

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

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

Staff members present: Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC Clerk to the Board  
Rita James, Data Processing  
Tiffany Randall, CPA, Finance Officer  
Jeff Waisner, Parks and Rec.  
Joe Dutton, Tax Collector

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom then recognized Reverend Noel Thompson to deliver the **Invocation**.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** Commissioner Sturdivant requested to move item 5d – Road Name Change to item 2. Commissioner Sims voiced favor for this. Chairman Baucom stated that item 5d was moved to the next item on the Agenda. Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Policy and if there is a conflict of interest or the appearance to let it be known so they can deal with it. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Agenda with the change. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Application:** Chairman Baucom stated that this was related to the Community Development Block Grant application. Chairman Baucom voiced that she understands Mary Beck is ill today. Commissioner Sims asked if we were going to follow up when she get well on a monthly report with Chairman Baucom answering yes. County Attorney Forbes spoke saying some people in the back have indicated they cannot hear and asked if there was a way to turn up the system. Commissioner Sims commented that they will have to talk into the speakers. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Lester with LKC Engineering was here to speak to the Public Hearing. Mr. Lester noted this was a second Public Hearing as required by the Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Lester stated that the second Public Hearing was required to gather any citizen's comments prior to any formulation of an application of submittal. Mr. Lester noted that as required you state what you intend to do in the Public Hearing notice and you noted that you would seek \$400,000 in grant funds to support a \$450,000 project to serve Anson for renewal fuels. Mr. Lester stated that \$300,000 of that was coming from the CDBG Economic Development program, \$100,000 from North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Infrastructure program and \$50,000 to be committed from local funds. Mr. Lester explained that the project was for sanitary sewer improvements at a total project cost of \$450,000 to serve a site on highway 74 that you know as the AEDC site. Mr. Lester shared that this would provide sewer to the proposed facility and the immediate area and in return there would be 30 jobs created. Mr. Lester asked if there were any citizen comments or questions from the board. Chairman Baucom asked the Clerk if she received any questions with the Clerk answering no. Mr. Lester explained that questions could have been submitted in writing ahead of time or tonight. Chairman Baucom asked if there were any questions about the grant. Vice Chair Streater asked if the board had to approve anything tonight with Mr. Lester saying normally you do but this was just a little bit ahead in the schedule as a pre-application conference still needs to be held and from that they will do the formal application phase at which time he is sure the board will approve a Resolution supporting the project. Chairman Baucom asked again if there were any questions from the public. There were none. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Chair Streater then mentioned a personnel matter for closed session saying Commissioner Sturdivant wanted that moved up as well. Vice Chair Streater was of the understanding Mr. Gaskins had to leave for class in the morning. Chairman Baucom asked again to amend the agenda to move 10A to right before the break. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the change. Motion carried unanimously.

**Road Name Change:** Commissioner Sturdivant addressed the board saying there was a great amount of citizens from the Pee Dee Community present. Commissioner Sturdivant then asked her daughter to share with board members a copy of the letter that was sent to the homeowners. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that they were here to ask about renaming SR1842 from Pee Dee Road to Pecolia Dixon Leak Lane. Commissioner Sturdivant noted that it was stated to the Clerk that she only went to two houses and she said she went to every house over there with the exception of one house where no one was home. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that only one letter was returned and Ginger has that letter and all the consents. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Mrs. Leak's family was present tonight as well as Tommy Allen, Barbara Thomas, Michael McLeod and friends of the family. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that Mrs. Leak helped not only her, but Weaver Thomas, Barbara Thomas, Michael McLeod and Thedis Spencer. Former Sheriff Tommy

Allen spoke saying she was one of the finest ladies that he had ever met. Mr. Allen asked the board to consider the name change and felt the name would give the road a little character. Ms. Thomas, speaking on behalf of Weaver Thomas and herself, stated that Mrs. Leak was someone who they admired and looked up to. Ms. Thomas shared that she was one of their mentors as a child and she truly cared about the people of her community and never met a stranger. Ms. Thomas shared that Mrs. Leak stressed to them as young children at Centenary AME Zion Church in Lilesville that every one of us possessed an enormous amount of potential and we must work hard to bring it to fruition. Ms. Thomas added that Mrs. Leak felt each of them could make a difference in the world. Ms. Thomas stated that Mrs. Leak felt that the people of the Pee Dee Community should have adequate housing and water and she was very instrumental in getting a HUD grant that improved many of the homes in her beloved Pee Dee. Ms. Thomas felt that establishing a road in her honor would assist future generations to recognize and realize the greatness and spender of being of service to others. Mr. McLeod shared that in thinking of Mrs. Leak he thinks of what the good book said about being a light and not hiding the light. Mr. McLeod stated that a light house really doesn't move it just sits there and shows everyone the way. Mr. McLeod felt there was no better way to show respect to a lady that has shown the way to so many places and so many people than to make a road. Mr. McLeod noted they could not put a light house in the Pee Dee but they could change the Pee Dee Road to Ms. Pecolia Lane and let that be signifying a Light House. Vice Chair Streater asked the number of residents on this road with Commissioner Sturdivant answering 19. Commissioner Sturdivant noted that some were double and all property owners have been notified. Commissioner Sikes asked how many signed the petition with Commissioner Sturdivant answering 17. Vice Chair Streater felt that was more than the percent needed. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the request for the name change. At this point, Ms. McGregor asked to address the point saying she did not receive a letter from Commissioner Sturdivant. Ms. McGregor had with her a petition opposing the name change. Ms. McGregor shared that they feel the name Pee Dee represents all of them, past, present and future instead of representing one person. Ms. McGregor had a letter from property owner Mr. James W. Bennett, Sr. and Beatrice Frye Bennett also speaking against the renaming of Pee Dee Drive. Ms. McGregor stated her reason for being here today was because Pee Dee Drive is history. Ms. McGregor said that starting at the upper end when you turn off 145 there is Pee Dee school, then a lady that sold clothes and other necessities, across the track to the right was the Post Office and general store and down from that was Rev. A. W. Frye, also a proprietor who supported the community. Ms. McGregor stated that Barrett College founded in the 1800's early 1900's by Reverend Adam M. Barrett was here. Ms. McGregor felt renaming the road for one person was taking away from the history for her children and grandchildren. Ms. McGregor was of the opinion board members had already made up their mind but she was not informed. Ms. McGregor shared that Commissioner Sturdivant did not speak directly to her and she felt that was unfair. Ms. McGregor felt there were not 17 properties on the road. Vice Chair Streater asked to see Ms. McGregor's petition. Commissioner Sturdivant explained that in renaming a

road you have to go to the tax assessor for a sheet listing every land owner. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she was thinking it was her mother and she apologized for not contacting her directly. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that when you complete the sheet you have to put a phone number because the person calls each one to make sure they agree to the change. Ms. McGregor was upset that Commissioner Sturdivant did not personally ask her how she felt about the name change. Vice Chair Streater commented that his motion still stands. Commissioner Sikes added that when you change a road name you have to go through the 9-1-1 system to make sure everything is correct there before you can change it. Commissioner Sturdivant added that she had 19 names with 2 opposed. Commissioner Woodburn commented that he appreciates the history lesson he just got and wondered if they were aware of all the historical significance that she mentioned if actually factual. Commissioner Sims stated that he studied the history of Pee Dee and it was entertaining and interesting and felt everyone should read it sometime. Commissioner Sims noted that Barrett College was worth finding more about and he would be voting in favor of the request. Vice Chair Streater stated that he knew Ms. Pecolia and she did a lot for the county and we should be honored to change the road name. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Commissioner Woodburn opposed. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he knows Mrs. Leak and he has no problem with that but it seems there were a whole lot of other things that could have preempted the remaining of this road. Chairman Baucom stated for clarification that the board has agreed to change the name of the road to be named after Mrs. Leak.

#### **Appearances:**

**Miller Cochran – ACTS Facility Feasibility Study Presentation:** Chairman Baucom stated that our ACTS system is located in an old building on highway 74 west and the state is considering helping us build a new building to accommodate the system. Chairman Baucom noted this system was very important in Anson County and helps people get to places that they would not have the ability to go on their own. Chairman Baucom felt this was an important step in our continuing improvement of Anson County services. Mr. Cochran of VHP, the consultant working with NCDOT and Anson County on the study, noted this was the first step in a multi-step process in looking at possible sites and the space needs for Anson County ACTS. Mr. Cochran noted this was a partnership with Anson County and NCDOT and they are assisting both. Mr. Cochran stated that they do a facilities space program which tallies up future needs and they also do a framework plan that looks at fitting all this onto a site and they also identify sites throughout the county that could possibly work for a new facility. Mr. Cochran shared that they also do an environmental document with the Federal Transit Administration. Mr. Cochran shared that they have completed the first three phases of the program and they've also had three meetings with the oversight committee, which is working as a steering committee for the study. Mr. Cochran shared that members of the committee have been instrumental in the process and recognized members as Scott Rowell, ACTS Director, Bonnie Huntley, Clerk, Lula Jackson, DSS, Bernice Bennett, Elderly Services, Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO

Director, Lawrence Gatewood, former County Manager, Nancy Painter, Head Procurement Officer NCDOT and James Lim, Regional Support Representative NCDOT. Mr. Cochran noted the current site was a leased facility of 2,264 square feet on a 1.7 acre lot. Mr. Cochran stated that they interviewed 14 stakeholders, held three stakeholder oversight meetings, had discussions with Anson County, ACTS and NCDOT staff and they did some work on future projections of staff and capital needs based on Anson County growth. Mr. Cochran stated that after identifying the future needs they find that we will need a 3,500 square foot building and a site of at least 2.5 acres of useable space. Mr. Cochran shared that local realtor Don Scarborough help them find potentially usable sites throughout the county and determined they needed a site of around five to ten acres and within a five mile radius of Wadesboro with water and sewer service. Mr. Cochran added that the committee preferred the site to be near US 74 but not on US 74 with no obvious environmental red flags. Mr. Cochran stated that they came up with a list of seven possible sites and after visiting each site the committee determined that the county owned site on the Anson High School Road would be the best possible site for a future ACTS facility. Mr. Cochran noted it was a 40 acre site and they were looking at the north portion of about 11 acres. Vice Chair Streater stated they had a discussion of this property a few weeks back and asked if we could use another portion of this with Mr. Cochran saying he would have concerns using the far southern portion because of the grade but potentially another portion could be considered. Vice Chair Streater stated that the board had other things they wanted to put out there that are used more by the public every day than ACTS. Vice Chair Streater shared that there has been talk about the water department going out there and eventually we are going to have to build a new Social Service and Health department. Mr. Cochran shared that the second site that scored well was on Morven Freight Line Road. Mr. Cochran stated that they are recommending approval of site C as a site to move forward with for further study. Vice Chair Streater asked if they do not go with Site C and move to the Morven Freight Line site, was it available with Mr. Cochran noting it was for sale for \$89,000. Mr. Cochran shared that the only other county-owned site was the old hospital site with Vice Chair Streater asking why it scored so low. Mr. Cochran stated that in part because it is small, it might inhibit any future development and it was more of a residential neighborhood and there would be vehicles coming and going to the site. Commissioner Sims felt site C could save the taxpayers a lot of money in the future as we have other prospects for this site. Commissioner Woodburn stated that we talked about what would actually be located on this site and felt we needed to make sure the ACTS facility was put in the right place. Chairman Baucom felt it was clear the board would not make a decision tonight and suggested they take a road trip and walk the property to visualize how best it can be used. Chairman Baucom voiced that she liked the location and the fact that we already own it and felt we needed to look at other county-owned property and maybe have Mr. Cochran return. Commissioner Sikes asked if there was a time line on getting the money with Mr. Cochran answering that the rest of the project is on hold until we have a site to move forward with. Chairman Baucom asked how much time they could have with Mr. Cochran answering that the project would be on hold until they have a

decision. Vice Chair Streater asked the percentage of county dollars that would be in this project with Mr. Cochran answering any capital project such as this would be typically 10% local, 10% state and 80% federal. Mr. Cochran pointed out that one of the benefits of using county-owned land is that the 10% or at least a portion would be provided through the value of the land. Board members present agreed with Chairman Baucom on the approach they need to take at this time.

**Elizabeth Floyd and Michael Kelly – NCACC:** Ms. Floyd thanked board members for having them on the Agenda. Ms. Floyd stated that they always get to see them in Raleigh or at one of their events across the state but it is not often they get to come and visit members where they live and work. Ms. Floyd thanked the board for being a member of the Association. Ms. Floyd noted it was an honor for someone to serve on their state board and Anson County has two commissioners that have done that. Ms. Floyd noted that not many counties can say that and Chairman Baucom actually serves currently on the Risk Management Board of Trustees. Ms. Floyd explained that the association was designed to be the advocate at the state level and they try to have different events to help commissioners try to understand what is going on whether it is district meetings or legislative day. Ms. Floyd encouraged board members to participate in all aspects of the association. Ms. Floyd shared that they also do education at the annual conference, through the Essentials school to train you how to be a better commissioner, Ethics Training that is now required and through the Local Elected Leaders Academy training. Ms. Floyd stated that they were most proud of their services and programs that benefit counties and citizens. Ms. Floyd noted the oldest program was their Risk Management Insurance program, adding that they were also proud of their debt set-off and their EMS Medicaid reimbursement programs. Ms. Floyd noted that Anson County is a participant in these programs and we've been able to receive over 1.4 million dollars back to the county to use as we see fit. Ms. Floyd noted that in 2014 their board of directors voted to give back just over \$500,000 to members based on their participation. Mr. Kelly commented that the county was a member of the Property & Liability/Workers Compensation pool and have been for years. Mr. Kelly explained that the members own the insurance company and the members of the counties and entities in the counties and we are paying \$76,000 less than we were three years ago. Mr. Kelly thanked the board for this because this allows them to continue to keep rates flat or low and as a result of that at a state level they have kept rates without any increases for the last four years. Ms. Floyd stated that they were always looking for comments, questions and things they could do better. Ms. Floyd stated that they were working on the sales tax issue. Chairman Baucom asked their thoughts on this with Ms. Floyd feeling the issue with the bill Senator Brown brought forward benefits some counties and hurts others. Ms. Floyd shared that their position is always to help improve the life in every county. Commissioner Sims referred to this as a pie and 2/3 of the pie has been eaten by Wake and Mecklenburg counties and the rest of us poor counties are left with a slice of the pie. Ms. Floyd stated that they hear that and they are just glad the Senator has brought the topic up for discussion because there is a long way to go. Ms. Floyd shared that their biggest

reservation with the bill he proposed is the component of transferring the 2% county levy tax to a state wide tax. Ms. Floyd explained that that means we would lose control over that money and it would be state controlled and they know what happened with the lottery and that is what concerns them with that piece of his proposed bill. Commissioner Sims voiced that in purchasing a major item most people in Anson County will travel up the road to spend their money and they will collect the sales tax. Mr. Kelly encouraged board members to attend the upcoming district meeting in Hoke County on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Floyd stated that they were proponents of a solution that benefits all 100 counties. Chairman Baucom thanked Ms. Floyd and Mr. Kelly saying she personally benefits from the Association and she learns from the programs the association provides.

**Jim Prosser – Centralina COG:** Mr. Prosser stated that he was pleased to be here tonight to talk about the services they are providing and how they are paying for them. Mr. Prosser stated that they were an organization of local governments guided by a board of directors and for the past three years Commissioner Woodburn has been steadily guiding them through changes. Mr. Prosser added that those changes include a much more specific focus on helping to identify what are the systems and services that are critical to all the communities and counties within their region to help assure they can grow jobs, the economy, control cost of government and improve quality of life. Mr. Prosser noted that local governments, like counties, are really the front line of where jobs are created and where economic growth occurs. Mr. Prosser felt there were some systems that go past our boundaries that are critical to develop in order to make sure that we can continue to grow jobs and the economy. Mr. Prosser felt an obvious one was transportation and even air quality and water but others are not as obvious. Mr. Prosser noted that we have lost jobs in the state and this region but with conservative focus a lot of them are coming back because they have identified the types of requirements they are looking for. Mr. Prosser noted one of the primary things they are looking for are trained workers, communities that will welcome them and communities that can provide the housing and support systems for these types of businesses. Mr. Prosser shared that for the past three years they've been working to build these systems and they have identified three critical areas including workforce and Economic Development, water and transportation and they have initiatives in each area they are currently working on. Mr. Prosser shared that the county helped them financially with the regional freight system and that work will be underway very shortly. Mr. Prosser shared that as part of that work they want to identify those businesses within every part of this region that depend upon freight and they want to make sure they are included in their analysis so they can make sure there is strategy in place so in the next 30 to 40 years we have a system in place to make sure these businesses can grow. Mr. Prosser stated that in the past they've been able to use dues, inserting that Anson County pays approximately \$6,500 a year, to support the programs described today. Mr. Prosser stated that they've also been able to use those dues to help pay the match for aging programs and in this case the match for Anson County aging programs is about \$2,300. Mr. Prosser shared that unfortunately because of changes at the

federal and state level they are no longer able to do that and still provide those services so they are asking each county to consider contributing for the aging match separate or in addition to the dues requirement. Mr. Prosser stated that our participation means so much to them that whether or not we can afford to pay the separate match they want us to be members of their organization. Mr. Prosser stated that they will continue to provide the services but this is about all of us working to evolve better places for the people that live and work here now and in the future and they are confident that over the long run they will be able to find a way to cover these costs. Mr. Prosser thanked board members for their participation in the past and the input received from our county and from communities within the county has been critical to building the strategies for this region. Mr. Prosser shared that they would be back out later this spring to convene meetings in every county and all communities in the counties to hear more about how they can serve us in the next steps of developing this regional framework and implementing it in each community. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for the work of the COG.

**Marty Morton – Fire Chief’s Association:** Mr. Morton, Fire Chief of the Lilesville Fire Department and President of the Anson County Fire Chief’s Association, was here tonight along with the Fire Chiefs of all eight fire departments in the county to request an increase in the fire tax to assist in purchasing state required equipment, apparatus, PPE and assist in daily operating cost incurred by the departments. Mr. Morton noted that of eight departments, two are municipal and six are strictly volunteer, and they operate 12 engines, seven tankers, two heavy rescue squads, one medium rescue squad, three water rescue boats and four squad trucks. Mr. Morton shared that they answer approximately 3,000 calls for service per year. Mr. Morton noted that these calls include residential structure fires, commercial structure fires, fire alarms, brush fires, vehicle fires, gas leaks, fuel spills, hazmat incidents, rescue calls, trench rescue and they also respond to medical calls with the local EMS. Mr. Morton shared that of the eight departments, they rely on 200 volunteer firefighters to respond to these emergencies. Mr. Morton noted that the volunteers spend countless hours away from their families training and responding to calls. Mr. Morton explained that it takes approximately 350 hours for a volunteer to complete their state firefighter certification which is required to go inside a burning structure. Mr. Morton added that it also takes 230 hours for technical rescue certification and another 200 hours to become an Emergency Medical Technician. Mr. Morton shared that over the last 20 years the responsibilities of the fire departments has expanded tremendously. Fire departments originally just responded to fires but now they are dispatched to almost any type of emergency imaginable. Mr. Morton shared that since the introduction of the fire tax in the late 1980’s to the early 1990’s there hasn’t been a significant increase in the tax. Mr. Morton stated that over the last 20 years the cost of equipment, apparatus and operating cost have doubled, if not tripled. Mr. Morton shared that to outfit an interior fire-fighter that goes inside a structure to put out a fire, in 1990 the turn-out gear and air pack was \$4,000 and in 2015 that cost is \$10,000. Mr. Morton shared that the National Fire Protection Agency requires all fire departments to replace air packs and

turn out gear every ten years. Mr. Morton noted that in 1990 a standard fire truck cost \$120,000 and in 2015 the same truck cost \$300,000. Mr. Morton stated the National Fire Protection Agency requires them to test all of their equipment including ladders, hoses, pumps, etc. yearly at a cost to each department of around \$4,000 to \$5,000 and insurance for the trucks and building cost around \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year. Mr. Morton noted that Worker's Comp cost each department around \$3,000 a year with retirement cost being about the same each year. Mr. Morton noted that in 2000 diesel fuel was \$1.49 a gallon and today is it \$3.00 a gallon and it has been as high as \$4.00 a gallon. Mr. Morton shared that training requirements have gone from 80 hours a year to 350 hours a year and departments are responsible for providing equipment, apparatus, books and supplies. Mr. Morton stated that the requested fire tax increase will be used for training, equipment, apparatus, maintenance, fuel, self-contained breathing apparatus and turnout gear. Mr. Morton felt these fund were needed to be able to continue to provide fire protection and rescue services that the citizens expect. Mr. Morton pointed out that currently all fire departments are receiving .05 cents per 100, with the exception of Wadesboro who recently increased to .076 per 100. Mr. Morton shared that the county departments were requesting an increase of .04 per 100, bringing the county fire departments to .09 per 100 for fire protection and operating cost. Mr. Morton added that they would also request a review every five years for increases. Mr. Morton said the request was based on a study of surrounding counties and counties comparable in size to Anson County. Mr. Morton noted that all those in the study have an average fire tax rate of .094 cent per 100. Mr. Morton closed by saying if approved, the request would allow all county fire departments to be more financially prepared to purchase equipment and gear and it would ease the daily operating cost of the departments. Mr. Morton felt the increase would also allow the departments to purchase equipment needed to work towards lowering ISO ratings, saving the tax payers money on insurance premiums. On behalf of the county fire departments, Mr. Morton thanked board members for their time and consideration of their request. Commissioner Sims offered thanks to the departments voicing he was in favor of helping in some way and asked the cost the .04 to the average taxpayer. Chairman Baucom said it depended on the value of their property. Mr. Dutton felt it would be \$16. Commissioner Sims asked if they could get by with less with Mr. Morton answering if they were not willing to approve the .09 they would like to match Wadesboro at .076. Ms. James shared that a home with a \$100,000 value is currently paying \$50 and if they raise it to 9 cents it would increase to \$90. Commissioner Sims asked if it were 7 cents would it be \$23 with Ms. James saying it would be \$20. Commissioner Sikes stated that currently insurance coverage for one of his houses is \$700 but it would be \$1700 if he did not have a fire department in his neighborhood. Chairman Baucom asked with the volunteer fire departments and the town fire departments if the entire county was covered with Mr. Morton answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked to get the benefit on house insurance do you have to live within the fire district with Mr. Morton answering it was different ratings. Chairman Baucom was of the impression that property owners outside a fire district did not pay this tax with Ms. James explaining that every taxpayer pays this tax. Vice Chair

Streater asked if there had been an increase since establishing the fire tax with Mr. Morton answering that there has not been an increase in the 15 years he's been involved. Chairman Baucom asked if we levy the fire tax and all property owners pay it, do you pay the county rate on top of what you pay in you are in the town with Ms. Randall answering yes. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Morton for bringing this to their attention and they will look at it very carefully and see what they can do. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for all they do.

**Katherine Kendall – Delinquent Taxes:** Ms. Kendall felt if we could collect all the delinquent taxes we could give these folks whatever they want. Ms. Kendall commended Mr. Dutton for the progress he has made in collecting delinquent taxes. Ms. Kendall stated that she saw in the paper five pages front and back of delinquent taxes and her blood boiled. Ms. Kendall felt if she had to pay her taxes everybody else should pay. Ms. Kendall noted that it seems the same names are on the list every year and asked how far back the tax books go with County Attorney Forbes answering ten years but you could go back further. County Attorney Forbes stated that after ten years they roll off the scroll but they are still there. Chairman Baucom voiced that when Mr. Dutton was hired as the tax collector she told him to get the back taxes and those back taxes are in the courthouse renovation, the county administration building and the Belk building. Mr. Dutton felt if the board would give him three to five minutes to speak he felt he could answer her questions. Ms. Kendall asked how many thousands or millions of dollars are on the tax books and asked if anyone knew how much was advertised in the paper. Mr. Dutton answered 1.5 million was advertised in the paper and he has already collected a third of that. Ms. Kendall then asked what would the total of all years be with Mr. Dutton answering about three million. Ms. Kendall was of the understanding the county does the billing and collecting for the towns with Ms. James answering all except for Lilesville. Ms. Kendall then asked if the county pays the towns when they are paid and if that was a one time a year thing or monthly. Mr. Dutton said we make restitution back to the municipalities quarterly with Ms. James saying we do that every month per General Statutes. Ms. Kendall referred to recent changes for the Town of Wadesboro and felt if all these taxes were collected they would not have had to lay people off or change the garbage collection schedule. Ms. Kendall then asked how the ten most wanted were selected with Mr. Dutton saying they were the most wanted at that particular time. Mr. Dutton stated that they have a lot of money that needs to be collected and they are about 100% on collecting those. Ms. Kendall asked how often they do the ten most wanted with Mr. Dutton answering about every six months. Ms. Kendall felt we should sell the properties or give it to somebody that will pay the taxes so we will have the money. Ms. Kendall felt if Mr. Dutton needed help collecting these taxes we should give it to him or hire a firm somewhere that will come in and help. Ms. Kendall stated that she was a retired teacher and she could see Anson County children receiving more money for classrooms, teacher supplements and new buildings. Ms. Kendall felt our county could have so much more if we could bring up our county and bring the pride back that we once had in our county. Commissioner Sims thanked Ms. Kendall saying we need more people like her to stand up and say we

need everybody to pay their taxes unless there is some very unusual issue. Commissioner Sims was of the understanding that Mr. Dutton was doing everything he could legally do. Vice Chair Streater noted that out of 100 counties we were number 98 in collecting taxes and asked Mr. Dutton why. Mr. Dutton noted that everybody in our geographical area was in the bottom ten. Mr. Dutton stated that it included Richmond, Scotland, Union and all those. Some board members felt Union was not in the bottom ten with Mr. Dutton saying they might not be but he thought Scotland and Richmond were in the bottom ten percent. Vice Chair Streater asked why and what were the other counties doing to collect taxes. Commissioner Woodburn asked if we were still auctioning off property for delinquent taxes at the courthouse. After reading their mission statement, Mr. Dutton mentioned the 1.5 million dollars in the paper a few weeks ago saying they gave good order that it was going to happen. Mr. Dutton shared that they charged them an extra \$20 on their taxes if their name was on that line. Mr. Dutton stated that since the 1.5 million was listed about \$400,000 has come in already. Mr. Dutton noted the advertisement in the paper was the first thing he can do to collect delinquent taxes. Mr. Dutton stated that the tax bill comes from the Assessor on or about September and there is very little he can do to encourage people to pay more. Mr. Dutton shared that they do sell property from the courthouse steps and offered that he has a list of taxpayers with John Burns, Attorney in Monroe, who is working on foreclosures. Mr. Dutton stated that he also had a list of 22 people that will go with another law firm tomorrow. Mr. Dutton stated that he mails letters on a regular basis and he puts ads in the Express throughout the year. Mr. Dutton noted they were at it hard and fast all the time. Mr. Dutton explained that when he runs the list in the paper some property owners realize they have not paid and they come in and pay or they thought their mortgage company was paying through escrow. Mr. Dutton noted that he chases the big money. Mr. Dutton noted the problems they have are the people who don't pay yearly. Ms. Davis asked if there was a program where if there was a hardship in a family and they were not able to pay their taxes they can set up a payment plan. Mr. Dutton stated that they set up payment plans all the time but the Assessing department has the appropriate forms to see if you qualify for those benefits. Mr. Dutton noted a problem they had predating his employment was the collector let people pay the current year to make their collection percentage look better but by statute you must pay the oldest first. Mr. Dutton added that unless it is a very special circumstance they make them pay the oldest first so they immediately lose percentage. Mr. Dutton shared that he will leave the office for a while and come back and say he knows where such and such lives or he will come back with a check. Mr. Dutton felt they would never collect them all but they try to make sure they collect the big ones. Mr. Dutton noted that paying taxes on a piece of land does not mean you can own it. Ms. Kendall inquired on taxes ten years back and if it was possible to take those taxes out of one person's name and give it to their children but Mr. Dutton noted heir property was extremely difficult to work with. Mr. Dutton explained that in order to sell it at the courthouse steps he has to contact every heir, give it his best effort or run an ad in The Anson Record to show a legal search. Mr. Dutton noted it was slow but he has three lawyers working on this right now. Chairman Baucom thanked Ms. Kendall

for raising the issue and to Mr. Dutton for the explanation. Mr. Dutton referred to the recent Facebook campaign to get the word out noting that was important and has been very good. Commissioner Sikes stated that when he came on the board in 2004 the county had \$800,000 in their fund balance and now we have rebuilt the courthouse, the government Center and a new EMS building and we have five or six million dollars in the fund balance. Commissioner Sikes noted that somebody has been doing something.

**Phyllis Dunlap:** Ms. Dunlap, representing the Anson County Arts Council, stated that they appeared two months ago and a board member asked what was provide for free. Ms. Dunlap stated that there is a cost to all programs, either to the Arts Council or someone but they do not necessarily cost the people benefitting. Ms. Dunlap stated that this is precisely why they are looking to the board for help so they can continue to provide these programs. Ms. Dunlap shared that in the last 60 days, they have had two programs which cost attendees. One was the Soul Street Dance Company which cost the council \$5,000 and tickets sold for \$15. Ms. Dunlap stated that the other was a community play, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, and it was so popular they had to add an additional performance. Ms. Dunlap stated that 1,904 people were present during the seven performances, including 312 people from out of the county. Ms. Dunlap then shared what the Arts Council has provided to the citizens for free – meaning no cost to the students, schools or any other attendee in the last 60 days. Ms. Dunlap shared that the Sole Street Dance Company did a program for students from Ansonville, Morven, Wadesboro Elementary and New Tech in the theater with every seat filled. Ms. Dunlap stated that they had teachers and principals calling and begging to be included. Ms. Dunlap added that in addition to bringing the show during school hours, the Arts Council provided at least 20 free tickets for the evening performance as a reward for students and teachers. Ms. Dunlap shared that *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was performed for 270 students from Ansonville, Wadesboro, Peachland/Polkton and Lilesville Elementary. Ms. Dunlap shared that the Bright Star touring company from Asheville presented several shows in March, they had Freedom Songs, music of Black History, a program on Jackie Robinson and a show on the American Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Dunlap stated that you can't possibly know what this means to the children in our county. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced that they were doing a great job and she enjoys attending the performances. Ms. Dunlap invited board members to attend any and all productions. Ms. Kendall felt it was one of the best things that has happened to Anson County.

**Katrina Mabry Davis:** Ms. Davis thanked the board for allowing her to speak. Ms. Davis noted that the County Attorney was her son-in-law. Ms. Davis felt Mr. Dutton needed help getting taxes collected. Ms. Davis stated that she was tired of paying her taxes and looking at John Doe living over here in this nice house and driving a nice car and his name is in the paper. Ms. Davis stated that she wants the board to take action to get these collected. Ms. Davis felt if someone was having a hardship we needed to work with them and we need to take care of the elderly. Ms. Davis also voiced that she

was tired of being called a poor county. Ms. David felt we were a good county with good people and until we stand up and make something happen we are not going to get any better. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced agreement with Ms. Davis and mentioned people that work for the government that owe taxes and are being garnished and felt that we also have people on town councils or other offices that owe taxes. Ms. Davis shared that she has been in business for 33 years and she hires an employee and he comes to work and works four weeks. Ms. Davis explained that Anson County has found he owes taxes so they send her a garnishment. Ms. Davis stated that when she starts to garnish his check he quits and she has to send a notice to the county that he no longer works there. Ms. Davis shared that she paid her secretary to send in all the paperwork for the county and her employee is gone but he is coming back in four more weeks because you have to find him again. Ms. Davis stated that she still has to fill out all the paperwork for you again and send it in so you can locate him again. Ms. Davis felt this was a vicious circle.

**Jeddie Bowman:** He was not present.

Chairman Baucom voiced that this had been fascinating and an interesting meeting and called for a ten minute break.

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

**Josephine Leak Harris:** Ms. Harris stated that they did not want to leave without publically thanking the board for approving the renaming of SR1842, Pee Dee Road to Pecolia Dixon Leak Lane in honor of their mother. Ms. Harris stated that collectively they extend their heartfelt thank you to each member of the Anson County Board of Commissioners and a special thank you to Commissioner Sturdivant.

**Daniel Weil:** Mr. Weil stated that they realize they are against a brick wall but they are not taking no for an answer. Mr. Weil felt it was completely unfair and unethical and feels our government has got to move forward. Mr. Weil stated that 80% of the issues deal with zoning and the party in question they are having issues with in their community is in the process of trying to purchase the Burr property in their community to add more mobile homes. Mr. Weil asked board members to ride through their neighborhood, look at the houses and the pollution coming from the area in question from last time. Mr. Weil stated that they have no problem going to the state board if necessary but no is not an option to them at this point. County Attorney Forbes asked the type pollution with Mr. Weil answering crime, excessive trash coming from the people renovating the corner for mobile homes and trashy mobile homes. Mr. Weil asked board members to find a way to stop what is happening long enough for all of the parties to get together to find a common solution to keep this from happening. Mr. Weil was of the opinion that commerce was not coming to a dead rural county because you can't build a half a million dollar house with a \$5,000 run down trailer with trash in the yard on the same road. Commissioner Sims asked County Attorney Forbes if we could zone this area with County Attorney Forbes saying there was a procedure

but he was not sure of the details on how to stop mobile homes or what types of limits are there. Mr. Weil asked them to freeze the process with County Attorney Forbes pointing out that the General Statutes will not allow the county to pass a moratorium on residential issues. County Attorney Forbes added that they could stop a business from coming here but they can't stop a mobile home from coming here. Mr. Weil felt real property was their business and asked if they could stop that with County Attorney Forbes saying it was primarily residential. Mr. Weil asked about the criminal activity in the neighborhood with County Attorney Forbes saying if they could show a nuisance there were some remedies on that end. County Attorney Forbes added that if he could show a pattern or a crime in an area and it is all connected there are some remedies but there is nothing this board is allowed to do on an individual lot or mobile home. County Attorney Forbes voiced that their best bet was restrictions on land imposed by the land owners that have a vision to make sure their land is protected. Mr. Weil said it was like that on his road with County Attorney Forbes asking if anyone had pulled these deeds to see if that property has the same requirements. Mr. Weil stated that they have had two meth busts in the same house when it was under Mr. Teal's possession and they had one die about nine months ago across the street. Mr. Weil shared that the area in question was 4.79 acres and already has two houses and a trailer. County Attorney Forbes was of the opinion they were limited to only two mobile homes because of setbacks and other restrictions. Commissioner Sims felt they were protected already since only two mobile homes can come in there with County Attorney Forbes answering that was correct as he understands it. Mr. Weil commented that that was two too many. Mr. Weil asked what options they have with Chairman Baucom saying that they can make sure they adhere to the rules of sighting manufactured housing. Mr. Gaskins stated that he was doing the inspections and making sure they adhere to that. Chairman Baucom stated that the board was looking at zoning, offering that she does not think spot zoning will address the problem. Chairman Baucom added that this will take some time as you don't instantly zone a community. Mr. Weil voiced that he was disappointed in his county government. County Attorney Forbes added that these rules are set by statute voted on by the state. Mr. Weil felt zoning issues were keeping things out of this county.

**Stan Harwood** stated that he doesn't know if restrictions are on his deed or not but when he purchased his property there were restrictive covenants in place put there by people who already lived in that area prior to his purchasing his property. Mr. Harwood felt they would probably prevent this from happening. Mr. Harwood stated that he realizes they are not zoned but they need to be. Mr. Harwood asked who has the say so on how many trailers will fit on this corner. Mr. Gaskins stated that a minimum of 20,000 square feet is required to put a house there. Mr. Gaskins added that this includes a septic tank system and the setbacks. Mr. Gaskins noted that they cut out two different tracks of land and both tracks have 20,000 plus feet, including the 60 feet for each road and from the point of the road 30 feet separation between the two units. Mr. Weil questioned the way they did the samples to see if the property would perk with Mr. Gaskins saying that is environment health as he has nothing to do

with the perk test. Chairman Baucom asked Dr. Thompson if he could get his folks over there. Dr. Thompson said the landowner could hire a private soil scientist if the initial perk test fails to try to find a spot on the property that will perk. Dr. Thompson felt that might be what happened in this case. Dr. Thompson stated that his department has multiple sites that hired a private soil scientist and they go back out and do a second test. Dr. Thompson added that they will not issue a permit unless they get a good perk test. Mr. Gaskins shared that he has to get an operational permit from environmental health before they can issue a mobile home permit. It was noted that they received the second permit today. Vice Chair Streater asked the acreage of the Burr property with Mr. Weil thinking it was between six and eight acres. County Attorney Forbes asked the amount of road frontage with Mr. Weil thinking maybe 125 feet. County Attorney Forbes felt this would require a subdivision permit but he would have to look at the property. Mr. Weil stated that the asking price was \$55,000 and it was lowered to \$40,000 and the Sweatt's are in the process of trying to purchase this property. Mr. Weil told board members to not be surprised if houses go up for sale on this road and feels the government in the county will be responsible for the citizens living in this area. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Weil what he wanted them to do with Mr. Weil saying that from day one he has asked if there was anything in the books from the past to freeze it somehow so they can put the Sweatt's in one place, the Country Club Road owners in one place, the Gatewood Road owners here, the county commissioners here, our County Attorney here and do a litigation procedure to come up with some type agreement. Mr. Weil feels this is malicious activity. County Attorney Forbes again stated that there was nothing the county could do and he will have to come up with some type reason that this is not legal. Mr. Harwood asked if the way their property around the house they live in is kept or not kept be grounds for moving forward in the direction you are talking about with County Attorney Forbes saying that would be an argument for a Judge. Commissioner Sims asked if the county health inspector had been out there to inspect it with County Attorney Forbes asking if a complaint has been filled against the property to give him cause to look for something like that. Mr. Weil stated that if they were putting in a trailer to live in they would still be here but they would have taken the decision and left but to put it in to make money in this area is what they are against. Against County Attorney Forbes stated that they might could get private representation to file an injunction to see if there are grounds for an injunction against these people if they are doing something that you have a claim that would be a nuisance or devalue you. Mr. Weil noted the problem with that is if he files an injunction he risk getting sued for lost wages for holding up the procedure. Mr. Weil added that there was not an attorney in the county that will touch this. County Attorney Forbes again stated that he has looked through the statutes and the zoning stuff and it specifically states that we cannot do a moratorium on a residential issue.

**Dr. Lawrence Elliott** explained that when they were first planning to build their home they were told they had a minimum square footage and they were fine with that because they envisioned the community only getting better. Dr. Elliott felt to have a trailer park in his front yard will devalue his property. Dr. Elliott added that the

Thompson's next door see the same thing and it means their property has lost salability and value. Dr. Elliott felt that was a problem they were all facing and that was why they were looking to the board for some kind of help to keep this from happening. Dr. Elliott said it was frustrating when you invest your time and money and it turns out to be a very bad investment. Dr. Elliott commented that they would have done better to move to Cheraw and commute. Chairman Baucom voiced that they were hearing them and paying close attention but they don't know what to do and until we have zoning we don't have that big tool. Dr. Elliott shared that they were told they had to have a minimum of 2,000 square feet to build in this area and asked why that could not apply to the trailers coming in. Chairman Baucom asked if that was in their deed or a county rule with Dr. Elliott saying he was not sure. Someone from the audience suggested they treat this area like White Store that requires five acres for a mobile home. County Attorney Forbes shared that the White Store community requires five acres to build anything. Chairman Baucom shared that the community came together and did that with the lady asking what they have to do to follow suit. County Attorney Forbes stated that they were a township and we are a county. Chairman Baucom stated that they came before the board for approval. Chairman Baucom noted that zoning was not going to happen overnight but felt they were on track to do it. Commissioner Sikes voiced that zoning was something you have to do before an event happens and you can't go back after something has happened and zone. Commissioner Sikes felt communities were going to have to get together and want their areas zoned but after something has happened you can't zone it them. Commissioner Sturdivant asked why they did not get together as a community and purchase the Burr property to keep them out. The lady speaking said no.

#### **Administrative Matters:**

**Anson County Vehicle Use Policy:** Chairman Baucom asked County Attorney Forbes if the vehicle use policy had been updated with County Attorney Forbes answering not by him. Ms. James noted it was adopted in April of 2000 and paragraph 16 was approved August 2001. Motion by Vice Chair Streater to table this until next month. Sheriff Reid stated that his concern was with the sheriff's office. Sheriff Reid noted his position was public safety and asked to continue Sheriff Allen's policy until we have a chance to discuss this. Sheriff Reid stated that for safety reasons he wants to allow his guys to take their cars home that live outside the county. Sheriff Reid shared that he has some living in Rockingham and other areas and they are on call 24/7 and when they are called in if they have to drive their personal car to the office to pick up their county car and then go to the scene this loses valuable time and it puts the public in more danger than they could be in. Sheriff Reid asked the board to approve the sheriff's office continuing the policy that was given to Sheriff Allen and he will adopt that policy. Chairman Baucom asked if that was the 26-mile radius with Sheriff Reid answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked what would that do to the Richmond County officers with Sheriff Reid saying that most would still be able to drive and if they are outside they will have to park their car here. Commissioner Sikes felt we needed to watch about emergency vehicles and how they can come to our help. Chairman

Baucom asked board members if by consensus we could continue this. Mr. Allen was present and did not remember the miles but said he presented this to the board about 12 years ago and it was not presented for your blessing but you did vote to approve. Mr. Allen explained that basically they took a compass and put it in the middle of Wadesboro, drew a circle around and if you live in that circle it is the equivalent of living in Anson County. Mr. Allen did not remember the exact miles but said whatever the miles were from the center of Wadesboro to the furthest point above Burnsville is what they used. Mr. Allen noted that the circle took in Marshville, Rockingham and Norwood. Commissioner Sims voiced favor of keeping the policy. Chairman Baucom shared that she wants control and limits and absolutely no civilian passengers except in the scope of work. Vice Chair Streater voiced no problem if it was done for all departments. Sheriff Reid commented that when the shootings take place all departments don't come and when it is bad weather all departments don't come. Sheriff Reid felt there were a lot of things not being considered here as they are here to protect the public and not worry about where the county line is. County Attorney Forbes stated that if they are on a call with the blue light they have greater protection than if they are in their private vehicles or if they are in the vehicle and not on a call. County Attorney Forbes advised that the governmental immunity and gross negligence kicks in. Sheriff Reid stated that he wants to work with the Board of Commissioners and he wants to protect the citizens that elected him sheriff and they want to do it in a way where they feel good about it. Sheriff Reid agrees with the policy already in place that only approved people can be in the vehicles. Chairman Baucom stated that if there are other personnel that have cars they take home then that radius or magic circle should apply to all of them. Chairman Baucom referred to the list in the ordinance of people who are given county vehicles to drive and take them home saying the same rule should apply to them that applies to the deputies. Sheriff Reid asked when this would be effective with Chairman Baucom saying as soon as he draws the line. Sheriff Reid thinks Sheriff Allen already has it drawn or he could draw it tonight. Chairman Baucom stated that if they go further than the radius they will deal with it. Sheriff Reid stated that tomorrow he will see the exact distance of everyone that takes a car home and if they are out of the radius they will no longer take that car home. Sheriff Reid added that he would also enforce not putting civilians in the car. Sheriff Reid explained that they have the citizen's academy where they do a ride along with participants. Chairman Baucom felt if it was sanctioned by the Sheriff they will include here that if the Sheriff or director authorizes and notifies us then it is fine. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he travels 218 to Charlotte a lot and apparently there is a deputy that lives outside that radius because a car is parked at a fire department so that tells him that anybody outside that radius if there is a place they can park that is secure then they leave the car there and if they get a call to come pack they can leave their personal vehicle there and pick up their county vehicle without a loss of time. A gentleman in the audience asked how the radius would be enforced and how will you ensure that the personnel is not going outside. Mr. Allen explained that they drew the radius and plotted it on a map exactly where everybody lived and if you lived inside the circle it was easy. The gentleman stated that he understood that he was just thinking

give an inch and take a mile. Mr. Allen added that most patrol cars are equipped with GPS units and you can see where they were at any given time. Chairman Baucom asked Sheriff Reid to share with board members whatever they come up with and to let them know when they will have academy passengers. Chairman Baucom felt there may be times when Utilities may have a need for passengers that are not employees and the same rule applies to them that they have to inform the board. Sheriff Reid stated that he would have a strict policy on having unauthorized passengers in the car. County Attorney Forbes offered his assistance to the sheriff at any time. Chairman Baucom asked for consensus on the board to loosen the policy they published, noting that the things they talked about will go into effect as soon as the line is drawn. All members present agreed.

**Moratorium on Mobile Homes:** County Attorney Forbes stated that we could not enforce a moratorium on residential criteria like that or a mobile home at this juncture. Commissioner Woodburn shared that Union County did something some years back that involved Manufactured Housing and feels they shut it down for a period of time to do something. County Attorney Forbes said he would research this and find out. County Attorney Forbes knows they stopped some multi-family dwellings saying they did not have the water to support them or something like that. Commissioner Woodburn felt it was something on manufactured and mobile homes as well because the business people up there that were selling them got upset with it. County Attorney Forbes offered to call Commissioner Woodburn tomorrow.

**Black Dot Wireless Lease Agreement:** Commissioner Woodburn felt if utility services says we should not permit it because it endangers the structure of the water tank this was an easy decision. Ms. Randall stated that we have an amendment to their lease and prior to the amendment they sent they amended the lease on April 25, 2014 to allow them to add an antenna to the water tank. Ms. Randall stated that now they are asking to move the antenna on the railing and install a bracket on the side of the tank to mount the antenna. Ms. Randall noted that Utility Services was our water tank maintenance company and they do not recommend a bracket mount and are recommending a corral be installed on top of the water tank. Ms. Randall shared that this would allow other carriers to put their antenna on top of the tank. Ms. Randall added that according to Utility Services the cost of the corral is \$175,000. Vice Chair Streater asked if the county would pay for this with Ms. Randall saying that would be her thoughts. Motion by Vice Chair Streater to deny the request. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Woodburn for the sake of discussion. Commissioner Woodburn felt it would be to their benefit to install these towers and seems like they would be the one to pay the cost of whatever was needed to mount them. Randy Gullede stated that he talked with a representative of the engineering company and they want to weld attachments to the slope on top of the tank but they are in the business of putting antennas on towers whereas the utility company that manages water tanks is in the business of managing water tanks and their engineers recommend no. Mr. Gullede shared that they have already overloaded the handrails and the next thunderstorm

could take the towers down. Mr. Gulledge reminded board members that law enforcement and public safety radio equipment is also on this tank so anything that falls has the possibility of damaging that equipment and we would be out of communication. Mr. Gulledge stated that it was probably in the best interest to accommodate them however the dollar sign is high but you may lure Verizon in because that would cure a dead spot we have. Commissioner Woodburn asked if we could get help with the cost with Mr. Gulledge saying they might. Ms. Randall noted that currently we have two lease agreements for space on the water tank with AT&T and that revenue is \$25,000 annually and the other was previously Alltel that has now been purchased by AT&T and projected revenue for 14/15 is \$29,000. Ms. Randall added that we have received notice that they want to cancel this lease at the end of this year. Commissioner Woodburn asked who would be the person to negotiate with them and tell them that in order to grant this they would have to be responsible for the cost. Mr. Gulledge stated that this would be their version of a corral and it only accommodates their antenna but it is welded to the tank and our water maintenance company does not agree with that. Mr. Gulledge added that they need to do this pretty quickly and we are at a stale mate but they have been paying rent for a while and nothing has been done to improve the tank. County Attorney Forbes noted the purpose was to have a water tank and all the other stuff is gravy. Chairman Baucom felt we would be better off putting the \$175,000 in stabilizing the water tank. County Attorney Forbes believes the water tank people suggested we do the full corral. Mr. Gulledge noted that the Burnsville tank has a full corral on top. Mr. Gulledge stated that the second plan is for the county to pay the maintenance company to put the corral on top and there is no support for AT&T's engineers to weld things to the tank. Mr. Gulledge explained that right now we have shirred bolts and they think a good storm could take those mast off the tank and bring the railing down with it. Ms. Randall stated that right now they recommend that you don't even climb the water tank and if you need to do anything to it that you are in a basket. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn to approve the consent agenda to include the two additional Budget Amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** Approved minutes dated February 3, 2015 and March 3, 2015 and closed session minutes of the same dates.

**Tax Releases:**

**Tax Collector's Report:**

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

**Electronic Transaction Report:**

**Budget Amendment – Emergency Management:** to recognize and appropriate Hazmat Reimbursement and miscellaneous Revenues received for Emergency Management:

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/2015**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Emergency Management 11-4330 \$ 1,913  
Total Increase: \$ 1,913

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Emergency Management 11-4330 \$ 1,913  
Total Increase: \$ 1,913

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Budget Amendment – Emergency Management:** to appropriate funding needed for fuel for generators during the inclement weather.

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/215**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Emergency Management 11-4330 \$ 1,800  
Total Increase: \$ 1,800

Section 2. General Fund Expenditures

Decrease: Contingency – Emergencies 11-9912 \$ (1,800)  
Total Decrease: \$ (1,800)

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Budget Amendment – Animal Shelter:** to recognize and appropriate grant money received from the North Carolina Vet Medical Association for use at the Animal Shelter.

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/15**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

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

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Health – All programs 11-5100 \$ 2,500  
Total Increase: \$ 2,500

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Budget Amendment – Animal Shelter:** to recognize and appropriate adoption fees collected at the Animal Shelter.

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/15**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Health Programs 11-5110-5181 \$ 6,334  
Total Increase: \$ 6,334

Section 2. General Fund Revenue

Increase: Health – All Programs 11-5100 \$ 6,334  
Total Increase \$ 6,334

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Budget Amendment – County Manager Search:** to recognize already received GovDeal revenues and appropriate for use in the search for a new County Manager.

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/15**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Governing Body – General Administration 11-4110 \$ 5,000

Total Increase: \$ 5,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Governing Body - General Administration 11-4100 \$ 5,000

Total Increase: \$ 5,000

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Budget Amendment – EMS:** to recognize revenue received above previously budgeted amount for use at EMS.

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/15**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: EMS 11-4368 \$ 5,000

Total Increase: \$ 5,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: EMS 11-4368 \$ 5,000

Total Increase: \$ 5,000

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Budget Amendment – Social Services:** to recognize and appropriate additional revenues anticipated for Medicaid Transportation Reimbursement for the DSS Jobs Program.

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/15**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Transportation 11-4521-4523 \$ 13,200

Increase: Social Services 11-5310-5580 \$ 13,200

Total Increase: \$ 26,400

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Transportation – DOT Reimb 11-3452 \$ 13,200

Increase: Social Services Administration 11-5310 \$ 13,200

Total Increase: \$ 26,400

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Budget Amendment – Health Department:** to recognize and appropriate a Yost donation for use at the Health Department in the Diabetes Program.

**AMENDMENT**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/15**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/15 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Health Program 11-5110-5181 \$ 10,000

Total Increase: \$ 10,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Health – All Program 11-5100	\$ 10,000
	Total Increase:	\$ 10,000

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Appointments:**

**Wadesboro ABC Board:** Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the reappointment of Frank Richardson. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 employee. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, Chairman Baucom asked board members their feeling on the hiring for the Senior Accounting Officer position. Board members agreed to put this on hold for a while.

The Clerk mentioned the dinner meeting with the Board of Education and the fact that Ms. Bennett spent days preparing that meal and asked if she could be given a day off as thank you for her hard work. Chairman Baucom asked if she would take it with the Clerk answering yes. After discussion, motion by Commissioner Sims that for extraordinary service and food preparation beyond the call of duty, we give her 2 free days off. Motion seconded by Commissioner Woodburn and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to recess until Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6 PM to meet with SPCC Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 4 hrs.