

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 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
Dr. Jim Sims
Vancine Sturdivant
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Robert Thomas, Finance Officer
Wendell Small, Parks and Recreation
Jessica Anderson, Cooperative Extension
Josie Lodder, Planning
Mary Beck, Grants Administrator

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to order, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom voiced that they had a lengthy agenda but would move it along as best they could. Chairman Baucom then asked if Father Bye was present to deliver the Invocation. When it appeared he was not Chairman Baucom inquired if a minister was present. Reverend Rogers of Pathway to Peace Ministries delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Acts and if they know of any conflict of interest or the potential for conflict of interest in any matter they need to let it be known and refrain from participation in the discussion. Chairman Baucom noted there were four Budget Amendments to add under Consent. Chairman Baucom stated that they have been notified that we will defer item 5a, Jeff Waisner Park Issues, until our June 4 meeting. Chairman Baucom asked if there were any other additions or deletions from the Agenda. Hearing none, motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Agenda with the addition and deletion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom noted that the board had three **Public Hearings** scheduled with one being Modification of the Franchise Agreement with Chambers Development, the next is How to Apply for a Community Development Block Grant and the third is the

Adoption of a County Ordinance and Moratorium on Fracking. Chairman Baucom called for a motion to open the **Public Hearing on Modifying the Franchise Agreement**. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Public Hearing, Chairman Baucom instructed those wishing to speak to please raise their hand to be recognized. Chairman Baucom asked those being recognized to come forward, state their name and speak to the board. Peggy Poston, a representative of Waste Connections of North Carolina, Inc., stated that Chambers Development of North Carolina, Inc., commonly known as Anson Landfill, has been operational for about ten years. Ms. Poston noted during most of that time the facility was owned by Allied Waste Systems or Republic Waste services and was now owned and operated by Waste Connections. Ms. Poston stated that the site has enjoyed a good relationship with Anson County, its neighbors and the communities they serve. Ms. Poston stated that after purchasing the site from Republic Waste Services in 2009, Waste Connections has been marketing the site to attract more business to the facility. Ms. Poston noted that unlike the previous owners, Waste Connections does not have another landfill in the area that competes for the same volumes being delivered to the Anson landfill currently. Ms. Poston noted that volumes that Waste Connections collects in North Carolina are directed to the Anson landfill. Ms. Poston stated that Waste Connections takes great pride in being a good corporate citizen in Anson County. Ms. Poston noted that they foster their relationship with Anson County in several ways including sponsorships to many organizations in the county, including the Field of Dreams, Anson County Youth Athletic Association, Ducks Unlimited and the Barn Blast to name a few. Ms. Poston shared that Anson Landfill's Solid Waste permit is issued and maintained by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). Ms. Poston stated that part of the permit requirements is an average limit of 1,500 tons per day that Anson landfill can accept. Ms. Poston explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment on a modification of the Franchise Agreement with Chambers Development MSW landfill and the county to allow acceptance of three thousand tons per day of solid waste, an average annual disposal rate of approximately nine hundred twenty-one thousand tons based on three hundred seven operating days per year and other changes to the Franchise Agreement and permit to include the definition of the host rate and the ability to modify the cap grades to provide additional landfill life. Ms. Poston stated that in summary Waste Connections enjoys being part of Anson County and works hard to promote the county through corporate sponsorships and working with Anson County employers. In order for Anson County and Waste Connections to fully utilize an asset we are requesting modification to our current Host Fee Agreement and Franchise Agreement.

Denise Lee had questions regarding the Franchise Agreement and asked if they are able to double the capacity they are taking right now, how this will affect the life span of the landfill and asked if they were taking any out of state right now. Chairman

Baucom called on Ms. Poston to answer these questions. Ms. Poston answered that currently they were taking primarily North Carolina garbage and there were some outside communities from South Carolina. Ms. Lee asked if they took anything further than North and South Carolina with Ms. Poston answering no. Ms. Lee then asked how this would affect the lifespan of the landfill with Ms. Poston referring to their engineer for the answer. Mr. Breeden, Engineer for Waste Connections, explained that the landfill was fixed right now per the permit. Mr. Breeden stated that if they were to use all that it would shrink by half in terms of life span but that was why they were asking to increase the cap to compensate. Mr. Breeden added that there was lots of land there making room for expansion so the landfill would not be going away any time soon. Ms. Lee stated that when it was first built they were told it would last twenty years with Mr. Breeden answering that currently they have sixty plus years at the current fill rate. Mr. Breeden stated that the numbers are based upon what was estimated at the beginning so you may have the same space but it depends on the rate in which you fill it. Ms. Lee stated that they were told that the landfill would only accept waste from North Carolina and that no citizen of Anson County, business or otherwise, would have to pay to dispose in the landfill and felt that did not become true. Ms. Lee then asked who pays and who does not per the agreement with Mr. Breeden answering that the terms of who pays and who does not would not change per this agreement.

Mary Gaddy was the next to speak. Ms. Gaddy stated that she lives at the landfill and attended all the meetings in the beginning and she remembers being told it would be twenty years and now they are saying sixty years plus. Ms. Gaddy asked for an explanation of a paper saying she did not agree with it before and she was not going to agree now. Ms. Gaddy stated that she lives at the landfill and can smell it and sometimes late in the evening you can smell it real bad. Ms. Gaddy felt they should move on. Vice Chair Streater asked Ms. Gaddy what kind of letter she had with Ms. Poston offering to take a look. Ms. Poston shared that it was a certified letter sent to all residents or business owners in the surrounding area of the landfill to meet the requirements of the state for the Public Hearing. Chairman Baucom asked if it was an announcement of the Public Hearing with Ms. Poston answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked Ms. Poston if they have been notified about any smells from the landfill with Ms. Poston answering that officially she has not received any complaints of a smell other than tonight. Chairman Baucom asked Ms. Poston to please follow up to see what is going on. Ms. Poston stated that she would follow up on this and report back to Mr. Gatewood. Mr. Breeden referred to the letter received by Ms. Gaddy noting one reason for the letter was for the solid waste permit adjustment and the franchise agreement was separate but they occur at the same time. Chairman Baucom asked for an explanation of the other one with Mr. Breeden answering that the letter was for the adjustment to the facilities operating plan and is a major modification when you go for a higher tonnage. Mr. Breeden stated that for the higher tonnage they have to follow DENR regulations and for the franchise agreement they just have to have a Public Hearing and public notice.

Therese Vick of Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, asked to clarify the surface area that with the landfill expansion and the expansion of the tons per day the surface area will absolutely remain North and South Carolina with Mr. Breeden answering that is what's in the permit. Mr. Breeden added that they can't go outside of that without holding another Public Hearing.

Emma Smith of Boylin Road referred to their request to double the garbage coming in saying they have already filled one landfill. Ms. Smith shared that most residents of Boylin Road were on wells and sometimes the water doesn't taste good and they have to buy bottled water and voiced a concern for this making their property values go down even more. Ms. Smith stated that no one wants to live around all that garbage. Ms. Smith stated that they already have turkeys, buzzards and deer and felt this was an endangerment to them.

Chairman Baucom called for further comments. Hearing none, motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, Chairman Baucom stated that the question was to amend the franchise agreement to allow the company to increase tonnage per day. Commissioner Sikes voiced a concern that the first seven hundred fifty tons was two dollars and fifty cents and from seven fifty to one thousand it was two dollars and ninety-one cents and from a thousand to fifteen hundred it was three dollars and thirty-three cents and when they add the other fifteen hundred they want to drop it to two dollars and twenty-five cents. County Manager Gatewood recommended acting on the modification tonight and they will go back and relook the numbers because it has been probably fifteen months since they've looked at these. Commissioner Sims stated that he too would like to look at the numbers feeling if we have to put up with it to keep from paying enormous taxes then a reasonable fee would probably be greater than this. Chairman Baucom stated that she would like to have a report on the smell and the water contamination. Ms. Gaddy shared that she drinks bottled water all the time and has not drank well water since the landfill came. Commissioner Sims suggested having her well tested with Chairman Baucom in agreement or something to find out what it is. Vice Chair Streater asked if county water was in the area with Ms. Gaddy answering that county water was in the area but she did not have it. One lady spoke up saying she has county water but her meter was on highway 74 and not Boylin Road. County Manager Gatewood offered to check to see where Boylin Road was on the priority list for the water department. Motion by Commissioner Sikes to table this until we know more about it. Commissioner Sims questioned why we would table it when we need to get right on it and check out these issues. Chairman Baucom proposed getting some answers and feedback from the concerns before voting. Commissioner Sims offered a second to the motion to table. Vice Chair Streater then asked Ms. Gaddy if county water was in front of her house would she connect to it with Ms. Gaddy answering if she was able to get it she would. Vice Chair Streater felt the board needed to move this project to the top of

the list and run water down Boylin Road. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would check the priority list and get back to the board on how they could change the list if need be. A lady in the audience stated that at first they wanted Boylin Road as the entrance and asked if doubling the intake would they still use the same entrance to the landfill or would they need Boylin Road. This citizen stated that now they are working on the right side of Boylin Road and the landfill is on the left side and would they use the entrance to Boylin Road. Mr. Breeden answered that the entrance would not change and they would not use any different entrance from what they are currently using to double the tonnage. Mr. Breeden then asked to answer some of the other concerns that have been placed. Mr. Breeden explained that they do quarterly ground water monitoring per state regulations and are ringed by a series of ground water wells that are monitoring wells. Mr. Breeden added that the landfill was also ringed by methane monitoring probes so in case something was getting outside the footprint they would have an early warning system before it got to the property. Mr. Breeden stated that they have had no hits of any leachate constituents in their wells nor have they had any off site gas migration. Mr. Breeden stated that currently they have full coverage by a landfill gas extraction system that is continuously operated so if ground water contamination was occurring they would know about it before it hit their property line. Mr. Breeden stated that water does not move through the ground rapidly and there are multiple different liners. Mr. Breeden explained that there was two foot of a clay liner that has extremely low permeability and another liner that is sixty mills thick and basically impermeability. Mr. Breeden shared that it was installed by a third party and inspected by a third party firm so at the end it is certified to be virtually impermeability. Mr. Breeden added that the ground water wells are there in case something did happen because as the ground water moves across the site it would pick up that constituent. Mr. Breeden shared that they sample quarterly and would see the constituent in the well. Mr. Breeden stated that the landfill was a fully engineered system that has almost no capability to contaminate the environment unless it is mismanaged, which has not been the case. Mr. Breeden stated that every three months consultants sample each well and follow a sampling procedure so not to interfere with anything that might be going in the well per NCDENR regulation and these are sent to a lab that reports independently from anything they can do. Commissioner Sims felt there was a contradiction in that Mr. Breeden said it was virtually impossible for the landfill to leak and if it was virtually impossible they would not have all the backup systems to make sure it was not leaking. Mr. Breeden commented that if he was an engineer designing something without a backup system he would be a bad engineer. Commissioner Sims then asked if there had ever been leaks at other landfills with Mr. Breeden answering yes.

Richard Dean spoke saying he has owned property beside the railroad for the last twenty to twenty-five years. Mr. Dean feels as the landfill gets larger there will be more birds, deer and he has land that he can't sell as no one wants to live beside the railroad track. Mr. Dean mentioned the system that is checked every three months and feels if they have something that nothing will ever happen to why not check it every

five years. Mr. Dean stated that if Mr. Breeden would build a house and live there he would give him his property.

Neil Jones asked to remind the board that on a tabling motion it will take two-thirds vote to reconsider whereas a motion to continue would not require that. Mr. Jones stated that it would take two-thirds vote of the people present to take it off the table whereas if you just continue it, it would just take a majority vote. Chairman Baucom then asked Mr. Jones how many votes it would take to table it with Mr. Jones saying to table was just a majority but to take it off would take two-thirds. Mr. Jones added that when you want to pick it back up you would be in a position that a minority could block it and suggested they continue the matter and not table it. County Attorney Forbes noted there was a motion on the table. Chairman Baucom called for a vote on the motion which is to table the matter until we can get some answers to the things we have asked. Motion carried unanimously.

How to Apply for a Community Development Block Grant: Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Public Hearing, Mary Beck explained that this was the first of two required Public Hearings in order to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Beck stated that in the first Public Hearing you don't discuss particular projects but you do talk about the eligibility requirements and some of the categories available next year. Ms. Beck stated that in to apply for any block grant with the state we have to meet one of the three national objectives set forth by HUD and that is to benefit low and moderate income households, prevent slum and blighted conditions and to meet any Community Block Grant needs. Ms. Beck stated that you have to show and prove that you don't have other financial resources. Ms. Beck stated that one of the grant categories is Economic Development and it is used towards the creation and retention of jobs and we can apply for up to one million dollars. Ms. Beck stated that another category is infrastructure and scattered housing. Ms. Beck shared that this time with our scattered housing grant we only received \$225,000 and they plan to do two temporary relocations, tear down two houses with no indoor plumbing and replace those and the remainder will be emergency repairs. Ms. Beck stated that the Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant was up to \$250,000 and could be used towards water/sewer/road improvements for new or existing businesses, renovation of existing buildings to accommodate the business and purchasing of capital equipment for a new or existing business. Ms. Beck stated the last category was the Catalyst Grant and we are in the process of going through a total environmental assessment because we are tearing down fifteen houses in Wadesboro and three in Morven. Ms. Beck stated that we may have to do a phase one environmental and the two public buildings. Mr. Beck shared that we were putting a roof on Grace Center, paving the parking lot and make one bathroom handicap. Ms. Beck stated that they will be re-supporting an exterior wall for the Crisis Ministry building that was damaged by a fire to the building

next door. Ms. Beck stated that they were also using money for Habitat for three new houses and emergency repairs. Chairman Baucom asked if any of these funds could be used for house trailers with Ms. Beck answering mobile homes were not eligible and they had to be owner occupied homes and the income of the entire household has to be very low to low income. Vice Chair Streater asked if the board decided which grant to pursue with Ms. Beck answering the reason for holding the Public Hearing is when the Department of Commerce announces the open window for these, and they only give you about two months to put the project together, we have to hold a second Public Hearing which has to be very thorough explaining the project. Ms. Beck stated that there was not a particular category we are considering applying for this time we just want to make sure that if we have an Economic Development grant come up or a small business entrepreneurial assistance grant we can apply for we will be ready. Chairman Baucom felt everyone needed to understand that there are strict rules and guidelines and you have to meet the criteria of the target goals. Ms. Beck stated that any housing improvements they can do with grant monies preserves the housing stock, helps the person living there and preserves the tax base. Ms. Beck stated that they will continue to try to apply for any grant monies they can for housing. Chairman Baucom called for public comment or questions. A gentleman suggested using some of the grant money to address the issues presented tonight about water on Boylin Road and putting up a fence so they don't have to smell the garbage. Ms. Beck explained that the money can only be used for emergency housing repairs and they can only spend \$5,000 per house. Ms. Beck added that they cannot run waterlines or hook up houses to water. Vice Chair Streater commented that the County Manager would check into the water situation. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of County Ordinance & Moratorium-Fracking: Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Public Hearing, Chairman Baucom called on the County Attorney to summarize the ordinance so everyone was clear about what they were trying to do. Chairman Baucom voiced that she felt this was an exercise in futility however we have an obligation to do what we can so if fracking comes here we minimize the damage and improve our chances of mitigating anything that goes wrong. Chairman Baucom stated that the state General Assembly was determined that fracking will occur. Chairman Baucom shared that a bill was currently being considered that counties cannot have environmental protections that are more stringent than the state's. Chairman Baucom stated that there was also a bill that those engaged in fracking would have to disclose the chemical content of the materials used in fracking. Chairman Baucom added that Halliburton objected and the bill is off the table. Chairman Baucom commented that she has gotten pressure from the Mining Commission but she has held tight that we are going to do what we can. County Attorney Forbes stated that the purpose of the Ordinance was to protect Anson County citizens by defining, regulating and prohibiting

acts that can be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. County Attorney Forbes stated that it also serves to protect and preserve the peace and dignity of Anson County. County Attorney Forbes stated that the Ordinance set forth rules for such acts as hydraulic fracturing, drilling for natural gas exploration and other mechanisms used to exploit Anson County's natural resources that may harm the county or injure citizens. County Attorney Forbes explained that the Ordinance states that such actions post a significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of the county and her citizens. County Attorney Forbes stated that the community health and environment of other states have suffered because of such exploration and we don't want to see that repeated here. County Attorney Forbes stated that allowing this exploration will allow the depositing of toxins into the air, soil water, environment and bodies of residents as well as agriculture, wildlife, the Pee Dee Natural Wildlife Refuge and Blewett Falls Lake, etc. County Attorney Forbes added public water supply for Anson, Richmond and Union counties, private well water and the eco system as a whole as well as a cost to the taxpayers for untold dollars in infrastructure maintenance. County Attorney Forbes stated that the board wishes to set out rules to protect Anson County from the ill effects by imposing a five year moratorium on all gas exploration or extraction. Chairman Baucom called for public comment.

Deb Arnason stated that she was a local landowner living near the Gullede Fire Department with well water. Ms. Arnason stated that they support the five year Moratorium on Fracking for Natural Gas until much more can be assured to protect the community from this destructive practice that has poisoned wells, air, humans, animals as well as destroyed the peace and tranquility in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Arkansas, Nebraska and elsewhere. Ms. Arnason explained that her husband is recovering from lung cancer. Ms. Arnason shared articles on fracking with board members. Ms. Arnason stated that she went to Sanford to the Mining and Energy Commission in April and she was astonished to hear an industry person dictating to three of the five commissioners what the frackers want, including three hundred percent profit before they pay any royalties to landowners, the right to go bankrupt or start a new well before paying anyone, the right to take property from landowners who do not wish to sell and the right to keep secret their toxic chemicals that poison the water permanently. Ms. Arnason stated that she approves the Moratorium on Fracking. Commissioner Sims commented that we were in a unique situation in that coming right through the middle of Anson County is what they call the Triassic basin. Commissioner Sims stated that this was a huge reservoir of underground water and feels it will be very difficult to stay away from the Triassic basin. Commissioner Sims feels we have much more to lose than counties that do not have this basin.

Neva Helms, legislative assistant to Representative Mark Brody, shared that Representative Brody was in session in Raleigh and felt it was important for her to be here to hear all the comments on this particular bill. Ms. Helms stated that she plans to listen and take notes and report what she hears back to Raleigh.

Rufus Getzen stated that he was retired now but he spent thirty years as a ground water hydrologist with the US Geological Survey. Mr. Getzen stated that he was fortunate to study under some professors who were really interested in the strange things water does underground and this included hydrofracking and the way fluid in rock affects the way it breaks. Mr. Getzen stated that fracking has been done safely in the oil fields for over forty years but it is not always safe and it depends a great deal on the state of stress in the rock. Mr. Getzen felt no matter how deep you fracture you need scientist on the state board and this was something a county can't afford. Mr. Getzen felt a good oversight panel needed to be in place before you even dream of allowing exploration companies in here. Mr. Getzen added that no matter how safe it may be, in terms of the fracturing process itself, you have the chemicals to deal with that are pumped back out and no matter what Halliburton claims, and they've been making big profits from the oil business for hundreds of years, it is not a secret what is in their fracking fluid.

Beverly Getzen shared that she worked for the federal government forty years mostly for the Army Corps of Engineers and has dealt with contamination problems over an entire continent. Ms. Getzen stated that this contamination was intentionally known by the gas and oil industry and she was working for the White House when they went behind every agency's back to get the secret agreement that they would never be subject to the federal laws on safe drinking water standards. Ms. Getzen feels their claim that it is proprietary is a masquerade to protect them from legal liability and the question earlier that companies want the ability to declare bankruptcy and leave is because all of the remaining problems become ours. Ms. Getzen stated that you will not be covered by homeowners insurance, your highways and roads will be torn up, your land will be torn up and unusable, you will not be able to grow crops safely, you will not be able to feed cattle, sheep, goats or pigs safely, your children will not be able to play safely but the companies will have the profit and they will be gone. Ms. Getzen presented West Virginia as one poster child and the entire Navaho nation as another. Ms. Getzen stated that this is a case where further study is definitely required and they are lying to us about the chemicals. Ms. Getzen noted that everything that ends with an "ene" is not good in your blood stream. Ms. Getzen voiced support for the Moratorium feeling it was our only way of sending a message that they were making a huge greedy deliberate decision to favor a few over the needs, safety and security of the many.

Foyle Hightower spoke commending the county commission for the Moratorium. Mr. Hightower felt it was a good idea and they have the county in their best interest by doing this. Mr. Hightower did not understand why the General Assembly was in such a hurry to pass such a bill when it is his understanding that North Carolina has enough natural gas in the ground to last three to five years. Mr. Hightower stated that in Anson County water is a big resource and we have a lot of things going for us in Anson County and one is our water and certainly the economic advantages for three to five years would not outweigh the future of our county and the possibility that our water supply

could be contaminated. Mr. Hightower feels the fact that the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge is in our county could be a big help in stopping this thing because the federal government may become involved. Mr. Hightower stated that in the General Assembly when there was an effort to put a hazardous waste dump in Anson County there was a bill introduced to say all local bills are null and void.

Justin Lee spoke saying from what he understands fracking is very dangerous for the environment, health and what he loves to do. Mr. Lee stated that he loves to go to the river to camp, hunt, swim, and fish and if fracking is allowed in Anson County he is afraid all that will be taken away from him. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Mr. Lee his age with Mr. Lee answering twelve.

Denise Lee thanked board members for recognizing the dangers that fracking can bring with it. Ms. Lee commended all those present tonight in support of the Moratorium and thanked them for being here. Ms. Lee stated that she met with the town council for Ansonville last night and they unanimously voted to support the Moratorium. Ms. Lee stated that when someone tries to shove something down your throat it is because they are afraid if you find out what they are shoving you will stop it so they want to fast track it. Ms. Lee stated that the board knows the dangers and commended them for their efforts to protect Anson County. Ms. Lee stated that a lot of them are doing this because they love the county, love their children and grandchildren and they want them to be able to prosper here and to stay here.

June Mabry, Stanly County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor, stated that she came to hear what they had to say and to make them aware that there is another bill, or actually a constitutional amendment, a corporate eminent domain amendment which means if they go down and over and according to the fracking bill you may have thirty days to defend yourself in court and fifteen days once it is over. Ms. Mabry explained that the corporate domain bill states that they will be able to come in and take over your land to be able to transport that gas. Ms. Mabry stated that we are already seeing some of the larger banks put language in their loan packages to protect themselves. Ms. Mabry stated that this went on in Texas to make sure today that you cannot get rid of your mineral rights and if you do your mortgage comes at risk because you have basically undermined the integrity of the asset. Ms. Mabry stated that she was glad they were doing this and wanted to see what they have because she would like to take this before the Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide. Ms. Mabry voiced support for the board trying to protect their water and soil.

Carey Rogers, Pathway to Peace Ministries, stated that they were a Bible and health ministry on 109 South with forty acres of land where they were actually growing some fruits and vegetables. Mr. Rogers stated that they have a vested interest because we are stewards of God's land but they also want to make sure we protect our agricultural. Mr. Rogers stated that for just a few pennies and peanuts he doesn't want

to risk that and voiced total support for the five year Moratorium but noted it was in his mind to stop it period. Mr. Rogers stated that they have not shown any safe way to do it and feels we need to learn the lessons of other states.

Therese Vick, of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, commended the board for taking this courageous step. Ms. Vick shared that she goes to a lot of the Mining and Energy Commission meetings in Raleigh and has been following the chemical disclosure draft rule being considered. Ms. Vick noted it was voted out of the Environmental Standards Committee, which is one of the committees of the mining and energy commission and was about to be voted on the full commission when because, Halliburton came in through the back door and objected, it was pulled off the Agenda by the Chairman of the Mining and Energy Commission. Ms. Vick thought the bill did not go far enough in protecting or disclosure but it had passed through the committees and debated for months and was in final draft form and ready to be voted on this past Friday and it was pulled. Ms. Vick stated that we have to protect ourselves.

Chairman Baucom felt those in attendance needed to understand that this bus was being driven by the state and they can crush us like a bug. Chairman Baucom stated that the board feels they have to do this. Chairman Baucom asked those present to get with the folks on Jones Street in Raleigh as they are the ones that have to feel the pressure. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not know what it was going to take to move them off this bulls eye but if people expressing their views doesn't do it she did not know what will. Chairman Baucom cautioned those present to make sure they know who owns the mineral rights on their property. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to close the Public Hearing.

In regular session, Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the Moratorium on Fracking for Anson County. Motion carried unanimously.

MORATORIUM ON FRACKING

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Commissioners finds that the extraction of natural gas in Anson County's rural and agricultural environment poses a significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of residents, neighborhoods, and natural features; and

Whereas, the board finds that significant environmental, community, and human health impacts have resulted from commercial natural gas development in other states; and

Whereas, the Board finds that the State's authorization of natural gas development automatically means allowing such activities to occur within Anson County, thus allowing for the deposition of toxins in to the air, soil, water, environment, and bodies of residents within our County; and

Whereas, the Board finds that existing State laws and regulations do not adequately protect the health and welfare of our County's residents by not addressing natural gas development's locality-specific effects on the unique natural, geologic, demographic, financial, and other conditions that exist within County boundaries; and

Whereas, the Board finds the North Carolina General Assembly and the Mining and Energy Commission are moving too fast toward enabling hydraulic fracturing to occur in North Carolina before adequate regulatory protections are established; and

Whereas, the Board finds that natural gas development is a conditional use; and
Whereas, Anson County is primarily rural and agricultural in nature, with the majority of residents living in rural areas; and

Whereas, Anson County's income is dependent on a healthy agricultural industry, with over \$149,000,000 in agricultural income earned last year according to North Carolina Cooperative Extension; and

Whereas, Anson County is home to Pee-Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and
Whereas, the Pee-Dee National Refuge provides critical habitat for 180 birds, 49 amphibian and reptile, 28 mammal, and 20 fish species, including migratory waterfowl, migratory song birds, and threatened and endangered species; and

Whereas, the Pee-Dee National Refuge provides recreation and environmental education for 35,000 visitors annually; and

Whereas, over fifty thousand Anson County, Union County and Richmond County residents depend on the public water supply sourced from Blewett Falls Lake; and

Whereas, Blewett Falls Lake is a likely water resource from which natural gas operations would draw millions of gallons of water to use for natural gas development; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina and Blewett Falls have experienced drought within recent years and cannot afford to endanger already limited water resources; and

Whereas, according to the United States Geological Survey, approximately 2.7 million North Carolinians depend upon well water for their water supply; and

Whereas, approximately 1,000 Anson County residents depend upon well water for private water supply; and

Whereas, while private wells are not subject to inspection, citizens using privately supplied drinking water are at greater risk of drinking contaminated water; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes that all residents, natural communities, and ecosystems in Anson County possess a fundamental and inalienable right to clean, drinkable, and usable water that will sustain health and life; and

Whereas, the Board finds that North Carolina's unique geography and minimal separation between shale formation and groundwater supplies puts well water users disproportionately at risk of groundwater supply contamination; and

Whereas, local governments will incur increased costs for services such as regulatory compliance monitoring, emergency services, maintenance of roads and bridges, and increased policing and other social services; and

Whereas, Anson County cannot afford to provide additional funding for services such as regulatory compliance monitoring, emergency services, maintenance of roads and bridges, and increased policing and other social services; and

Whereas, Anson County already is the 8th most economically distressed county in North Carolina; and **Whereas**, the Board believes it appropriate for natural gas owners and operators to pay for these additional services that the county will have to provide to protect the health and welfare of its citizens;

Therefore, the Board hereby adopts this Moratorium, which temporarily prohibits natural gas development activities, including hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, from occurring within Anson County while ordinances are developed, enacted and implemented to protect the rights of Anson County Residents and the natural resources we enjoy.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Chairman Baucom called for a ten minute break.

After the break, **Victoria Whitt, CEO of Sandhills Center** was here to officially submit their budget request for the county general budget. Ms. Whitt updated board members on two significant achievements that have occurred over the last eighteen months. Ms. Whitt reminded board members of her appearance regarding Sandhills Center taking over the role of the management of Medicaid funds for their catchment area and the merger with Guilford County. Ms. Whitt reported that over the past six months both have occurred and are going very well. Ms. Whitt shared that on December first they took over the management of Medicaid dollars for behavioral health services in their eight county region. Ms. Whitt shared that they were in the fifth month and it was going well. Ms. Whitt stated that a year ago there were twenty-three LME's and today there are ten. Ms. Whitt was happy to report that Sandhills Center is one of those remaining ten. Ms. Whitt stated that they spent about eighteen months working on a merger with Guilford County and they officially merged January 1. Ms. Whitt reminded board members that Guilford County's LME was not large enough and did not meet the criteria to move forward alone so they sought out Sandhills as a partner and after all county commissions agreeing to the merger it did occur. Ms. Whitt noted that Guilford County was now the ninth center for Sandhills Center. Ms. Whitt commented that Vice Chair Streater and Father Bye were the representatives on the Sandhills Center Board and Anson County was well represented. Ms. Whitt stated that in March the board made the decision for the ninth year in a row to not request additional funding from any of our counties. Ms. Whitt requested the same amount allocated last year which is \$55,000. Mr. Whitt reminded board members that this money stays in Anson County just as the money from the other counties stay in those counties. Ms. Whitt stated that the funding goes to support the local mental health services here and without this funding it would be very difficult to maintain the local presence. Ms. Whitt noted they were one of the few LME's in North Carolina that because of the county contribution is able to have that bricks and mortar facility for people to walk in in crisis. Ms. Whitt stated that she was always available to answer questions later or she would be happy to answer now. Commissioner Sims commented that he saw that Montgomery County's portion was 60 and ours was 55 and their population is more

than ours and thought it fair. County Manager Gatewood commented that it has been \$55,000 for the last nine years and felt it was very fair. Vice Chair Streater commented that they could always use more. Commissioner Sims offered a motion to approve with Chairman Baucom saying this would be done with the budget. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for Vice Chair Streater and Father Bye for serving on the board. Chairman Baucom also voiced appreciation for no increase in their request. Vice Chair Streater voiced that Neil Jones served on this board for ten years.

Neil Jones – Historical Commission: Mr. Jones asked board members to put the Historical Properties Commission of Anson County back in business. Mr. Jones stated that an Ordinance was established in 1983 designating a Historical Properties Commission for Anson County, noting it was distinctive from the Historical Society. Mr. Jones explained that the Historic Properties Commission was a child of the state and county. Mr. Jones stated that with this a landowner should have the ability to go before the Commission and asked that his property be noted as historic. Mr. Jones stated that the Commission would consider the request and application and determine if it coincides with the requirements in the Ordinance to make it historic. Mr. Jones stated that if they approve they would then send their recommendation to Raleigh and if approved there it would then come before the Commissioners to hold a Public Hearing on the request. Mr. Jones shared that after the Public Hearing it is up to the Board of Commissioners whether or not the property is historic and if approved it becomes a child of the state and nothing can be done with the property without approval of the Historic Commission and the county. Mr. Jones stated that it was clearly set out in the Ordinance what we can and can't do. Mr. Jones mentioned a cemetery in the southwest part of the county that could be named historic and felt once named the County Manager could request the Department of Corrections to maintain the cemetery. Mr. Jones felt it would be the answer to the problem. Mr. Jones noted that Anson was the only county in North Carolina that does not have an active Historic Commission. Mr. Jones shared with Chairman Baucom the names of nine citizens he recommends being appointed to the Commission. Mr. Jones stated that he hopes by the June meeting they have the Commission appointed and ready to go to work. Mr. Jones felt places to be considered were Leavitt Funeral Home, Edna's Tea Room, the Episcopal Chapel in Ansonville, Faison School, Wightman Baptist Church and other places that are significant in the history of the county. Mr. Jones stated that the Commission could declare a piece of property historic without the assistance of the owner. Mr. Jones also noted that once declared historic the ad valorem taxes would be cut in half. Chairman Baucom asked the name of the cemetery behind Faison with County Manager Gatewood answering Old Westview Cemetery. Chairman Baucom felt it was historically significant and they have worked hard to get funds to maintain the cemetery. Chairman Baucom asked if there existed now a commission with Mr. Jones answering no and the last time anyone was appointed was in 2000 and all terms have expired. County Attorney Forbes stated that it exist however there are no members now and no special procedure is needed. County Attorney Forbes noted the board just needs to reactivate it. Commissioner Woodburn asked if in the event a property is designated

historic is the property owner still responsible for maintenance and upkeep with Mr. Jones answering the owner would be responsible for maintaining the property, however, if there was a major repair or improvement that had to be done the state would participate in order to protect the property. Commissioner Sims asked if a kitchen remodel would fall under this with Mr. Jones answering we needed to read the Ordinance close and felt it could stop the remodel. Mr. Jones felt Anson County had an Ordinance that was more thorough than the Legislation. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Jones if he was talking about taking a fee or some type partial interest in the actual property with Mr. Jones answering no. Mr. Jones stated that it means that the Department of Corrections would be active and we would be in the middle. Vice Chair Streater asked if there were any properties already on this with Mr. Jones answering no. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Jones for his work and research in this matter.

Phyllis Dawkins – Gulledge Fire Department: Ms. Dawkins reminded board members of her appearance a few months ago asking approval to build a new station. Ms. Dawkins thanked board members for their approval and told of their groundbreaking. Ms. Dawkins asked board members to approve the resolution to approve the financing of \$525,000 for a term of twenty years with an interest rate of 3.47% with an annual payment of \$36,839. Ms. Dawkins noted the financing was with BB&T. Ms. Dawkins stated the actual cost of the building was \$550,000 but they were putting \$25,000 down. Ms. Dawkins noted the station was being constructed by MCT Construction and they hope the completion date will be October 2013. Vice Chair Streater stating that he had no problem and would make the motion but asked the amount of fire tax received by Gulledge each year. Ms. Dawkins stated that she did not have the figures in front of her but felt it was around \$60,000. Ms. Dawkins shared that when they submitted everything for the loan they were well within what they needed as they have no debt at this time. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom thanked Ms. Dawkins for all they do.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING BY GULLEDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Gulledge Volunteer Fire Station has determined to finance an amount of up to \$525,000.00 for the new fire station. The United States Internal Revenue Code requires that for such financing to be carried out on a tax-exempt basis, this Board must first approve the financing. The Volunteer Fire Department has held a public hearing on the financing after published notice, as required by the Code. The Volunteer Fire Department has reported the proceedings of the hearing to this Board.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Anson County, North Carolina as follows:

1. The County approves the Volunteer Fire Department's entering into the financing as required under the Code for the financing to be carried out on a tax-exempt basis. The Volunteer Fire Department's conduct of the required Public Hearing is approved.

This 7th day of May, 2013.

Eric Faulkner – Union County community Action Funding Request: Mr. Faulkner stated that they have been operating the Head Start and Early Head Start

program in Anson County since 1985 and currently serve 191 children and with those come at least 191 families. Mr. Faulkner noted that all these children are low income and below the federal poverty level. Mr. Faulkner stated that they are the recipient of the head start funds and they are also the operator of the program. Mr. Faulkner stated that they currently operate two head start classrooms at Morven Elementary through a collaboration with Anson County Schools. Mr. Faulkner stated that they provide the classrooms for free and some transportation and they operate a head start classroom at Faison and eight at Central Center. Mr. Faulkner stated that within the county they also operate the WIA Youth Program and are submitting a proposal to take over the WIA adult program in the county. Mr. Faulkner shared that during the 2011/12 fiscal year their staff salaries and fringe benefits for Anson County was just over one million dollars and program operations for Head Start was over one and one-half million dollars. Mr. Faulkner stated that they spend annually around ninety thousand dollars with Wadesboro IGA as they collaborate with them to provide food for the children. Mr. Faulkner shared that they have thirty-three staff members in Anson County and one staff member for WIA Youth and provided they are awarded the program for WIA Adult services they will bring another three to four positions in Anson County. Mr. Faulkner stated that he was here asking for financial assistance in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Faulkner explained that with head start they are required to raise twenty percent of their grant from local sources in order to continue to operate. Mr. Faulkner stated that for the current year in Anson County they project that to be three hundred eighty-nine thousand dollars. Mr. Faulkner stated that in-kind can come in ways other than money and they currently have a partnership with Richmond County, Union County and the City of Monroe where they provide in-kind amounts that are invaluable to the continued operation of the program. Mr. Faulkner noted that all funds requested would be spent in Anson County as they consider themselves an important part of the community. Mr. Faulkner stated that considering the number of children served in Anson County the request comes out to be one hundred eighteen dollars a child. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Faulkner to explain the grant. Mr. Faulkner stated that it was a federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. Chairman Baucom asked the term of the grant with Mr. Faulkner answering year by year and they have been operating the Head Start Program in Anson County since 1985. Mr. Faulkner shared that they were taking a 5.27% decrease in their funds beginning September 1. Chairman Baucom asked if this was a year round program with Mr. Faulkner answering it operates on the same calendar as the school system in Anson County. Vice Chair Streater asked if they receive any funds from the school system with Mr. Faulkner answering no. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she was one of their volunteers and it was a great program. Chairman Baucom asked if using space at Central and Faison was considered in-kind with Mr. Faulkner answering partly. Mr. Faulkner explained that they rent the space at Central through the Board of Education for one dollar a year. Mr. Faulkner stated that Faison was owned privately and they pay market rate for the space there. Mr. Faulkner shared that the amount of in-kind from Anson County does not meet their requirement for Anson County and is supplemented through

agreements with other counties. Chairman Baucom asked if Anson County has contributed in the past with Mr. Faulkner answering not to his knowledge. Chairman Baucom asked if this was the first year they have asked with Mr. Faulkner answering they did not submit a funding request last year but they did four years previous to that. Mr. Faulkner did not know if anyone had appeared before the Commissioners before or not. Chairman Baucom voiced that there seems to be an effort to decrease funding for Smart Start and all of the pre K. Chairman Baucom stated that she and County Manager Gatewood were both on the Partnership for Children board and they hear at every meeting that there are more cuts to early childhood education when it has been clearly demonstrated that it is effective in the learning process. Chairman Baucom stated that this would be considered when they do the budget. County Manager Gatewood commended Head Start and Mr. Faulkner for his fine presentation and for the great job they do in the county. County Manager Gatewood shared that he has a conflict of interest since his wife is one of the lead teachers at Head Start. County Manager Gatewood stated that she has been working on him ever since she learned Mr. Faulkner would be here tonight to make this presentation. County Manager Gatewood shared that he explained the situation to her that we are a county with limited funds and lots of needs. County Manager Gatewood commented that there were many great agencies in Anson County such as Smart Start, HOLLA, Anson Crisis Center, Feed My Lambs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Domestic Violence and our own DSS. County Manager Gatewood remarked that we all know the pitiful conditions in which those at DSS work and the facility should have been demolished years ago and we don't have the funding to spread around to all these great agencies. County Manager Gatewood shared that his wife still has not accepted this but he thinks she will after tonight. Mr. Faulkner commented that he understands the County Manager's position however he considers them different from other nonprofits in the area in terms of the size and the amount of money they are directly injecting in the economy in Anson County. Mr. Faulkner stated that they not only receive funds to disperse but they actually operate the programs. Mr. Faulkner noted that they not only deliver services but they employ people in Anson County. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she loves children.

Public Addresses to the Board: Chairman Baucom called on Mr. Kenny Williams asking if he was still in the audience. Chairman Baucom asked if anyone else wanted to make a public address to the board.

Administrative Matters:

Park Issues – Jeff Waisner: This matter was deferred to June.

Thread Trail Update – Jessica Anderson, Wendell Small and Josie Lodder: Ms. Anderson stated that they were not here to ask for money but to let you know they got some money. Mr. Small stated that they call themselves Group Awesome. Ms. Anderson stated that they have been working since the beginning of the year on a project known as the Carolina Thread Trail to provide more river access to the Rocky and Pee Dee Rivers and incorporating that into some river systems from

Cabarrus, Mecklenburg and Union counties. Ms. Anderson stated that they have been working on this along with Bonnie Huntley, Lawrence Gatewood, Dana Stoogenke of the Rocky River Rural Planning, Travis Morehead with Carolina Thread Trail, Crystal and Joe from the Land Trust for Central North Carolina, Jeff Boothby and others. Ms. Anderson stated that the first site will be where Plank Road crosses the Rocky River in the Ansonville area and they have contacted the landowner who has signed a letter of intent to have the county purchase 2.9 acres at that site to be turned into a canoe/kayak launch point. Ms. Anderson stated that we submitted the grant application in April and they heard today that we have received the seventy-five thousand dollars needed for the land acquisition and construction of the site. Ms. Anderson explained that with the board's grace they will go ahead and purchase the land from the landowner who is giving it to us at what is called a gift sell. Ms. Anderson shared that he is selling it to us way below the actual market value. Ms. Anderson stated that they are looking ahead to site number two with Mr. Small adding that they have been greatly encouraged to apply for the second cycle of the grant which is August 9th. Vice Chair Streater asked what would be on this site with Ms. Anderson explaining that it would basically be a parking area with signage for the rest of the Thread Trail and the actual launch into the river. Vice Chair Streater asked if there would be a building here with Ms. Anderson answering no. Ms. Anderson noted that since the Rocky River was controlled by nature and not damned anywhere it would be seasonal usage. Ms. Anderson added that there would be portable restrooms on site during seasonal times. Chairman Baucom commented that this was fantastic. Ms. Anderson shared that they worked diligently on this and could not have asked for a better group of people to work with. Mr. Small stated that this project was receiving no county funding as it was all coming from the Carolina Thread Trail. Chairman Baucom stated that the county joined into this early on and voiced appreciation for all the work and time that has been spent to get us to this point.

Manager's Report: County Manager Gatewood asked for a motion in support of the Thread Trail grant application and the approval to proceed not only with this project but also with the phase 2 project. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Commissioner Sims offered that he has a small house about three miles from this area and asked if he should stay out of this with County Attorney Forbes answering he was fine. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood asked board members if they had noticed the name badge. Chairman Baucom voiced that they were really happy for the Manager and Clerk with the County Manager asking board members if they would like to have one. County Manager Gatewood then asked the clerk to distribute the name badges to board members. County Manager Gatewood applauded the Clerk for designing and ordering the badges. The clerk noted they were purchased locally from Forbes Jewelers and they were great to work with. Chairman Baucom felt they would be nice when attending conferences. County Manager Gatewood mentioned that today was the kickoff for Farm Fresh Ventures and he purchased a subscription. County Manager Gatewood stated that what he had was part of his subscription he picked up earlier in

the afternoon. County Manager Gatewood stated that he put some names in a hat and the first box will go to Ms Rita James. County Manager Gatewood noted that Extension Service made upgrades to the farmers market and we need more activity there and this venture will certainly accommodate that need. County Manager Gatewood shared that our contingency account was still at thirty one thousand four hundred ninety seven dollars. County Manager Gatewood asked board members to pay special attention to their calendar as county offices would be closed May 27th for the Memorial Day Holiday. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would present the recommended budget on June 4th and offered thanks to Ms. James for distributing the budget packets today to department heads. Commissioner Sims asked if we were looking good with County Manager Gatewood answering that things were awfully tight but the budget would be affordable within the current tax rate and our estimates and projections for revenues and expenses would be conservative. County Manager Gatewood shared that we have been hit hard relative to the Anson Rescue Squad six months agreement where they are taking every third call for ambulance service twenty-four/seven. County Manager Gatewood stated that we anticipate our revenues will be down somewhere around one hundred to one hundred fifty thousand dollars on an annualized basis if this is allowed to continue. County Manager Gatewood stated that he has asked Mr. Diggs and Mr. Teal to make a presentation at the June meeting on their recommendation going forward. County Manager Gatewood shared that our health insurance premiums were increasing by 1.6% and in the BCBS universe they were telling us 6, 7, 8 and 9% is more typical. County Manager Gatewood noted this was all due to the Wellness activities the board allowed us to do and we plan to do more next year. County Manager Gatewood shared that our Workers Comp insurance rates are up 1.7%. County Manager Gatewood asked board members to mark their calendars for June 14 for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new hospital at 11:30 AM at the site. County Manager Gatewood noted two grant proposals were submitted in April and we've already heard the good news about Carolina Thread Trail but we also submitted on time a grant proposal to the North Carolina 911 Board and we hope to obtain one million dollars to help with the construction and equipping of the new emergency services center. County Manager Gatewood noted that construction was on schedule and we plan to complete construction in December 2013. County Manager Gatewood stated that we were still on budget and are meeting with the architect and general contractor every other week and in daily contact with one or the other. Commissioner Sims asked if the bay was still deleted with County Manager Gatewood answering we will have parking space for four ambulances. Commissioner Sims asked if this would keep us from running the trucks with County Manager Gatewood answering this would meet our needs especially since we have a truck in Polkton and Morven at least twelve hours a day, seven days a week. County Manager Gatewood stated that ultimately we plan to have a satellite base somewhere between Lilesville and Pee Dee and one in the Ansonville/Burnsville area in three to five years. Vice Chair Streater stated that Windstream has the fiber optic cables to the corner of the site and the work order to put all the facilities underground in front of the facility was approved yesterday. County Manager Gatewood announced that we will be selling some surplus property on

GovDeals the last of May through the first of June and congratulated Ms. Huntley and Captain Dunn for coordinating the sale. County Manager Gatewood stated there was a new flag flying in town in the center top of the Belk building. County Manager Gatewood shared that tonight if all goes according to plan it will be illuminated. County Manager Gatewood noted two issues with the Belk building with one being the display glass and the carpet inside that is old and ugly and needs to be changed in next year's budget. County Manager Gatewood stated that there seems to be some permanent stains in the glass of the display windows and we will need to change out three panels in next year's budget. Chairman Baucom mentioned that the Little Theater at the library needs painting and a rail on the back stairs is loose at the top. County Manager Gatewood mentioned next year's budget being tight but they have a plan in place to help close some of the gaps. County Manager Gatewood stated that they want to maintain a healthy fund balance and have committed to five million dollars.

Commissioner Sims asked when the new money from the landfill would come in with County Manager Gatewood answering once the board approves the modification it will start coming in. County Manager Gatewood noted that they have not allowed for the increase in the budget. County Manager Gatewood stated that this year we should generate right at six hundred thousand dollars from the landfill and the year before it was around seven hundred fifty thousand dollars and next year our budget projection is six hundred thousand dollars. Chairman Baucom voiced that it would take a while to generate customers to increase the tonnage. Commissioner Woodburn asked what accounted for the drop with County Manager Gatewood answering that in prior years there was an issue with a poultry processing plant in Union County and the landfill received a windfall that they had not anticipated and we benefited from that new business. Commissioner Sikes questioned why the money from the landfill was decreasing with County Manager Gatewood stated that the windfall bumped up the tonnage but the run rate this year is six hundred thousand dollars and that is what we plugged into next year's forecast. County Manager Gatewood stated that right now we are looking at almost four hundred acres of timber and next month he will come with a resolution to sell the timber and reforest those acreages. County Manager Gatewood stated that the proceeds could be used for our capital needs at the health department and DSS. County Manager Gatewood shared that a member of the community came to him about the visitation rooms at DSS where children in foster homes meet with their parents and grandparents and said if the county would take care of painting and reflooring they would furnish the room and supply new toys. County Manager Gatewood stated that this was Beverly Getzen and he received an update tonight that we've done our part and they are in the process of doing their part. County Manager Gatewood felt that with fifty thousand dollars we could get the DSS building in good enough shape to meet our needs for the next five years. Chairman Baucom asked if there was any way to take the shape off the top of the building so it won't still look like the A&P with County Manager Gatewood saying that part of the fifty thousand dollars would be used for this. Commissioner Sims cautioned that we need to stay away from flat roofs. County Manager Gatewood stated that he plans to present the resolution next month and Ms. Baxter has been working diligently on the project. County

Manager Gatewood mentioned a Resolution brought forth by the Clerk stating that the North Carolina Association of County Clerks would like for us to approve the resolution. County Manager Gatewood stated that in North Carolina we have open meetings statutes that allow public bodies to meet in closed session for certain purposes. County Manager Gatewood stated that currently the only requirement is that the reports from those closed session meetings be full and accurate and the minutes must also provide a general account of actions taken. County Manager Gatewood explained that House Bill 870 would require us to audio tape and/or video tape closed sessions and retain the tapes for twenty-four months. County Manager Gatewood stated this would be cumbersome, expensive and we believe unnecessary. County Manager Gatewood encouraged board members to approve the resolution. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom noted that this equates to an unfunded mandate.

RESOLUTION
OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 870
AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC BODIES TO RECORD MEETINGS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the N.C. Open Meetings Statute, G.S. §143-318.11 allows public bodies to meet in closed session for certain purposes; *and*

WHEREAS, the Statute requires “full and accurate minutes” and a “general account” of all closed session meetings, and requires these documents be made public once it is determined that public inspection would no longer frustrate the purpose of a closed session; *and*

WHEREAS, House Bill 870 as introduced to the General Assembly would require that all closed sessions held by public bodies be either audio or video taped, with the exception of G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) (personnel); *and*

WHEREAS, the *North Carolina Association of County Clerks* previously registered opposition to past legislation introduced in the General Assembly on this issue and has again gone on record in strong opposition to current House Bill 870.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anson County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose House Bill 870 for the following reasons:

- The recording of closed session is unnecessary because Clerks across the State, in almost all cases, are keeping accurate and sufficient records of the closed meetings as required by North Carolina General Statutes. The Clerks make those records public as soon as possible.
- Public bodies include all governing boards, but also include all boards, committees, commissions, authorities and councils appointed by the governing boards, all of which would be required to record closed sessions.
- In county governments alone, there are thousands of appointed boards, committees, commissions, authorities or councils and as stated, would be archiving recordings of closed sessions.
- House Bill 870 is an unfunded mandate and in order to comply, large and unnecessary expenditures would be imposed on county governments, as well as smaller local public bodies.
- In order to avoid asking the public to move, many closed sessions are held in a different chamber than the regular meeting place; therefore, further expenses would be incurred for additional equipment purchases.
- Each item discussed in closed session would require separate recordings as some items may be permanently sealed while others are not.
- Storage space of multiple recordings would become a problem with some being sealed indefinitely.

- Maintaining recordings indefinitely would be virtually impossible recording mechanisms wear out or become obsolete with technology changes. The recordings would have to be periodically checked and eventually re-recorded.
- Requiring recorded closed sessions may well have an adverse effect on free and frank discussions on matters of recognized sensitivity and may have the unintended effect of encouraging the public bodies to find ways to circumvent the Open Meetings Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the reasons listed above, the Anson County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that members of the North Carolina General Assembly consider the ramifications of this unfunded mandate and vote against legislation requiring the recording of closed sessions, which would impose unnecessary, unrealistic and costly requirements on public bodies and the Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners and other recording secretaries charged with the responsibility of keeping the records of public bodies across the State.

This the 7th day of May 2013.

County Manager Gatewood commented that April was a busy month meeting wise and one of those meetings was with the Board of Education. County Manager Gatewood stated that last week he received a really nice thank you card from Lisa Davis thanking all those involved with the joint meeting. County Manager Gatewood stated that Ms. Bennett and her staff did a wonderful job with the meal and Ms. Huntley with the serving. Commissioner Sims felt looking forward we would have a much better relationship between the two boards. Vice Chair Streater commented that County Manager Gatewood did a super job waiting on Chairman Baucom and Commissioner Sturdivant. Chairman Baucom felt it was an excellent meeting and very informative. Chairman Baucom stated that she can see alignment of goals between the county and the school system and feels we are ready to go. Vice Chair Streater was of the opinion Mr. Freeman would be great to work with. Commissioner Sikes referred to the comment that EMS revenue was down and felt that was the reason we did something because with the setup we had Anson Rescue was losing revenue and they were not going to be able to stay in business because EMS was getting a lot of their wrecks. Commissioner Sikes feels we need to look at this carefully because we have to have Anson Rescue. County Manager Gatewood stated that he has received no complaints from residents about the current operation. Commissioner Sikes commented that he has noticed at night they've had to call the second ambulance from Anson Rescue to help with calls as the three we have on duty at times are not enough. County Manager Gatewood added that he knows of one night Anson Rescue did not have the manpower to man a truck so we filled in and a lot of the credit goes to Rodney Diggs and Ryan Teal communicating and working together. Chairman Baucom stated that they were all going to have to work together and feels we need a seamless continuum of service. Chairman Baucom agreed we have to have the Rescue Squad with the equipment and training to do the specialized things they do. County Manager Gatewood voiced support for reinstating the Historical Commission and feels we need to be very careful when we think in terms of a fifty percent reduction in property tax values. County Manager Gatewood noted cemeteries were one thing as they were not paying taxes anyway and any support there would be appreciated but if we have properties that we are realizing property taxes from he feels the board needs to be very careful as those presentations and proposals are brought to their attention. Chairman Baucom voiced agreement and felt there were not many communities that have four museums in their

downtown area and feels there are Churches that should be on the historical register. Chairman Baucom voiced agreement for the cemeteries.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom shared that there was a group of retirees from the Community College that get together once a month and they have noted the few cars on the Polkton Campus over the past few months and are very concerned. Chairman Baucom stated that the Charter that created South Piedmont Community College has a mandate that the Polkton Campus remain viable. Chairman Baucom stated that she met with Dr. Sidor and he was not aware that enrollment on the Polkton campus had decreased as much as it had. Chairman Baucom felt it was about two hundred students fewer than last year and there is a large growth in online courses. Chairman Baucom stated that Dr. Sidor was struggling to come up with a program mix that would be best for Anson County. Commissioner Sims thought the agreement was that they would put certain courses at our part of the college that would not be offered in Union County so in order for some students to get that particular course would have to come to our county. Commissioner Woodburn answered that they were doing this but it works the other way too. Chairman Baucom shared that she has asked for the number of people that physically attend classes at Polkton, the number from Union that come to the Polkton campus and the number who reside in Anson County that go to the Monroe campus. Chairman Baucom noted it was a duplicated count and hard to get it to scale and she will share the numbers with board members when she receives them. Chairman Baucom also voiced a concern for the Ombudsman school contract ending and those students attending class at the Lockhart-Taylor center. Chairman Baucom shared that she is concerned for the amount of space they need and where they will be put and how this will impact the programs already at Lockhart-Taylor. Chairman Baucom stated that at some time she will go see this space. Commissioner Woodburn added that this was his question also. Chairman Baucom felt Dr. Sidor was apparently running into some obstacles and feels if we can help we should as this is a tremendous resource for the county. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the board has never been half and half feeling there were either two or three more Union County representatives than Anson County just because of the size but at the same time they work well together and it was not an Anson County/Union County thing. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the board makeup has not changed and the guidelines were put in place from day one and they have not changed since then. Vice Chair Streater mentioned the new school at South Piedmont and asked since they lost funding for the Ombudsman would they receive any type grant money to help operate the program at South Piedmont. County Manager Gatewood stated that he did not know the answer to that but his impression is no. Chairman Baucom asked with ad valorem taxes if we pay for programs at the school with County Manager Gatewood answering we pay for operating expenses as well as facilities and teacher supplements. Vice Chair Streater asked how this will affect our budget next year with County Manager Gatewood answering that he just received the school budget this afternoon and has not had a chance to study it but they are requesting a 1.7% increase over last year and last year it was around 3.8 million

dollars. Commissioner Woodburn shared that when this was presented to the Trustees he was told there would be no cost to move the students to Lockhart-Taylor as they had space that would accommodate them but as far as the grant running out he thinks the school board was handling that but he doesn't know how they plan to absorb the cost of the grant money they no longer have. County Manager Gatewood mentioned the issue on fracking and suggested having one voice and recommended our attorney Scott Forbes serves in that role.

Consent Agenda: Chairman Baucom reminded board members of the four Budget Amendments added at the beginning of the meeting. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve as submitted with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Approved meeting minutes dated April 2, 2013, April 15, 2013, April 16, 2013, April 23, 2013 and closed session minutes dated April 2, 2013.

Tax Releases: approved as follows

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| 22086 | Blanchette, Tammy | 2012 | 40.00 | 1304-000149 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 20458 | Dunn, Chris | 2012 | 74.65 | 1303-000442 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Situs |
| 21061 | Dupre, Shirley | 2012 | 17.90 | 1205-000598 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 21058 | Harney, Selby | 2012 | 114.64 | 1301-000700 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 22083 | Henry, Ida M | 2012 | 13.30 | 1211-000738 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 22080 | Ingram, James W | 2012 | 111.36 | 1205-001062 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 21063 | Johnson, Jerry | 2012 | 16.10 | 1211-000876 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 20460 | Jordan, Billy | 2012 | 26.39 | 1303-000841 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Salvage Title |
| 21062 | Mauldin, William | 2011 | 39.44 | 1106-001230 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 22079 | Phifer, Dennis | 2012 | 138.80 | 1303-001432 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 21065 | Pope, Jerry | 2012 | 9.92 | 1303-001459 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 20459 | Teal, Freddy | 2013 | 153.74 | 1303-001751 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Situs |
| 21060 | Trull, James | 2012 | 73.60 | 1303-001824 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| 22082 | Williams, Willie | 2012 | 184.05 | 1208-001865 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ 1,037.49 | | | | |
| 21059 | Ellerbe, Kianna | 2012 | 25.14 | 1212-000569 | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | Proration |
| 21064 | Griggs, Rodney E | 2012 | 24.72 | 1212-000749 | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | Proration |
| 22084 | Hough, Radelle | 2012 | 28.14 | 1301-000837 | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | Proration |
| 22081 | Hyundai Lease Titling | 2012 | 136.96 | 1301-000868 | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | Proration |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ 214.96 | | | | |
| 20458 | Dunn, Chris | 2012 | 7.53 | 1303-000442 | Vehicle Taxes | Adjustment | Situs |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ 7.53 | | | | |
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| | | | 1,259.98 | | | | |
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Tax Collector's Report: approved as follows:

Real Property Taxes

FY 2012-2013 Current Year Ad Valorem - 2012
April 30, 2013

| (Total \$\$ Collections) | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Year 2012 | 863,307.89 | 662,140.94 | 1,545,771.18 | 8,245,555.45 | 591,530.54 | 394,773.55 | 234,592.51 | 179,365.23 |
| Year 2011 | 1,114,236.77 | 724,932.68 | 1,057,582.02 | 8,676,118.24 | 273,110.53 | 759,834.02 | 326,631.55 | 153,989.93 |
| Year 2010 | 1,078,301.02 | 727,146.32 | 1,834,033.24 | 8,467,126.13 | 313,652.81 | 740,139.07 | 332,344.50 | 132,854.57 |
| Year 2009 | 1,317,720.88 | 681,923.36 | 1,487,890.82 | 8,128,729.39 | 307,485.71 | 379,919.02 | 360,236.26 | 261,656.33 |
| Year 2008 | 750,653.41 | 705,888.42 | 1,308,422.04 | 7,772,676.85 | 477,271.59 | 361,778.44 | 243,148.97 | 131,934.01 |
| Year 2007 | 788,895.51 | 539,491.44 | 912,342.12 | 7,198,087.81 | 1,555,214.99 | 332,904.08 | 173,894.09 | 103,614.43 |
| Year 2006 | 871,645.87 | 600,534.92 | 1,229,982.74 | 6,661,857.22 | 668,463.89 | 313,235.43 | 218,036.11 | 178,097.47 |

| Of Total Collections | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| County Taxes & Late List | | | | | | | | |
| Year 2012 | 716,431.79 | 548,716.84 | 1,246,234.94 | 6,965,653.63 | 474,125.82 | 311,770.51 | 186,458.87 | 132,595.62 |
| Year 2011 | 921,545.62 | 603,338.68 | 865,688.02 | 7,272,885.47 | 222,718.59 | 623,556.83 | 244,496.75 | 114,354.72 |
| Year 2010 | 894,518.98 | 605,605.64 | 1,479,716.19 | 7,135,832.26 | 256,020.32 | 571,966.13 | 256,151.14 | 101,065.71 |
| Year 2009 | 1,104,190.36 | 561,891.76 | 1,192,815.02 | 6,849,076.69 | 255,249.25 | 299,943.51 | 278,799.08 | 189,446.64 |
| Year 2008 | 633,646.80 | 574,997.79 | 1,046,831.34 | 6,643,082.02 | 382,989.15 | 288,841.07 | 193,174.13 | 99,314.46 |
| Year 2007 | 612,969.68 | 452,661.26 | 714,929.80 | 6,145,385.34 | 1,301,068.53 | 270,157.60 | 133,618.10 | 78,986.40 |
| Year 2006 | 726,149.72 | 502,659.49 | 1,013,901.27 | 5,543,430.26 | 545,377.88 | 248,758.10 | 174,023.97 | 135,349.05 |

| Current Year (2012) Ad Valorem Collections % | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Year 2012 | 14.37% | 18.46% | 28.32% | 84.88% | 88.50% | 90.66% | 91.84% | 92.68% |
| Year 2011 | 13.92% | 18.51% | 24.84% | 84.15% | 85.77% | 90.48% | 92.07% | 92.77% |
| Year 2010 | 13.35% | 15.95% | 27.10% | 84.77% | 86.61% | 90.64% | 92.35% | 92.95% |
| Year 2009 | 12.81% | 17.03% | 26.88% | 84.98% | 87.03% | 89.23% | 91.26% | 92.70% |
| Year 2008 | 15.53% | 20.18% | 29.04% | 85.89% | 89.03% | 91.28% | 92.77% | 93.40% |
| Year 2007 | 16.08% | 19.69% | 25.78% | 79.39% | 90.58% | 92.71% | 93.76% | 94.32% |
| Year 2006 | 15.87% | 20.69% | 30.37% | 84.55% | 89.67% | 91.88% | 93.41% | 94.53% |
| Year 2005 | 17.64% | 21.77% | 30.22% | 84.70% | 88.20% | 91.88% | 94.31% | 95.09% |
| Year 2004 | 7.59% | 16.65% | 29.10% | 79.55% | 86.76% | 90.91% | 93.00% | 94.25% |
| Year 2003 | 12.64% | 18.90% | 27.62% | 82.59% | 87.84% | 91.20% | 93.91% | 95.06% |

| Current Year (2012) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Year 2012 | 10,479,738.36 | 9,979,652.70 | 8,777,582.71 | 1,851,666.78 | 1,408,474.10 | 1,143,229.63 | 999,483.29 | 896,470.97 |
| Year 2011 | 10,421,780.20 | 9,872,181.97 | 9,108,774.55 | 1,922,422.15 | 1,726,814.58 | 1,155,588.56 | 962,100.93 | 877,303.12 |
| Year 2010 | 8,865,833.89 | 10,243,265.68 | 8,883,658.36 | 1,857,343.24 | 1,632,751.51 | 1,141,393.93 | 933,101.21 | 859,307.48 |
| Year 2009 | 10,257,601.76 | 9,763,301.52 | 8,627,953.83 | 1,770,470.81 | 1,529,286.07 | 1,270,039.78 | 1,030,408.42 | 859,835.75 |

| History of Past Due Mailings | 02/14/12 | | 10/01/12 | | 01/09/13 | | 04/09/13 | |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| | # | \$\$ | # | \$\$ | # | \$\$ | # | \$\$ |
| | 4,559 | 3,637,092.32 | 2,419 | 2,362,763.93 | 5,543 | 4,420,774.02 | 3,360 | 3,308,737.72 |

| Tax Scroll Billings | Tax Rate | Taxed Value | County Tax | Late List | City Taxes | Fire Taxes | Total Billed |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| 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 | 1,323,056,075 | 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 |

| Utilities | County Tax | City Taxes | Fire Taxes | Total Billed |
|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 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 |

| | Jan 2013 | | Feb 2013 | | Mar 2013 | | Apr 2013 | |
|--|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Accounts Receivable by Type | # | \$\$ Due Now |
| Active Garnishments | 205 | 86,905.79 | 198 | 81,064.99 | 195 | 78,816.13 | 224 | 90,074.02 |
| Accts with Agreements | 51 | 12,290.91 | 51 | 11,857.45 | 51 | 11,921.31 | 49 | 11,819.67 |
| Accts in Foreclosure | 359 | 170,534.08 | 348 | 153,501.84 | 347 | 153,792.36 | 341 | 151,923.17 |
| Bankruptcies | 129 | 75,637.58 | 127 | 75,063.67 | 138 | 82,743.99 | 137 | 82,926.61 |
| Remaining Accts Collectible | 7,413 | 2,046,325.63 | 7,289 | 2,007,167.59 | 7,179 | 1,958,766.53 | 6,933 | 1,911,891.47 |
| Current Year Ad Valorem(All) | 4,665 | 1,741,934.12 | 3,894 | 1,432,823.83 | 3,500 | 1,298,337.52 | 3,146 | 1,166,206.39 |
| **Red = AR Dollars | 12,822 | 4,133,628.11 | 11,907 | 3,761,479.37 | 11,410 | 3,584,377.84 | 10,830 | 3,414,841.33 |
| ## Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo | 3 | 4,092.71 | 8 | 23,114.84 | 7 | 2,189.54 | 12 | 7,542.59 |
| # Accts Given to ParaLegal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Garnishments Executed | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33 | 13,347.06 |
| Debt Setoff Letters Mailed | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239) | - | 304,472.85 | - | 299,847.57 | - | 300,036.29 | - | 298,413.76 |

| One Year Ago | Jan 2012 | | Feb 2012 | | Mar 2012 | | Apr 2012 | |
|--|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Accounts Receivable by Type | # | \$\$ Due Now |
| Active Garnishments | 242 | 89,508.56 | 233 | 88,070.32 | 228 | 84,837.98 | 195 | 78,816.13 |
| Accts with Agreements | 71 | 18,111.92 | 71 | 18,575.58 | 68 | 17,706.44 | 51 | 11,921.31 |
| Accts in Foreclosure | 76 | 25,719.88 | 74 | 25,160.63 | 101 | 39,136.61 | 347 | 153,792.36 |
| Bankruptcies | 123 | 75,041.39 | 123 | 76,574.60 | 122 | 79,233.09 | 138 | 82,743.99 |
| Remaining Accts Collectible | 6,734 | 1,916,130.65 | 6,576 | 1,848,359.29 | 6,411 | 1,772,101.03 | 7,179 | 1,958,766.53 |
| Current Year Ad Valorem(All) | 5,012 | 2,113,722.87 | 3,875 | 1,445,847.18 | 3,375 | 1,233,151.73 | 3,500 | 1,298,337.52 |
| **Red = AR Dollars | 12,258 | 4,238,235.27 | 10,952 | 3,502,587.60 | 10,305 | 3,226,166.88 | 11,410 | 3,584,377.84 |
| ## Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo | - | - | 4 | 1,886.89 | 3 | 639.48 | 7 | 2,189.54 |
| # Accts Given to ParaLegal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Garnishments Executed | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Setoff Letters Mailed | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239) | - | 358,800.26 | - | 355,643.02 | - | 340,512.00 | - | 300,036.29 |

Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update: approved as follows:

| Fund Balance Calculation | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Last Year | Two Months | Last | |
| | As of 04-30-13 | Same Month | Ago | Month | Now |
| | | As of 04/30/12 | As of 02/28/13 | As of 03/31/13 | As of 04/30/13 |
| Available Fund Balance | | | | | |
| | Cash & Investments (General) | \$ 11,738,848 | \$ 12,054,794 | \$ 11,042,447 | \$ 10,657,239 |
| | Cash & Investments (22 Fund) | \$ 13,862 | \$ 16,379 | \$ 16,630 | \$ 16,882 |
| | Less Cash from General (other funds) | \$ - | \$ (88,449) | \$ (203,499) | \$ (334,617) |
| | Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue) | \$ 94,542 | \$ 112,381 | \$ 111,883 | \$ 110,572 |
| | Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts) | \$ (43,474) | \$ (40,456) | \$ (40,456) | \$ (40,456) |
| | Less Encumbrances | \$ (491,308) | \$ (293,189) | \$ (210,226) | \$ (188,879) |
| | Total Available | \$ 11,312,470 | \$ 11,761,461 | \$ 10,716,779 | \$ 10,220,740 |
| General Fund Expenditures | | | | | |
| | Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget) | \$ 28,090,574 | \$ 26,598,175 | \$ 26,598,175 | \$ 26,598,175 |
| Total Available for Appropriation | | | | | |
| | Total Available | \$ 11,312,470 | \$ 11,761,461 | \$ 10,716,779 | \$ 10,220,740 |
| | Total Expenditures | \$ 28,090,574 | \$ 26,598,175 | \$ 26,598,175 | \$ 26,598,175 |
| | Total % Available Fund Balance | 40.27% | 44.22% | 40.29% | 38.43% |
| | Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC | 8% | 8% | 8% | 8% |
| | | \$2,247,246 | \$2,127,854 | \$2,127,854 | \$2,127,854 |
| | % Undesignated Fund Balance | 32.27% | 36.22% | 32.29% | 30.43% |
| | | \$ 9,065,224 | \$ 9,633,607 | \$ 8,588,925 | \$ 8,092,886 |

Monthly Jail Report: approved as follows:

**ANSON COUNTY JAIL
May 1, 2013**

- As of 9:00am today (May 1, 2013) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **48*** inmates in Anson County; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **0** inmates 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/Yr.</u> | <u>Average 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 |
| 2012 | 48 | 1603 | 134 |

3. 2012 Totals (Details)

| | | |
|----------|----|-----|
| 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 |
| November | 49 | 108 |
| December | 46 | 133 |

4. 2013 Totals

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|
| January | 37 | 123 |
| February | 44 | 127 |
| March | 43 | 122 |
| April | 47 | 160 |

**** Seven (7) inmates are serving jail time who will be released by the end of May.
ADP for the first 4 months of 2013 is 43.**

Budget Amendment – Elderly Services Programs: to appropriate funds from the NC Department of Insurance for the Anson County Elderly Services SHIIP Program.

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: | Elderly Services Programs 11-5880-5885 | <u>\$ 1,000</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 1,000 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

| | | |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Increase: | Elderly Services Programs 11-5880-5884 | <u>\$ 1,000</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 1,000 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Health Department: to appropriate funds from the Yost fund balance to cover additional expenses for the fiscal year 2012-2013 ending June 30, 2013 at the Anson County Health 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: | Health Programs 11-5110-5181 | <u>\$ 8,100</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 8,100 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Increase: | Health – All Programs 11-5100 | <u>\$ 8,100</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 8,100 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – 2012 Urgent Repairs Grant Project Ordinance: to reclass funds from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for the 2013 Anson County Urgent Repairs program to cover cost of administration grant services.

AMENDMENT

2012 Anson County urgent Repairs Grant 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: | 2012 Anson County Urgent Repairs 38-4500 | \$ 7,200 |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 7,200 |

Section 4. Expenditures:

| | | |
|-----------------|--|------------|
| Decrease: | 2012 Anson County Urgent Repairs 38-4500 | - \$ 7,200 |
| Total Decrease: | | - \$ 7,200 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Public Schools CO: to appropriate additional funds from the North Carolina State Board of Education Lottery Funds for additional repair projects for the Anson County Board of Education.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Increase: | Public Schools – CO – 11-5912 | \$198,500 |
| Total Increase: | | \$198,500 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Increase: | Public Schools – CO 11-5912 | \$198,500 |
| Total Increase: | | \$198,500 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Emergency Services Center: to appropriate funds from PSAP/Wireline/Wireless 911 fund balance to cover equipment costs for the Capital Project – Emergency Services Center on Country Club Road.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Capital Project –ES Center Grant Project 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 3. Expenses:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Increase: | Capital Project-ES Center 47-4400 | \$400,000 |
| Total Increase: | | \$400,000 |

Section 4. Revenues:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Increase; | Capital project-S Center 47-4400 | \$400,000 |
| Total Increase: | | \$400,000 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Emergency Services Center: to appropriate funds from PSAP/Wireline/Wireless 911 fund balance to cover equipment costs for the Capital Project-Emergency Services Center on Country Club Road.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

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

Section 7. Expenditures

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Increase: | PSAP/Wireline/Wireless 26-4342 | \$400,000 |
| Total Increase: | | \$400,000 |

Section 8. Revenue

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Increase: | PSAP/Wireline/Wireless 26-3100 | \$400,000 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|

Total Increase: \$400,000
Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Elderly Services and Landfill/Solid Waste: to appropriate unused funds from Economic Development incentives to cover some exceeded budget line items for the 2012/2013 fiscal year end for several departments.

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: | Elderly Services Programs 11-5880-5885 | \$ 3,878 |
| Increase: | Landfill/Solid Waste management 11-4720 | <u>\$ 20,000</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 23,878 |

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| Decrease: | Economic Development Incentives 11-4925 | - \$ 3,878 |
| Decrease: | Economic Development Incentives 11-4925 | - <u>\$ 20,000</u> |
| Total Decrease: | | - \$ 23,878 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation: to appropriate unused funds from Economic Development incentives to cover some exceeded budget line items for the 2012-2013 fiscal year end for Parks and Recreation Department.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

BE IT ORDIANED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the Fiscal year 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Increase: | Parks and Recreation 11-6120 | <u>\$ 2,945</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 2,945 |

Section 2. General Fund Expenditures

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Decrease: | ED Incentives 11-4925 | - <u>\$ 2,945</u> |
| Total Decrease: | | - \$ 2,945 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation: to recognize a \$6,000.00 donation from the Yost Foundation to be used for athletic equipment for Anson County Parks and Recreation Department Programs.

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: | Parks and Recreation 11-6120 | <u>\$ 6,000</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 6,000 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Increase: | Parks and Recreation 11-6120 | <u>\$ 6,000</u> |
| Total Increase: | | \$ 6,000 |

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2013.

Appointments:

Anson Agricultural Advisory Board: Chairman Baucom noted the request to reappoint Evelyn Capel from District 5. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom then noted the request to appoint Kevin Martin from District 1. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

CONNECT Consortium Membership – Centralina COG: Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, for Cathy Baxter to be the staff member on the Program Forum. Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Woodburn asked if the budget would be presented on June 4th with County Manager Gatewood answering that was correct. Commissioner Woodburn shared that June 4th was the CONNECT Forum in Charlotte and Anson County has space for nine representatives and he sent names to include the Chairman and County Manager. Commissioner Woodburn stated that several hundred people would be there and explained that the purpose is to have discussion about the overall plan for the CONNECT Consortium and the plan for the Centralina Region that is part of the CONNECT. Commissioner Woodburn stated that we may get calls from Centralina about this and he is planning to attend.

Closed Session: County Manager Gatewood commented that we no longer need the closed session. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to talk about a contract with County Manager Gatewood feeling Ms. Beck needed to be present for the discussion if at all possible. Chairman Baucom felt it needed to be done tonight. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go into closed session for contract negotiations pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5). Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom called for a short break before going into closed session.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, that we join the Southeastern Consortium. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom voiced that Representative Brody was going to put a bill in committee either tomorrow or the day after requesting that they give us that money.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Meeting time: 3 hr. 30 min.