

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 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
Dr. Jim Sims
Bobby Sikes
Harold C. Smith
Vancine Sturdivant
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Tiffany Randall, Finance Officer
Mike Sessions, Utilities Director

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom suspected those present might be nervous for the board having a meeting on April Fool's Day and promised that they would try to get through with dignity and not play tricks. Chairman Baucom then recognized Reverend John Greene of Polkton Baptist Church, Polkton, North Carolina to deliver the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

Ronald Wade – Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 634: Mr. Wade recognized Commander Mike Stubbs for the presentation. Commander Stubbs then asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Stubbs then shared information with board members explaining who they are and what they do to receive this award. Commander Stubbs also included information about the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a pen with the Military Order of the Purple Heart crest asking them to wear them and explain when asked that Anson County is now a Purple Heart County. Commander Stubbs explained that he serves as Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Wounded Warriors Chapter 634 and served the United States Army in Vietnam. Commander Stubbs then introduced the Military Order of the Purple Heart members present: Bill Ebersbach, Commander of Chapter 636 of Wilmington, US

Marine, Vietnam, Ronnie Baucom, US Army, Vietnam, Ron Wade, US Army, Vietnam, Mike Moore, US Army, Vietnam, Steve Zenes, US Navy, Vietnam, Brown Water and Tom Farebrother, US Navy, WW11. Commander Stubbs then thanked Ted Ward, Anson County Veterans Services Officer for being present and bringing several with him. Commander Stubbs stated that they represent all Purple Heart Veterans as well as all veterans who have served our county. Commander Stubbs stated that currently their chapter has 141 members and they are the second smallest military organization, second only to the Congressional Medal Honor Society due to their uniqueness of being Purple Heart recipients. Commander Stubbs explained that to be a member you have to be a Purple Heart recipient. Commander Stubbs noted that the Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only organization chartered by Congress for combat wounded veterans. Commander Stubbs stated that the order to establish the first Purple Heart was issued by George Washington during the Revolutionary War and initially created as a badge of military merit in 1782. Commander Stubbs noted that the Purple Heart of American decoration is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use. Commander Stubbs noted the Purple Heart was specifically a combat decoration and awarded in the name of the President to members of the armed forces of the United States that have been wounded by hands of the enemy or posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those killed in action or die of wounds received in action. Commander Stubbs stated that as a Purple Heart County, Anson County will be honoring all Purple Heart recipients and all military veterans. Commander Stubbs shared that the MOPH work with local high schools, attending their junior ROTC awards ceremonies and present MOPH leadership medals to an outstanding cadet. Commander Stubbs added that they meet with students and talk about military issues and their military experiences. Commander Stubbs noted that North Carolina was the third state to become a Purple Heart State. Commander Stubbs shared that they recently worked with the Charlotte Motor Speedway, making it the first major sports speedway in the nation to be a Purple Heart speedway. Commander Stubbs stated that they also made CaroMont Regional Medical Center, formerly known as Gaston Memorial Hospital, the first major hospital in the nation to be a Purple Heart Hospital. Commander Stubbs also pointed out that the Carolina Panthers NFL Team was the first major sports franchise in the nation to be a Purple Heart team and the Bank of America stadium is a Purple Heart stadium. At this time Commander Stubbs asked all veterans in attendance to stand. Commander Stubbs shared that Ms. Huntley's husband was a Purple Heart recipient. Chairman Baucom then read and presented the following Proclamation to Commander Stubbs:

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART
(Chapter 634)**

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created by George Washington in 1782, as the "Badge of Military Merit"; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to the common soldier, and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, to support related legislative initiatives; and most importantly, to make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated; and

WHEREAS, there have been many Anson County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the cause of freedom, and there are numerous combat-wounded veterans who currently reside within the County, and as Purple Heart awardees who contribute to their community in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, Anson County falls within the purview of Chapter 634 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and wishes to pledge its strong support for this noble organization and for those who put their lives at risk in service for their Country and their fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the County of Anson, North Carolina, that honor and gratitude be bestowed upon the Military Order of The Purple Heart, Chapter 634, recognizing the County of Anson as a "Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina".

Adopted this the 1st day of April 2014.

Commander Stubbs then presented a plaque to Chairman Baucom and board members recognizing them for their dedication and support of America's combat wounded veterans and becoming a Purple Heart County.

North Carolina Forest Service Update 2013/2014: County Ranger Jay Strider, noted that their mission was to protect, manage and promote forest resources for the citizens of North Carolina. Mr. Strider noted that under cost share \$583,383 was brought in to Anson County landowners. Mr. Strider stated that this equates out that for every dollar that Anson County puts into their budget they brought back in \$6.23 to landowners in the county. Mr. Strider mentioned their fire control program noting that debris burning was the number one case in Anson County. Mr. Strider stated that they do school programs and a booth at the Anson County Ag Expo to help educate the public on safe burning. Mr. Strider added that debris burning was number one cause across the state and not just here in Anson County. Mr. Strider stated that during the 2013 season they had 54 fires totaling 64 acres. Mr. Strider agreed this was a little low for a yearly average and equated this out to good initial attack not only on their part but to the volunteer fire departments that assist them on all

woods fires. Mr. Strider reported that fire suppression cost for 2013 totaled over \$22,490 and they saved almost five million dollars in homes and outbuildings last year. Mr. Strider noted that each year they do Smokey the Bear appearances at elementary schools. Mr. Strider stated that they are tied in with Wadesboro Fire Department who does some kitchen safety and other safety around the home and they do some outdoor burning safety and what you should and should not do with matches. Mr. Strider stated that they just completed two week long school programs at the Refuge where the first week second graders came in for Environmental Field Days and the next week they did third graders. Mr. Strider added that they also do a presentation with the Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy each year. Mr. Strider stated that they maintain three burning permit agent sites across the county and issued 20 warning tickets, 2 citations and 1 warrant. Mr. Strider stated that statewide the forest products industry employs 100,000 employees with an annual payroll of \$3.8 billion. Mr. Strider stated that their forests provide many environmental, recreational, and aesthetic benefits as well, making them one of our most valuable assets. Mr. Strider pointed out that the majority of the land in Anson County is private land ownership with very little public ownership. Mr. Strider shared that they provided landowners with 88 written management plans over the past year involving 5,443 acres. Mr. Strider shared that 1,070 acres of new forests were established in Anson County and they made 142 water quality inspections on timber harvesting projects, reforestation and forestry projects, which involved soil-disturbing forestry practices and forestry herbicide used to ensure their compliance with North Carolina's Sedimentation Law. Mr. Strider added that the 142 inspections involved some 7,046 acres. Mr. Strider stated that they had 229 acres of pine plantations pre-commercially thinned by aid of cost-share assistance provided by the forest service. Mr. Strider added that 2,187 acres of hazard reduction burning was completed in Anson County. Mr. Strider stated that they were lucky in that they have not had any major pest control outbreaks, noting the southern pine beetles were the number one pest. County Attorney Forbes asked if they sprayed for these or if they had to be cut down with Mr. Strider answering they recommend if you have a beetle outbreak cutting the infected trees down and cut a little buffer around them. Vice Chair Streater asked the location of the three burning permit agencies with Mr. Strider answering their office in Lilesville, Ansonville Town Hall, Polkton Town Hall, H. W. Little and the Old Store in Lilesville. Mr. Strider added that if you have internet access you can also go online to their website and apply. County Attorney Forbes asked the turnaround time for applying online with Mr. Strider saying it automatically emails the permit. Mr. Strider stated that they have required training each year to keep up to date and as safe as possible. Mr. Strider stated that not only are they charged to control wildfires here in Anson County but they can go anywhere

in the state and southeast when needed. Mr. Strider shared that they went to fires in Montana in 2013. Mr. Strider explained that the North Carolina Forest Service was an all risk agency which means they respond to wildfires, hurricane and tornado cleanup and ice/snow storm relief. Mr. Strider added that they helped the Sheriff's Department and the Emergency Management Coordinator retrieve two vehicles, one from the lake and another from a farm pond this past year. Mr. Strider stated that they had personnel on standby while dynamite was being removed from a residence on Long Pine Church Road. Mr. Strider noted that the forest service was on standby to help clear trees from the highway during the recent snow storms. Mr. Strider stated that they have three state incident management teams that can be used anywhere in the U.S. to help manage these large incidents. Chairman Baucom asked about the 15 false alarms and asked if they were malicious. Mr. Strider explained that someone or a passerby will call 911 to report a wildfire and when dispatched they find out it is a control burn or someone burning leaves in the yard that is not out of control. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Mr. Strider for all they do.

Public Addresses to the Board:

David Jones – Waste Management: Mr. Jones asked to follow up on a discussion that was had several meetings ago regarding fracking. Mr. Jones referred to the power point presentation that brought up interesting facts such as gas and oil fracking industry was exempt from EPA Air and Water Quality laws. Mr. Jones stated that although EMP waste may or may not be exempt from any laws, they are strictly governed by both state and federal laws through North Carolina DENR and they are the ones that dictate what they can and cannot accept. Mr. Jones stated that as part of that, EMP waste is included in material they cannot accept at the landfill. Mr. Jones stated that without a doubt there is no possibility that they will be taking EMP waste because their permit does not allow it. Mr. Jones felt the fear that EMP was not regulated does not allow it to go anywhere at once as there are certain restrictions in place that regulate what they can and cannot accept. Mr. Jones stated that with EMP waste there are specific landfills that take this type material so they can't put this type material in just any class 2 landfill. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Jones how would he know it was EMP waste with Mr. Jones answering they have policy and guidelines in place that any type special waste they accept at the landfill they have analyticals on and they are then given to a member of their team to check it against their permit to see if it is acceptable or not. Mr. Jones shared that they have received analyticals where the material was unacceptable based off their permit conditions and they refused the material. Chairman Baucom asked if they were watching it with Mr. Jones answering they were watching it thoroughly because they have a lot to lose just as the county does. Mr. Jones added that they take their job very seriously. Mr. Jones referred to

the mention that Anson County was at risk to become a major EMP waste dumping ground and the felt the reason for that is the fact that Waste Connection recently purchased a company called R360. Mr. Jones stated that this company specializes in EMP waste but that does not mean that EMP will come to North Carolina or the Anson landfill. Mr. Jones reiterated that their permit does not allow it and it is not in any of their conversations nor in any of the plans they have move forward. Mr. Jones stated that it was then asked if they were not getting ready to bring in EMP waste why were they expanding the permitted capacity of the landfill from 1500 tons a day to 3,000 tons a day. Mr. Jones explained that the last month has been a perfect example of why. Mr. Jones stated that their waste streams have gone up tremendously and those are just the streams from the customers already in place. Mr. Jones noted that as they produce and accept more refuse from municipal solid waste they receive more and if they had not increased their permit capacity they would have had to cut this off some time ago. Mr. Jones stated that this has enabled them to bring in additional tons to the landfill from the current providers. Mr. Jones referred to another page in the presentation indicating that companies like Waste Connections, Anson County are self-monitored. Mr. Jones stated that they do a lot of self-monitoring as they are an environmental compliant company but they also have individuals such as the water board, the state, the federal government that monitor them as well. Mr. Jones stated that in addition to the regular inspections they do regular internal audits and the processes are in place and aren't going anywhere. Mr. Jones added that by no means are they looking to step outside those boundaries. County Attorney Forbes asked what it would take to get that permit. Mr. Jones answered that he has not looked into that so he really could not answer the question.

Administrative Matters:

Mike Sessions – Lagoon Update: Mr. Sessions reminded board members of his appearance a few years ago telling about the DENR inspection on the lagoons in Lilesville. Mr. Sessions reported deficiencies were found and they had two engineering companies look at the issue. Mr. Sessions stated that they knew the cost of repair would be right at five million dollars. Mr. Sessions explained that they were over 30 years old and one was cleaned out some years ago but that is all that has been done. Mr. Sessions reported that they were awarded a loan from Clean Water State Revolving fund for 2% interest and they feel this is about half the rate of a conventional loan. Mr. Sessions noted the loan was for 20 years and payments would be between \$340,000 and \$350,000 a year over the life of the loan. Mr. Sessions did note that the first payment would not be due until 2016 or 2017. Mr. Sessions explained that they were at a point where a decision has to be made and they really don't have a choice but to do the repairs. Vice Chair Streater asked if this meant an increase in rates with

County Manager Gatewood feeling over time very definitely. Commissioner Sims felt it needed to be explained carefully to the public when the time arises. Mr. Sessions shared that these were over 30 years old and when they were installed the plant was pumping a million gallons a day and now we average right at seven million gallons a day. Mr. Sessions explained that they would take one down at a time in order to not interrupt service. Vice Chair Streater asked if there was any grant money available with Mr. Sessions saying they looked and this was all they could get. Mr. Sessions added that not everybody that applied for this money was awarded the money. Commissioner Woodburn asked the time frame with County Manager Gatewood saying they would like to get started next quarter and it will take two years to complete the project. Vice Chair Streater asked if the money could be spread out more than this length of time with County Manager Gatewood saying 20 years was the max. Commissioner Sikes asked what had to be done with Mr. Sessions explaining that they looked at different scenarios and decided filling the inside of the banks and putting in a GP liner would be the most cost effective. Mr. Sessions stated that they will clean the dams off one at the time. Vice Chair Streater asked how many users would this be spread across with Mr. Sessions answering about 5,000 metered customers and they sell to Union and Richmond counties and the towns. Mr. Sessions noted that this was discussed last year during budget time and he mentioned that we might have to start adding a little in each year for infrastructure. Chairman Baucom asked the purpose of the lagoons with Mr. Sessions explaining that when they treat the water they put alum in to help settle the turbidity and then it is pumped to the lagoons. Mr. Sessions explained that they are full and not flowing correctly and they do have some minor seepage in the dams. Chairman Baucom asked if they will build new lagoons and abandon these with Mr. Sessions answering they will correct them one at a time. Mr. Sessions added that it was even more costly to build new ones. County Attorney Forbes asked if this would increase the capacity of the sludge it can hold with Mr. Sessions answering they've only had to remove sludge one time in 30 years. Mr. Sessions stated that it was not just about the sludge but the condition. Commissioner Woodburn felt this was just maintenance to extend the life. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Mr. Sessions if he was here to get this approved with Mr. Sessions answering yes because they need to lock this in before June 1. County Manager Gatewood added that DENR is awaiting our response as well and they've been very patient with us. Vice Chair Streater added that we really don't have a choice. Commissioner Sims asked how many people would be affected during this repairing, realigning or whatever of one lagoon with Mr. Sessions answering none. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he would like to see some kind of a plan as to what needs to happen when and how we will proceed with the process with Mr. Sessions saying he could get a timeline from them. County Manager Gatewood offered to have this

prepared for next month's meeting. Commissioner Woodburn felt we need to know the exact time the first payment would be due. Vice Chair Streater asked how much was in the reserve fund with County Manager Gatewood answering they had a little over four million dollars in reserve but we need it. County Manager Gatewood cautioned that this was an old plant and you never know what will go wrong next and we need this for repairs. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Mr. Sessions if he said a bank would loan us the money at 2% interest with Mr. Sessions noting this was not a conventional loan but one from the state at 2% interest. Commissioner Sims asked the name of the organization that mandates that we do this with Mr. Sessions saying it was DENR and it's the dam safety division. Chairman Baucom stated that the board has asked for additional information that will come back to use at the May meeting.

Update on Status of Accepting Electronic Payments: Ms. James shared a report with board members about the current electronic payment usage in the offices. Ms. James stated that last night she produced 5,210 bills and last month when she sent the draft file for water she sent 1,004 transactions so 20% of the water bills we send out are drafted. Ms. James noted this was an electronic transaction at no cost to the customer. Ms. James explained that credit cards/debit cards were much more expensive for the customer. Mr. Gullidge stated that it was 2.75% on credit cards and \$3.00 flat fee on debit cards. Ms. James shared that the county incurs no cost at all as this was the way we wanted it to work. Ms. James stated that if the customer wants to use a debit/credit card it will cost them and not us and it does not cut into our revenue. Ms. James pointed out that this has become popular and the customer is paying. Vice Chair Streater asked if he were to pay with a debit card they would charge him but they would not charge him for a bank draft with Ms. James answering yes. Vice Chair Streater stated that it was money coming out of his checking account with Ms. James explaining that it doesn't cost us anything to do the draft. Ms. James noted that using a credit or debit card was different and incurred a cost and either the county has to assume it or the customer. Vice Chair Streater felt a debit card should be different from a credit card with County Attorney Forbes saying the processing company that handles the cards charges a percentage to run the credit or debit card through their system. Chairman Baucom stated that she was not talking about credit card payments but she was talking about an electronic payment that has nothing to do with credit cards or drafts. Chairman Baucom stated that at the credit union they have a list of companies and she can go down and pick Discover card and then tell credit union how much to pay and it will be gone the next day. Ms. James noted they were all electronic transactions because there is no paper involved. Ms. James stated that the customer that contacted Chairman Baucom wanted to know when we were going to do this online.

Ms. James added that if they will go on draft they won't have to pay anything. Ms. James shared that the company that has been doing the electronic transactions for us is Value Payments. Ms. James stated that they don't want credit card information here in our possession so that is why we settled on this company and it works beautifully. Ms. James stated that the next step is electronic online and Randy has worked an agreement with Value Payments that they will do the design for the online electronic acceptance of payment at no cost to the county. Mr. Gulledge stated that every bank does electronic payments differently. Mr. Gulledge stated that this was in reference to everybody that wants credit card payments online. Commissioner Sims asked the value over a draft with Chairman Baucom feeling the customer has control. Commissioner Woodburn noted it was personal preference. Chairman Baucom explained that what she has been talking about is where a customer goes to their computer, goes to their bank, pulls up the list and pops in the amount due and they will electronically deposit it. Chairman Baucom shared that when she reported back to the customer that keeps calling her that we are dealing with credit card companies he said the credit card company has nothing to do with this. Chairman Baucom feels this is progress but wants to see us continue on. Ms. James stated that from day one their concept has been the opposite side of that. Ms. James stated that you are the customer and you want to go to your bank account and generate an electronic transaction and pay that money to someone. Ms. James stated that they get a lot of those checks in the water department and they can be returned. Ms. James stated that they have approached this from the county side and if you want to pay your water bill you first have to identify some things to us before we can present to you the option to pick and choose what to pay. Ms. James said what if you have four water accounts and you want to sign onto to the website to pay your water bill we would have to have interaction between you via the software to determine who you are, are you really who you say you are and present the bills that might be your bill and you would pick the bill and we would carry you through the process of doing an electronic transaction. Ms. James said that this has been part of our delay in trying to get the right identification process. Chairman Baucom stated that she may be the only one that thinks this is important to be able to do but she is convinced this is something we should continue to work on until we can do it. Mr. Gulledge felt the option was fairly easy they just didn't know specifically what she was saying. Mr. Gulledge stated that he would call tomorrow to find out about this. Mr. Gulledge noted the other feature of the website was right now when the guys are out cutting off water and someone pays the bill they have to radio them to say they paid and now the software company will send a text message to the cut off guy's phone as the payment arrives. Ms. James added that we were trying to include a lot of bells and whistles and it is taking longer than we thought but the company is doing it for nothing so we

can't push too hard. Chairman Baucom thanked them for working on it and was hopeful we would get it soon.

Manager's Report: County Manager Gatewood stated that as far as the budget is concerned our next target date is Monday, April 14th at 6:00 when the board will review and approve the utilities budget and rates for next year. County Manager Gatewood stated that we would also discuss the waterline priority list and hopefully by that time we can give a more definitive plan on the work we need to do at the filtration plant. County Manager Gatewood stated again that we really don't have a choice and we need to get on this just as soon as possible. County Manager Gatewood stated that he has been testing the five key budget priorities and thinks he has these pretty well defined: 1) no increase in the property tax rate, 2) we plan to maintain a healthy fund balance, 3) county paid health insurance for county employees and we anticipate about a 7% increase in rates, 4) proposing a 2.5% COLA for all full time employees and 5) continuation of 401K contribution at 3%. County Manager Gatewood stated that as far as capital priorities are concerned we plan to purchase a new ambulance, complete a facilities program for a new ACTS base, which will include space requirements, amount of acreage we need, cost estimate, configuration and all of that work we believe will cost \$10,000. County Manager Gatewood noted that we also plan to complete a facilities program requirement for a new DSS and Human Services facility to include DSS, Elderly Services, Health Department, Environmental Health as well as Building Inspections. County Manager Gatewood feels this program completion should cost right at \$20,000 and with the board's approval they will get started July 1 and should have the finished product by December. County Manager Gatewood stated that there has been no change in the contingency and we still have \$15,511 and some change. County Manager Gatewood stated that if we continue to maintain this balance he has a home for a good portion of it. County Manager Gatewood explained that during the bad weather event in February he learned that our main emergency shelter, the Elementary School on highway 52 south, does not have a backup generator. County Manager Gatewood stated that we were in a predicament where we could not open a shelter because the school did not have power so he talked this over with Rodney Diggs, our Emergency Management Director to see if the state would help us with a generator. County Manager Gatewood stated that the answer he received is yes they can, they will provide us with a mobile generator that cost upwards of \$50,000 and all the county has to do is pay for the connection cost. County Manager Gatewood stated that they have received one estimate suggesting it will cost \$13,000 to \$14,000 to make the connection. County Manager Gatewood recommended that if we continue to maintain this \$15,000 balance we pay for the connection after receiving two more cost estimates so we can gain access to a mobile

generator. Chairman Baucom asked the meaning of mobile with County Manager Gatewood answering it means we can park it inside our shelter at the Emergency Service Center and when you need it at one school you can take it there and if you need it someone else you can take it there as long as they have the connection. County Manager Gatewood shared that it was pretty powerful and would handle the electricity, heat, lights and perhaps air conditioning to an extent. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the plan. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would like to recognize Dr. Fred Thompson, who has been named the new health director for Anson County beginning Monday, July 7th. County Manager Gatewood shared that Leon Gatewood will retire the end of June with 27 years of service and they have appointed Gary Garrison as our Interim Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor. County Manager Gatewood stated that Gary has right at 10 years of service, has all the required state certifications and has been Leon's understudy for a number of years so he is well prepared. County Manager Gatewood congratulated Larry Newton and staff for landing the license plate agency for another three plus two years. County Manager Gatewood stated that this was a project like none he's ever worked on. County Manager Gatewood noted the fact that there is such high demand and things are progressing extremely well and that is our Animal Shelter project. County Manager Gatewood shared a current updated handout with board members to be read at their leisure. County Manager Gatewood reported that the animal shelter would open on Monday, April 28th at 8:30 AM and the dedication open house is schedule for Saturday, May 17th beginning at 11:00 AM with a brief ceremony. County Manager Gatewood stated that Ms. Becky Wilson has been hired as the Animal Service Director and she is state certified rabies vaccinator, state certified euthanasia technician. County Manager Gatewood shared that Mr. Thomas Williams has been the lone animal control officer for sixteen years working 24/7 and we recently hired Mr. Mark Panky to assist Mr. Williams. County Manager Gatewood shared that Mr. Panky has ten years of experience and is state certified rabies vaccinator, state certified euthanasia technician, state certified chemical immobilization and National Animal Control Certified officer. County Manager Gatewood added that they were in the process of hiring two part-time shelter workers. County Manager Gatewood noted the pay would be \$8.50 an hour with a maximum of 19 hours a week and it could be seven days a week including holidays and weekends. County Manager Gatewood shared that Friends of the Animal Shelter, a non-profit organization was being formed to manage fund raising and donations to the shelter. County Manager Gatewood reported they have established membership of the seven member board including the Sheriff, County Manager, Health Director, the Animal Services Director, Mr. Jeremy Burr, Rufus Getzen and Gloria Overcash. County Manager Gatewood stated that next week he, along with

Sheriff Allen and Wayne Raynor, will be attending council meetings in Morven and McFarlan and they have already received word that Ansonville has committed to participate. County Manager Gatewood shared that we have not started the funding raising and as of this afternoon there is slightly over \$1,000 in voluntary contributions ranging from \$25 up to as much as \$200 toward this effort. County Manager Gatewood noted that when the funds come in, they are recorded and turned over to the finance department and he and Ms. Huntley send out a thank you letter the same day. Commissioner Sims asked if that would be a tax deductible item with County Manager Gatewood answering it will be as the note includes the exact amount of the contribution and it is on county letterhead stationery and once we have the non-profit in place it definitely will be tax deductible. County Manager Gatewood shared that last Friday when he returned from lunch there was a thick envelope on his desk with his name on it. County Manager Gatewood opened it to find a wad of cash totaling \$164 as a donation to the animal shelter. County Manager Gatewood stated that the next topic hurts him because he was hopeful we would have an investor group or an investor with the wherewithal to invest in the old Anson Community Hospital and nurse's quarter. County Manager Gatewood reported that we did not get a bona fide offer and in fact, sealed bids were accepted until Friday, March 28 at 9:55 AM. County Manager Gatewood reported that he and Ms. James opened the envelope and there was a bid for \$150,000. County Manager Gatewood noted that actually it was a purchase order listing the seller as Anson Community Hospital and it did not contain a 5% bid deposit. County Manager Gatewood felt we tried, we advertised, we gave it every opportunity and there were no takers so his recommendation is that we demolish the old Anson Community Hospital and Nurse's Quarters and the main hospital building all the expense of Carolinas HealthCare System while we have this window of opportunity. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve and accept the recommendation. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Chairman Baucom opposed. County Manager Gatewood shared that Dr. Rommel has requested that Anson Family Medicine be allowed to continue conducting business as usual at its present location, 510 Morven Road, until other suitable accommodations are determined or until October 1, 2014, whichever is earlier. County Manager Gatewood recommended the board accept this and since she already has a contract and agreement with Carolinas HealthCare System there is no need for us to formalize an additional agreement, just give her the ok to remain until the first of October at the latest. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve. Chairman Baucom asked what happens if they tear it down before October 1 with County Manager Gatewood answering they would not. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood noted that last month he mentioned that we had completed the sale of timber off 127 acres and next

month he will bring a report on the bids for the 143 acres in the Airport Road area. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members of their dinner meeting with SPCC Trustees on Thursday, April 10 at 6 PM at the Polkton Depot, on Friday April 18th county offices will be closed for the holiday and Monday April 14th at 6 PM the board will meet to review the waterline priorities and utilities budget for next year. County Manager Gatewood announced that on Saturday, April 26 the Town of Ansonville is inviting the Board of Commissioners to attend the bridge dedication at 10 AM on Ridge Street. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members of the 3500 names or accounts on the list published in the paper totaling 1.5 million dollars. County Manager Gatewood commented that there were a lot of things we could do with 1.5 million dollars so he has encouraged Mr. Dutton to do whatever he can to collect current taxes as well as back taxes. Vice Chair Streater asked if there were any county employees on the list with County Manager Gatewood answering he was still reading and hopefully not. Ms. James added that a few have come in and voluntarily agreed to be garnished.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom asked for a fifteen minute break.

Back in regular session, the next item was the **Consent Agenda**. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: approved minutes dated March 4, 2014 and closed session minutes of the same date.

Tax Releases: approved as follows:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

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| 20541 | Flowers, Reather B Heirs | 2013 | 23.09 | 13-6-5639 | Real Taxes | Releases | | | |
| 20544 | Howey, Frank W Jr | 2013 | 792.02 | 13-6-8423 | Real Taxes | Releases | | | |
| 20545 | Howey, Frank W Jr | 2013 | 1,674.83 | 13-6-8424 | Real Taxes | Releases | | | |
| 20543 | Howey, Frank W Jr | 2013 | 5,169.68 | 13-6-8425 | Real Taxes | Releases | | | |
| 20540 | Yhasmine, Brian | 2013 | 25.02 | 13-7-2055 | Real Taxes | Releases | | | |
| | | | \$ 7,684.64 | | | | | | |
| 20546 | Black, Nat Logging | 2013 | 2,203.45 | 13-1-1421 | Real Taxes | Refund | | | |
| | | | \$ 2,203.45 | | | | | | |
| 22607 | Hyatt, Darrin | 2013 | 62.15 | 1310-000928 | Vehicle Taxes | Release | Proration | | |
| | | | \$ 62.15 | | | | | | |
| 22608 | Lisk, Sherry | 2013 | 25.74 | 1310-001128 | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | Proration | | |
| | | | \$ 25.74 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Vehicle Taxes | Adjustment | | | |
| | | | \$ - | | | | | | |
| | | | 9,975.98 | ***** | | | | | |
| Tax & Tag Together Refunds | | | | | | | | | |
| 3832024 | Baucom, Ronald E | 2013 | 64.67 | 2008 Chev Tk | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | | | |
| 3938918 | Chambers, Michael | 2013 | 16.32 | Surrendered Ta | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | | | |
| 19544481 | Deese, Troy B | 2013 | 36.58 | Surrendered Ta | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | | | |
| 199036 | Jefferies, Stephanie M | 2013 | 66.10 | Surrendered Ta | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | | | |
| 4220867 | Pinkston, Katherine V | 2013 | 66.83 | 2005 Chev Tk | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | | | |
| 3831996 | Sanders, Michael | 2013 | 28.49 | 2006 Volk 4S | Vehicle Taxes | Refund | | | |
| | | | \$ 278.99 | ***** | | | | | |

Tax Collector's Report

Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update:

| Fund Balance Calculation | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Last Year | Two Months | Last | | |
| As of 03-31-14 | Same Month | Ago | Month | Now | |
| | As of 03/31/13 | As of 01/31/14 | As of 02/28/14 | As of 03/31/14 | |
| Available Fund Balance | | | | | |
| Cash & Investments (General) | \$ 11,042,447 | \$ 13,550,083 | \$ 13,550,083 | \$ 12,378,023 | |
| Cash & Investments (22 Fund) | \$ 16,630 | \$ 19,140 | \$ 19,391 | \$ 19,641 | |
| Less Cash from General (other funds) | \$ (203,499) | \$ (206,352) | \$ (684,902) | \$ (683,509) | |
| Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue) | \$ 111,883 | \$ 115,669 | \$ 111,856 | \$ 113,530 | |
| Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts) | \$ (40,456) | \$ (46,235) | \$ (46,235) | \$ (46,235) | |
| Less Encumbrances | \$ (210,226) | \$ (355,026) | \$ (376,105) | \$ (383,449) | |
| Total Available | \$ 10,716,779 | \$ 13,077,279 | \$ 12,574,089 | \$ 11,398,001 | |
| General Fund Expenditures | | | | | |
| Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget) | \$ 26,598,175 | \$ 27,783,058 | \$ 27,783,058 | \$ 27,783,058 | |
| Total Available for Appropriation | | | | | |
| Total Available | \$ 10,716,779 | \$ 13,077,279 | \$ 12,574,089 | \$ 11,398,001 | |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 26,598,175 | \$ 27,783,058 | \$ 27,783,058 | \$ 27,783,058 | |
| Total % Available Fund Balance | 40.29% | 47.07% | 45.26% | 41.03% | |
| Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC | 8% | 8% | 8% | 8% | |
| | \$2,127,854 | \$2,222,645 | \$2,222,645 | \$2,222,645 | |
| % Undesignated Fund Balance | 32.29% | 39.07% | 37.26% | 33.03% | |
| | \$ 8,588,925 | \$ 10,854,634 | \$ 10,351,444 | \$ 9,175,356 | |

Monthly Jail Report: accepted as follows:

ANSON COUNTY JAIL

April 1, 2014

- As of 9:00am (April 1, 2014) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **36** inmates; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **1** inmate in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and **0** inmates awaiting transfer to DOC.
- The following is a breakdown of the Average Daily Population beginning in 2003:

| <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 |
| 2013 | 44 | 1582 | 132 |

- | <u>2013 Totals</u> | <u>ADP</u> | <u>Total Booked</u> |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| January | 37 | 123 |

| | | |
|-----------|----|-----|
| February | 44 | 127 |
| March | 43 | 122 |
| April | 47 | 160 |
| May | 46 | 122 |
| June | 44 | 123 |
| July | 42 | 105 |
| August | 48 | 151 |
| September | 52 | 153 |
| October | 42 | 133 |
| November | 44 | 129 |
| December | 43 | 134 |

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 4. | <u>2014 Totals</u> | <u>ADP</u> | <u>Total Booked</u> |
| | January | 45 | 116 |
| | February | 41 | 119 |
| | March | 38 | 131 |

Budget Amendment – Board of Elections: to appropriate municipal fee collection for 2014 election to cover municipal election expenses.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Increase: Board of Elections 11-4170 | \$ 12,000 |
| Total Increase: | \$ 12,000 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Increase: Board of Elections 11-4170 | \$ 12,000 |
| Total Increase: | \$ 12,000 |

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation: to appropriate donations to Anson County Parks and Recreation.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Increase: Parks and Recreation 11-6120 | \$ 1,362 |
| Total Increase: | \$ 1,362 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

| | |
|--|----------|
| Increase: Parks and Recreation 11-6120 | \$ 1,362 |
| Total Increase: | \$ 1,362 |

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Social Services: to appropriate funding for the Energy Neighbor Program for the Anson County Social Services Department.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

| | |
|--|--------|
| Increase: Social Services 11-5310-5580 | \$ 414 |
| Total Increase: | \$ 414 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

| | |
|--|--------|
| Increase: Social Services Administration 11-5310 | \$ 414 |
| Total Increase: | \$ 414 |

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Social Services – to appropriate funds from the Federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program for the Anson County Social Services Department.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

| | |
|--|----------|
| Increase: Social Services 11-5310-5580 | \$ 9,939 |
| Total increase: | \$ 9,939 |

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

| | |
|--|----------|
| Increase: Social Services Administration 11-5310 | \$ 9,939 |
| Total Increase: | \$ 9,939 |

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2014.

Letter of Support – D.R.E.A.M.S.: Ms. Brenda Smith Williams appeared before the board to present her idea of opening a residential substance abuse treatment facility in Anson County. Ms. Williams has requested a letter of support from the board outlining the need for a residential program in Anson County. Board approved the following letter:
March 25, 2014

Ms. Brenda Smith-Williams, M.S., LCAS, CCS
Founder-Director
D.R.E.A.M.S. Treatment Services, Inc.
P. O. Box 5408
Greensboro, North Carolina 27435

Dear Ms. Smith-Williams:

Thank you for your excellent presentation at the March 4, 2014 meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners. I have read the material in the information packet that you passed out and I want to applaud you on your mental health facility license awarded by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the most impressive portfolio of services offered by D.R.E.A.M.S. Treatment Services. You are to be commended for your achievements.

On behalf of the Anson County Board of Commissioners, it is my pleasure to present this letter of support for D.R.E.A.M.S. Treatment Services, Inc. in recognition of the fine work that you are doing to improve mental health services in North Carolina.

Commissioner Sims asked if we did not do the lagoon work would it affect water quality with County Manager Gatewood answering yes plus we will receive fines from DENR. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to start this

year putting money away for this project. Ms. James reported that last night when she did the water billing the total billing was \$385,000 in one month and he said the payment would be \$350,000 a year. Chairman Baucom asked if it was normally this amount each month with Mr. James answering it could be higher and in fact March was lower than it has been in several months. Vice Chair Streater asked the number of customers for this amount with Ms. James answering 5200. Chairman Baucom asked if that included Union County as one customer with Ms. James answering yes. Ms. Beck added that 22,000 was in the water supply plan every year. Ms. James stated that they could increase water rates in the next fiscal year and reserve the increase for this purpose. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members they increased the rate by \$1.00 last year making the minimum bill now \$12.00. Commissioner Sims commented that it really affects the people in the towns as it is double for them. Vice Chair Streater felt that only brought in about \$5,000 a month with County Manager Gatewood offering to get that number for board members. Chairman Baucom agreed that would be good to have as they move forward. County Manager Gatewood stated that last fiscal year Union County represented 30% of our total water sales which amounted to 1.3 million dollars and this year they are on track to exceed 1.5 million so whether we have Union County or not we will have to invest in our plant. Vice Chair Streater felt with the first payment due in 16 or 17 this would help if we put that money away to help with the payments. County Manager Gatewood felt that unless something happens this is affordable for the county and it will not put us in any dire straits we just need to manage it very carefully. Vice Chair Streater added provided nothing else happens. County Manager Gatewood noted this was why we don't want to dip into our fund balance because something else could happen. Chairman Baucom agreed we needed to maintain the fund balance plus have the extra revenue to make the payments on this loan.

Closed Session: Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go into closed session for **Personnel**, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employees, to **Consult with the Attorney** pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.1(a)(3) to protect the attorney-client privilege and for **Economic Development** pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body. Motion carried unanimously.

Back in regular session, County Attorney Forbes read the following statement.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the official attempt to complete the record on a conditional use permit that was applied for last year by Strata. There is to be no public interruption from any of the people in the crowd as all the evidence has been gathered and now the board will consider only qualified, competent information that was presented at the Public Hearing last year or is personally known to them about the area prior to the hearing from their own experience with the materials that they have. Citizen comments, non-expert testimony in and of its self is improper to use as a calculating tool on this information. There are 4 criteria by which we are to consider and then vote on. County Attorney Forbes asked if the board would like to take them one at the time. Board members elected to take them one at the time.

1. County Attorney Forbes noted that with regard to the conditional use permit and the building of the solar farm the first criteria to consider is will the use not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where it is proposed and developed according to plan and the facts that were presented to you last year on that night during the hearing.

Chairman Baucom felt they really didn't present facts that would support that it would not endanger. Chairman Baucom stated that they talked about electromagnetic field and that is when Dr. Rommel pulled out her smart phone, got on the internet and found a study that didn't say it did and it didn't say it didn't. Commissioner Sims stated that he was concerned about the safety of children. Commissioner Sims was of the understanding there is a considerably high fence with wire across the top and he feels we will have some children climb over the fence to check things out and that could endanger their health. Chairman Baucom stated that they said it wouldn't but she did not see anything in there that says it will not. Commissioner Sims stated that he also feels that they told us there would be no one left on the property to supervise it in any way and that in itself is a possibility of something hazardous happening. County Attorney Forbes felt a motion might be in order to consider whether this would materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and development according to the plan. Chairman Baucom noted the statement was that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not see anything in there that they say it won't. Chairman Baucom noted that they say it won't hurt anything but they don't have anything in here that documents that it won't. Commissioner Sims stated that his concern was that the overwhelming majority of time except for mowing and things of that nature, there will be no supervision whatsoever of this property. Commissioner Sims stated that there will be no person available on the site. Commissioner Sims stated that there are a number of houses close by with

children and they will be tempted to climb over and check things out and they can endanger themselves upon climbing over or they can endanger themselves examining the panels. Commissioner Woodburn felt there was no definitive information presented that said it wouldn't. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not see anything that says concretely or provides evidence that it won't endanger. Chairman Baucom felt the point was very good about no supervision and she thinks they've stated in there that there would not be anybody there. Chairman Baucom noted that Dr. Rommel, and she was reminded that Dr. Rommel said she was not an expert, I'm just a country doctor. Chairman Baucom stated that she took care of her mother and she let her take care of her husband so in Anna land she is an expert. Commissioner Sims stated that this was going to be a rather large area and it is possible that once the public at large knows there is no supervision and no person on site that it could be used fairly easily for nefarious purposes. County Attorney Forbes stated that board members have made several findings of fact and suggested a motion be made by someone and all the comments seem to support the fact and your factual reasons cited seem to support a motion that would say that the use would materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan or in the alternative if you wanted to read it on the findings of fact that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and development. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, that it will materially endanger the health and safety of the public. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Woodburn: aye
Commissioner Sikes: aye
Commissioner Sims: aye
Chairman Baucom: aye
Vice Chair Streater: aye
Commissioner Sturdivant: aye

The motion carried 6 to 0.

2. County Attorney Forbes stated that the second criteria to be considered is does the use meet all required conditions and specifications as presented that night by the board and as it appears in the zoning materials for the county. Chairman Baucom felt it must or the planning board would not have approved it. Chairman Baucom then asked what conditions and specifications with County Attorney Forbes answering that is laid out in the ordinance. Chairman Baucom replied that it obviously does based on what they said. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, that it does meet the conditions and specifications of the Ordinance. The vote was a follows:

Commissioner Woodburn: aye
Commissioner Sikes: aye
Commissioner Sims: aye
Chairman Baucom: aye
Vice Chair Streater: nay
Commissioner Sturdivant: aye

The motion carried 5 to 1.

3. County Attorney Forbes noted the next fact was that approving the permit will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity. County Attorney Forbes presented a legal instruction that he does not believe any evidence has been presented nor does he find it to be a public necessity that we have this electricity. Commissioner Sims stated that he personally would not want this facility next to his house because he believes it will decrease the value. Commissioner Sims stated that not only does he not want it he believes every single house on his road would not want it beside their house. Commissioner Sims believes it will damage the value of the houses for the very reason that people don't want to live beside something like this. Vice Chair Streater added that children might climb the fence and get hurt. Commissioner Woodburn felt one thing that will happen is it will hinder the growth of that community in the event that there is anybody that wants to move there. Commissioner Sims felt that alone would hurt the value of the property because they could not expand. County Attorney Forbes asked if they were saying it would deter people from wanting to move there with Commissioner Woodburn saying with the solar farm there there is no room for the community to grow. Chairman Baucom stated that she does not see any evidence that it would not substantially as in their presentation she did not see anything that says this is not going to hurt property values. Commissioner Sims stated that they did not make any statements that gave any indication it will help property values so if they have not made a statement that it will help property values then the other side of the coin is therefore it must be true it will hurt property values. Commissioner Sims felt there are many people who believe that there is a possibility of it being a health risk with such a facility being near their home and all the electricity being delivered from this facility right near them and the very fact that they are somewhat frightened that it might be a health risk would devalue property. Vice Chair Streater stated that some of the people stressed it that night when they were here. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, that we believe it will injure the value of adjoining or abutting property and negatively impact the growth and prosperity of the

community and they did not provide evidence that the use is a public necessity. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Woodburn: aye
Commissioner Sikes: aye
Commissioner Sims: aye
Chairman Baucom: aye
Vice Chair Streater: aye
Commissioner Sturdivant: aye

Motion carried unanimously

4. The location and character of use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and will be in general conformity with the Land Use Plan for the area in question.

Commissioner Woodburn felt the one thing that did not fit here was in general harmony with the area. Commissioner Woodburn felt it would not be in general harmony with the area. Commissioner Sims stated that a large part of this area is residential and therefore it will not conform well with a residential area. Chairman Baucom noted that Mr. Kirkland stated that it was his professional opinion that the solar farm would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood but provided no evidence or what is he basing this on. Commissioner Sims said no actual facts were provided that it did conform to the neighborhood. County Attorney Forbes asked based on the evidence heard do you believe that it will be conforming to the neighborhood. Commissioner Woodburn did not see how steel and glass and fences will be in general harmony with the surrounding area. Chairman Baucom noted it was a residential area and it just does not fit and is not in harmony with the residential area. Chairman Baucom commented that this was not in harmony because this land that they are going to use looks like farmland but where they are going to be I don't think is in conformity with farming and residential.

Motion by Chairman Baucom, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, that the location and character of use will not be in general conformity with the land use plan for the area in question. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Woodburn: aye
Commissioner Sikes: aye
Commissioner Sims: aye
Chairman Baucom: aye
Vice Chair Streater: aye

Commissioner Sturdivant: aye

Motion carried unanimously

County Attorney Forbes asked, based on the evidence, if anyone had a motion to accept or deny the permit. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to deny the permit. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom felt the board had already denied the permit with County Attorney Forbes saying this was based on these facts tonight to do that.

Commissioner Sikes asked to mention something, stating that he was against this when it happened and he still is. Commissioner Sikes feels we need to have someone in the county governing the landfill on a daily basis. Commissioner Sims voiced that he tends to agree that we need more supervision there. Commissioner Sims stated that he gets a lot of reports from citizens in his area about different little things that have gone wrong or trash or problems and just a variety of things. Commissioner Sikes stated that he gets reports that televisions and computers are laying on the ground and are supposed to be wrapped and stored. Commissioner Sikes stated it was an EPA violation for them to be on the ground and not wrapped. Commissioner Sims feels no one pays attention to what people do when they come in. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would look into this and will include it in next year's budget if it is the pleasure of the board. Commissioner Sims commented that it would come out of landfill money.

Commissioner Sikes asked if a motion was needed on his matter. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Manager to bring back prices for adding this. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager if he thought he would have it by the 14th with County Manager Gatewood answering no. Chairman Baucom asked if this was considered part of utilities with County Manager Gatewood answering yes but he needs more time to put together a budget for a full time person to monitor the landfill. County Manager Gatewood then asked board members if they were talking about an eight hour day position or a twelve hour day position. Commissioner Sikes stated that he was talking about bringing back the job Sammy Dawkins was doing. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if we had a job description with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. County Manager Gatewood added that we were paying a full time person for a part time job. Commissioner Sikes stated that Mr. Dawkins would also visit the convenient centers and he even went on Saturday's sometimes when he was off work.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to recess until April 10th at 6 PM at the Polkton Depot. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 3 hr. 45 min.