District Tax Fund	<u>\$ 54,000</u>
Total Increase:		\$ 54,000

Section 20. Fire District Taxes Collection:

Decrease:	71-4340 Fire district Tax Fund	<u>\$ 54,000</u>
Total Decrease:		\$ 54,000

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Airport Budget Amendment: to provide additional funding to cover cost of additional aviation fuel for the Anson County Airport by increasing revenue of additional fuel sales. This should be appropriate funding until fiscal year end of June 30, 2012.

AMENDMENT

Anson County by FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	11-4530 Airport	\$ 24,000
Total Increase:		\$ 24,000
<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues:</u>		
Increase:	11-4530 Airport	\$ 24,000
Total Increase:		\$ 24,000

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Courthouse Bldg., Admin Bldg., Parks and Rec. Budget Amendment: to facilitate maximum use of renovation monies to areas of need in the Government Center Building budget and for construction of a 12x16 building at the Parks and recreation department.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:</u>		
Increase:	11-6120 Parks and Recreation	\$ 12,000
Increase:	11-4162 Administration Building	\$ 10,000
Total Increase:		\$ 22,000
<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:</u>		
Decrease:	11-4165 Courthouse Building	-\$ 22,000
Total Decrease:		-\$ 22,000

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Social Services Budget Amendment: to accommodate additional funding needed for Child Support Incentives from fund balance reserve of Child Support Incentives.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:</u>		
Increase:	11-5310-5580 Social Services	\$ 34,000
Total Increase:		\$ 34,000
<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues:</u>		
Increase:	11-5310 Social Services Administration	\$ 34,000
Total Increase:		\$ 34,000

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Landfill/Solid Waste Management Budget Amendment: to recognize already received revenues to cover White Goods expenses at the Anson County Landfill for FY 11/12.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:</u>		
Increase:	11-4720 Landfill/Solid Waste Management	\$ 4,466
Total Increase:		\$ 4,466
<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues:</u>		
Increase:	11-4720 Landfill	\$ 4,466
Total Increase:		\$ 4,466

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation: to facilitate maximum use of renovation monies to areas of need in the Parks and Recreation Department Renovations.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase: 11-6120 Parks and Recreation \$ 5,000

Total Increase: \$ 5,000

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Decrease: 11-4165 Courthouse Building - \$ 5,000

Total Decrease: - \$ 5,000

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Budget Amendment – court facilities: to appropriate additional fund balance to cover cost of additional Repairs and furniture for Judges Chambers in Courthouse.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase: 11-4160 Provider Maintenance Court Facilities \$ 10,000

Increase: 11-4160 Provider Maintenance Court Facilities \$ 10,000

Total Increase: \$ 10,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase: 11-4160 Provider Maintenance Court Facilities \$ 20,000

Total Increase: \$ 20,000

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Budget Amendment – Anson Council on Alcoholism: to appropriate additional revenues from ABC Board for support of Anson Council on Alcoholism from Rehabilitation Taxes.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2011/12

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2011/12 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase: 11-5265 Anson Council on Alcoholism \$ 1,000

Total Increase: \$ 1,000

Section 1. General Fund Revenues:

Increase: 11-5265 Anson Council On Alcoholism \$ 1,000

Total Increase: \$ 1,000

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Appointments:

Anson Agricultural Advisory Board: Chairman Baucom noted three members were eligible for re-appointment and all have agreed to serve another term. Chairman Baucom noted they were Shirley Crawford from District 3, Todd Moore from District 4 and Roy Blount from District 7. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Woodburn- Update on County Website and Meadowview Terrace: Commissioner Woodburn voiced appreciation for the update on the county

website earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Woodburn shared that he was asked by one of the principals of Meadowview Terrace, Mr. Harvey Leavitt, to let the board know that they really appreciated the incentive they received when they started up Meadowview Terrace. Commissioner Woodburn reported that it worked just as it was supposed to and they have been in operation for 5 years and had it not been for the incentives we gave they would not have been able to make it. Commissioner Woodburn stated that they were still paying for the operation out of pocket but it was at a point to where they think it's getting ready to generate some income. Commissioner Woodburn stated that they feel that had it not been for what this board did for them in the beginning they would not have survived. Commissioner Woodburn noted that they wanted to make sure board members knew this and how much they appreciate what was done for them.

Vice Chair Streater shared that he had 2 business people uptown complain about early voting and they want to know if it can be moved for November. Vice Chair Streater referred to a particular candidate that caused problems. County Manager Gatewood asked the problems with Vice Chair Streater stating he would let him talk with the business people. Commissioner Smith stated that the Rexall across the street called him with Vice Chair Streater saying he was one of them.

Commissioner Sikes shared that he was a member of the RPO, which is the Rural Planning Organization, and for years we've been tied with Stanly County and part of Union. Commissioner Sikes shared that at one time they were trying to connect us to Mecklenburg County which would put us in all that air pollution control. Commissioner Sikes shared that now they want to put Stanly and Anson together which is what the group wants. Commissioner Sikes then presented a resolution in support of Anson and Stanly being grouped together and asked board members to approve. Chairman Baucom asked if Stanly had a pollution or air quality problem with Commissioner Sikes answering no. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NORTH CAROLINA JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:
PARAMETERS FOR FORMING A RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Anson County is a member of the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO) and supports the important transportation planning role Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) provides across the state; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Census will force some RPOs to redraw their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the sixth meeting of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (JLTOC) during the 2011-2012 biennium was held April 13, 2012 and members discussed Transportation Planning. The JLTOC heard a presentation RPOs and their role in state transportation planning. After discussion, JLTOC members agreed to draft legislation changing the parameters for forming an RPO; and

WHEREAS, the JLTOC submitted a report to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly which includes the following test change to the RPO enabling legislation:

Rural Transportation Planning Organizations shall include representatives from contiguous areas in three to fifteen counties, or a total population of the entire area represented of at least 50,000 persons according to the latest population estimate of the Office of State Planning Office of State Budget and Management; and

WHEREAS, Anson County agrees with the JLTOC recommendations; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anson County Board of Commissioners has endorsed the recommendations from the JLTOC to change the parameters for forming an RPO and urges legislators to vote in favor of this change.

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2012.

Commissioner Smith asked the County Attorney for clarification on the earlier motion. Commissioner Smith stated that he had a nominee to replace Mr. Spencer and he was not given an opportunity to do so. County Attorney Forbes apologized for being late and not being in attendance during the discussion of a replacement for Commissioner Spencer. County Attorney Forbes stated that he reviewed the notes taken during this meeting and it appears that 3 motions were made and a 4 to 1 vote. County Attorney Forbes explained that the first motion was to accept the recommendation of the Lilesville Precinct. County Attorney Forbes stated that it received a second and after discussion the motion and second were withdrawn. County Attorney Forbes stated that after further discussion another motion was made and seconded to accept the Democratic nomination of Ms. Vancine Sturdivant. County Attorney Forbes noted this vote passed 4 to 1. County Attorney Forbes stated that according to the board's Rules of Procedure nominations may be solicited in any manner deemed appropriate by board members. County Attorney Forbes read that the Chair has the right to recognize motions and those who speak. County Attorney Forbes noted there were no substantive motions made during this procedure and the vote appears to stand unless one of the members that voted in the prevailing, or one of the yea members, decides to revisit that motion. County Attorney Forbes added that short of that the vote stands as passed. Commissioner Smith stated that he called on a point of order and feels it has to be addressed under parliamentary procedure. County Attorney Forbes ask the point of order with Commissioner Smith answering that he had a nominee for the position. County Attorney Forbes asked if he was not recognized by the chair with Commissioner Smith answering that was correct. County Attorney Forbes stated that according to the Rules of Procedure it appears that the chair has the power to recognize who they would like. Commissioner Smith did not think the chair had the absolute power not to recognize. Chairman Baucom was of the belief that at the time Commissioner Smith said that a motion was on the table. Commissioner Smith stated that he asked for clarification. County Attorney Forbes read from the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Board in 1977 that reads only one person at a time will address the board and only after recognition by the chair. County Attorney Forbes stated that the chair has those duties to rule on points of parliamentary procedure and to rule out of order any motion considered to have had as its purpose to obstruct or deter board meetings. County Attorney Forbes then asked Commissioner Smith if he was allowed to speak with Commissioner Smith answering that he was not allowed to present his nominee. Commissioner Smith stated that in receiving the report from Ms. Spencer it was not explained to this board where it was going, it was just to receive the report. Commissioner Smith felt whether or not the board voted to seat that individual was two different things. Commissioner Smith stated that the motion was to receive the Democratic nominee and he wanted to know why they didn't have others and he

was not given an opportunity to present his candidate. County Attorney Forbes again read from the rules that those nominations may be solicited in any manner deemed appropriate by the board members. County Attorney Forbes stated that there appeared to be a vote and the rules were clear and it appears that the third motion to accept was passed 4 to 1 with a nay vote. County Attorney Forbes stated that if this was to be revisited the rules speak to that and it would have to be by one of the four voting prevailing parties and his advice to the Chair was that the vote stands. Chairman Baucom felt the motion had been made and seconded immediately after the recommendation was made or the decision of the Lilesville Precinct was stated and once the motion and second was made it was time to vote. Commissioner Smith was of the opinion the motion was to receive the report with County Attorney Forbes stating not according to the minutes he reviewed.

Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to recess until May 15, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 3 hr.