

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

Board members present: Anna Baucom, Chair  
Ross Streater, Vice Chair  
Bobby Sikes  
Dr. Jim Sims  
Harold Smith  
Vancine Sturdivant  
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Megan Garner, County Manager  
Bonnie M. Huntley, Clerk to the Board  
Rita James, Data Processing  
Cary Garner, Finance Officer  
Dr. Thompson, Health Director  
Landric Reid – Sheriff  
Larry Newton – Assessor

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. In the absence of a minister, Chairman Baucom read the following in order to settle them down and get them focused on the work ahead of them. Chairman Baucom paraphrased an article by US Senator Cory Booker, saying a lot of people talk religion then they act ugly.

Before you speak to me about your religion, first show it to me in how you treat other people. Show me in how much you love all of His children. Teach me about it through your compassion for your neighbors. I'm not as interested in what you have to tell or sell as in how you chose to live and give.

Chairman Baucom stated that in the spirit of these words, let us focus and keep this in mind as we endeavor to transact the business of Anson County.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** Chairman Baucom asked if there were any changes or additions. The Clerk noted some tax releases and other items for the Consent Agenda in front of each board member, including the Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she had two Commissioner Concerns. Motion by Vice Chair

Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Addresses:** Chairman Baucom noted this was the time for citizens to talk to board members, noting they will not take action but will put it on their to do list.

**Marvin Deese:** Mr. Deese stated that he was here representing some of the landlords and they are opposed to any kind of Ordinance the board might bring up dealing with the Minimum Housing Code Ordinance. Chairman Baucom asked if they did not want any minimum standards with Mr. Deese answering they have minimum housing building codes through the State of North Carolina and he doesn't think Anson County needs to get into the type business that might be a big liability to them down the road. Mr. Deese stated that he was building inspector for eighteen and one-half years and we could get into liability issues. Commissioner Sims referred to the state of standards approved by the board in 1989 saying he saw no problem with them. Mr. Deese feels Anson County does not need any more than what the State of North Carolina requires us to have. Mr. Deese noted that he owns several rental properties and would entertain the idea of any board member going with him on a tour of his properties. Mr. Deese added that he felt other landlords would be glad to give them a tour of their properties. Mr. Deese felt board members did not realize what they have to go through to evict someone when they don't pay their rent or keep the property up to their standards. Mr. Deese said they have an agreement where the tenant has to mow their own grass, keep the yard clean and haul their own trash to the landfill. Mr. Deese said they call them immediately with any water leaks and asked board members to consider not passing another Ordinance. Mr. Deese feels if it get too heavy they will call the landlord anytime a light bulb burns out and things like that. Mr. Deese feels the county would have to hire another inspector to enforce the housing code. Chairman Baucom asked if he felt another inspector was needed to enforce the current Ordinance with Mr. Deese feeling the only time to enforce is when someone calls in. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Deese if he worked under the 1989 code and if he had any problems with it with Mr. Deese answering yes he did and no he did not have any problems. Mr. Deese felt a more intense Ordinance would put a burden on the landlords with the possibility they might have to raise the rent if they are forced to do more upgrades. Commissioner Sikes noted that what was in the agenda was continued discussion and it was not saying they were going to do anything. Chairman Baucom commented that someone called her about a house where the septic tank was running over and no one did anything. Mr. Deese added that they keep the Hildreth boys pretty busy. Chairman Baucom felt that was great but apparently some are not. Chairman Baucom

mentioned a lady called her one time saying she was renting a trailer and it leaked when it rained, there were holes in the floor and all sorts of critters in the house. Chairman Baucom felt those cases do exist and this is what she is concerned about. Commissioner Woodburn felt the current code was based on statutes of North Carolina and it was very well written. Mr. Deese stated that the State of North Carolina Building Codes and the Minimum Housing Code are based on minimums, not what else you can do to add to it. Mr. Deese felt if it was good for the State of North Carolina it should be good for Anson County.

**Helen Lail** echoed everything said by Mr. Deese. Ms. Lail feels no one cares more about their property than the owners and if someone has a complaint they do all they can to fix it. Ms. Lail feels if someone calls in about a rental property in bad condition it should be inspected by the inspector. Ms. Lail feels most tenants are good but there are a few bad ones that destroy the property and take it out on the landlord. Chairman Baucom asked how we strike a balance with Ms. Lail saying if someone is not happy with the way things are they should let them move somewhere else. Ms. Lail added that they would not move in if the property was not in good shape. Commissioner Sturdivant felt that people do move in whether the property is in good shape or not because they have nowhere else to live. Chairman Baucom voiced that her concern was not with the people who own and take care of their rental property but with those renting substandard dwellings. Commissioner Smith voiced that he didn't know what could be added to the Ordinance we already have.

**Annie Parsons:** Ms. Parson stated that Commissioner Sturdivant wanted her to do a presentation tonight to her and Vice Chair Streater. Ms. Parson stated that she was able to order business cards for Commissioner Sturdivant and Vice Chair Streater. Ms. Parson passed a couple of samples around to show her work. Chairman Baucom asked if she had a print shop with Ms. Parsons answering that she had a childcare center and a print shop. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she was looking to expand her childcare center because several plants are going to a second and third shift and they need daycare.

**Brook Crider Ainsworth:** Mrs. Ainsworth stated that she was with Crider and Crider properties and she was here to support the landlords. Mrs. Ainsworth thanked board members for their support of the landlords and if they decide to go further into this they were welcome to visit any of their properties. Commissioner Sims shared that they were talking about situations like people living in a chicken coop, in a house with a dirt floor and the cooking stove on the outside and those living two and one-half miles

from water. Chairman Baucom stated that you do what you have to do to survive but we want to make sure we are doing the best we can.

**Myra Dalgleish** stated that she had a situation at her house in Polkton. Ms. Dalgleish explained that she has a coyote lurking in her backyard and assumes he is trying to get to her little dog. Ms. Dalgleish stated that she called animal control to find that they do not deal with coyote's and told her to call wildlife. Ms. Dalgleish stated that they don't deal with them, even saying that they have told the animal shelter on several occasions not to refer people to Wildlife. Ms. Dalgleish asked what she could do. Commissioner Smith commented that Wildlife brought them in here. County Attorney Forbes asked if she had seen the coyote with Ms. Dalgleish answering yes. It was noted that it was humane to trap them.

**Robert Colf:** Chairman Baucom stated that she and Mr. Colf have had a conversation and he has a bright idea and she invited him to come share it with the board to see what they can come up with. Mr. Colf stated that it has been brought to his attention that the county owns a piece of property on the corner of Ashe and Morven Road. Mr. Colf pointed out that this was the old parking lot adjacent to the old hospital. Mr. Colf stated that his idea for this location would be to bring in a business that would bring more jobs. Mr. Colf's proposal was to either purchase the property from the county, if they don't already have plans for the property, or to do a land swap for a piece of property he owns adjacent to the Board of Elections which is 104 Covington Street. Chairman Baucom asked if the property was big enough to do what he wants to do with Mr. Colf answering he believes so. Vice Chair Streater voiced that he had no problem with it but he did not favor a land swap. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Colf if he plans on doing any grants for the property with Mr. Colf answering he plans to see what is available. County Attorney Forbes advised him to not say anything else publicly. The Clerk spoke saying she was not sure the county owns the property as she thinks it is still owned by the hospital. Dr. Thompson thought they turned this over to the county when they sold the nursing home. Commissioner Woodburn noted there was an underground tank that has not been found and they may be holding off because of this. Commissioner Woodburn thinks at this point they've done all they think they can do on the site. Commissioner Woodburn thinks initially the parking lot was not going to come with the hospital property but later on in negotiation, they decided it would be a part of it. Commissioner Woodburn feels they have not turned anything over due to the environmental issue since they have not been able to find the tank that the drawings indicate is on the property somewhere. Chairman Baucom added that our environmental engineers cannot find the tank. Commissioner Woodburn stated that they cannot find the tank or evidence that it has been removed so they are in a

quandary because of that. County Manager Garner shared that LL&J, our environmental engineer, talked with Tاراcon who the hospital had working on the property, and they are all under the agreement that the tank is not there. County Manager Garner noted there was a total of four underground tanks on the property and they have records and know for sure that three have been removed. County Manager Garner stated that the smallest of the four tanks was a thousand gallons and they all agree that it is not out there. County Manager Garner shared that there were some DENR records that show it has been removed. County Manager Garner stated that they actually dropped off the phase one environmental for that today and as far as they are concerned there is no tank on the property. Commissioner Smith asked if he certified it with County Manager Garner answering yes. Chairman Baucom stated that it sounds like we have some work to do to find out for sure the ownership of the property. Mr. Colf stated that he just wanted to plant the seed that there could be a particular use for that property if the county did not already have an idea for it.

**Representative Brody:** Representative Brody said they've been in session and this was his first time back and he wanted to say hello. Representative Brody stated that they passed the budget and there were a number of things in there that he thought some may have questions about. Representative Brody stated that the last time they passed the distribution of the state sales tax and he thinks we should start seeing that mid-October for the month of July and after that it will be every month. Representative Brody stated the reason they did that was the trend is that people coming to the state are moving to the cities and a lot of Economic Development is going on and they are seeing the population of the rural counties and smaller communities dropping. Representative Brody stated they put a little bit of pressure to raise funds to meet the needs that we have. Representative Brody felt this was a beginning and he was curious to see what we will end up doing with the money. Representative Brody told board members when they have a planning retreat that he and Senator McInnis would like to spend an hour or so with the board in that forum to go over some things they would like to do for Anson County. Representative Brody felt that would be a good time to feel ideas, whether they need legislation or not, adding that it was just something they wanted to do. Representative Brody said he was closely involved with Economic Development and once again the Economic Development deals that have come through they stressed the Tier 1 counties for some advantages. Representative Brody noted there was a move to eliminate the Tier system but they didn't get away with that one but you can see what can happen. Representative Brody said if they eliminated that there would be no separation or any kind of advantage for rural counties. Representative Brody announced that he was having a town hall meeting next Monday at the Library at 6:30.

Representative Brody stated that it was an open public meeting and he will start out talking about the budget and wherever it leads from there is where it leads. Representative Brody welcomed everyone to attend and hopes it will be informative. Representative Brody shared that in the Transportation portion of the budget, they put in a provision to allocate money to every county to pave unpaved roads. Representative Brody noted the original intent was to throw it in a big pot for first come first serve but usually the larger counties get the money and the rest get a small portion. Representative Brody stated that instead of doing that they structured the bill to say that every county gets a portion and he hopes this will help. Chairman Baucom asked about those roads that need repair with Representative Brody saying they put in the 2015 budget a provision for pot hole repair and asked board members to be diligent and call them when we have something. Representative Brody noted they have 48 hours to make the repair after receiving the call and if they don't let him know. Commissioner Sims thanked Representative Brody for the different things he has done for Anson County. Chairman Baucom voiced that it was hard to go to any event in Anson County and not find Representative Brody and his family. Chairman Baucom mentioned the sales tax redistribution plan, saying it could be spent for K-12 education, Economic Development and community college. Vice Chair Streater asked Representative Brody if he had been able to secure any funds for our Agri-Civic Center with Representative Brody answering when you pull money from the state now it squeaks and they are trying to do things to help municipal and county needs first and as much as he'd like to say it was there, it probably was not.

**Cary Rodgers:** Mr. Rodgers stated that for the past seven months we've been talking about the issue of coal ash and again being proactive, he is asking what is the board's plan. Mr. Rodgers mentioned the resolution presented to the board for consideration and for the past several meetings it has not been on the agenda. Commissioner Sikes voiced that he was just one representative but he feels like it would help to send a resolution and he would be in favor of doing so. Mr. Rodgers stated that he would not stop until he gets answers and he will be here each month until he gets an answer. Commissioner Sims stated that he knows just enough chemistry to be dangerous and coal ash is dangerous and we don't need it floating around Anson County. Commissioner Sikes stated that he was for anything that would stop it. Mr. Rodgers mentioned the letter to Duke that was retracted and again said they want to make sure the citizens are being protected. Mr. Rodgers noted that was the reason board members were here working as a public servant. Mr. Rodgers asked if they had a list for the Citizens Advisory Board to the landfill and if they could get a copy. The clerk offered a copy and said she would have it first thing in the morning. Mr. Rodgers asked for a meeting date with County Manager Garner saying they met last week. Mr.

Rodgers mentioned the county website saying people do look at the website and asked if it was possible to update the website. Mr. Rodgers felt it would be very helpful to have an updated list of board meetings and agendas on the website. Mr. Rodgers shared that he would be asking the same questions next month and asked if it would be on the agenda next month. Mr. Rodgers asked if the board meets before having a meeting here or if this was the only time they meet and if there was a meeting he did not know about where they discuss these things with Chairman Baucom saying all meetings are public. Mr. Rodgers asked the board if they could please put this on the agenda so they could have a resolution and he could move on to something else. Commissioner Smith asked who he represents with Mr. Rodgers answering he represents Cary Rodgers of Pathways to Peace Ministries, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and Pee Dee WALL. Ms. Dyson asked the definition of the resolution with Mr. Rodgers saying this particular resolution puts a moratorium on coal ash transfer to municipal solid waste landfill clay minds in Anson County. Mr. Rodgers said that the resolution also states that we will not accept their leachate if they have coal ash. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Rodgers if he had contacted Waste Connections on behalf of Pee Dee WALL with Mr. Rodgers answering they have had a meeting and a tour of the landfill. Mr. Rodgers feels they would love to have coal ash but the main thing is he did not hire them and the county is the one they need to come to. Mr. Rogers stated that he would talk with the Citizens Advisory Board just to be involved. Mr. Rodgers thanked board members for their time and hopes and prays there will be a discussion at the next meeting. Vice Chair Streater asked if it would be possible to give the resolution to the Citizens Advisory Board. County Manager Garner stated that the board discussed this at the July meeting and they just met last week with the new appointees and they will discuss this at their next quarterly meeting.

#### **Administrative Matters:**

**State of the County Health Report:** Dr. Thompson felt it was important that everyone understood the relationship between the state of the county health report and the community health assessment. Dr. Thompson feels everyone knows that local health departments are required by statute to do a comprehensive community health assessment every four years. Dr. Thompson noted we did our last one in 2012. Dr. Thompson shared that they were knee deep in the 2016 community health assessment at this time. Dr. Thompson noted that in 2012 they were required to identify two issues that came out of the comprehensive community health assessment and to develop action plans to address those issues. Dr. Thompson reported that at that time they chose diabetes education and obesity. Dr. Thompson stated that every year they have to file the annual state of the county health report, similar to an annual report to show what

progress we are making or not making on the issues identified in the community health assessment. Dr. Thompson said that the assessment used to be due in December but last year they changed the submission date to March to coincide with when the community health assessment is due. Dr. Thompson stated that they received formal written confirmation that the state of the county health report was approved. Dr. Thompson stated that in summary relative to obesity and diabetes, trends they see in Anson County mirror our national trends and our statewide trends. Dr. Thompson shared that we were losing the battle with obesity and depending on which report you read we are barely holding our own with diabetes. Dr. Thompson shared that often the people they see at the health department are struggling with both issues and their diabetes may be contributed by the fact that they are obese. Dr. Thompson mentioned the section on diabetes and added that he was happy to say that Cary Rodgers of Pathways to Peace, when he was not advocating against coal ash, does a wonderful job with summer camps for children that are very heavily focused on healthy living, making good choices, exercising and healthy eating. Dr. Thompson noted one significant change in the diabetes portion was that over the last 20 years the health department has been the beneficiary of an annual grant from our local Yost Trust. Dr. Thompson feels they are either overextended or perhaps their investment returns are not as good so in 2015 they notified us that they would no longer be able to support our diabetes program. Dr. Thompson explained that some of the things they provide at the health department like septic tank permitting, food and lodging, restaurant inspections, family planning, STD's, are all core mandated public health services but diabetes management is not so they were dependent upon the Yost Trust. Dr. Thompson added that they used that money primarily to purchase diabetic supplies for those they take care of at the health department and their medication. Dr. Thompson stated that he was happy to say that Carolinas Healthcare System working with Health Quest, the free pharmacy based in Monroe, are partners now and if the client can meet the income guidelines and demonstrate the need, Health Quest will provide the medication and they are providing the diabetes counseling. Dr. Thompson stated that they collected about 400 surveys so far and they would like to get to at least 500 and he will notify all department heads with an online link and ask them to share with staff. Dr. Thompson added that when they submit their community health assessment they will have to choose three areas instead of 2 and develop action plans. Dr. Thompson stated that it was clear already that obesity and diabetes continue to be a real issue in the county but he was not sure if they would be chosen for the next four years. Dr. Thompson shared that we were one of the smallest health departments in the state and a lot of obesity and diabetes is related to your life style and choices you make. Dr. Thompson reported that Carolinas HealthCare System has stepped up and collaborating with them on the community

health assessment and he is sure they will partner with us as we chose our three initiatives and develop the actions plans. Dr. Thompson stated that this would guide our efforts in public health until the year 2020. Chairman Baucom asked the basis of the report and asked if it was based on what they see at the health department. Dr. Thompson answered that the purpose is to report back to the state if are we doing what we said we were going to do in the action plans. Dr. Thompson stated that a long time ago when he was young their bicycles were transportation, not toys and now children are being raised primarily indoors. Dr. Thompson feels this leads to too much screen time and young children today are not part of organized sports. Dr. Thompson stated that he really applauds Pathways to Peace, Church of God of Prophecy in Morven, HOLLA and all of these are mentioned in the report. Dr. Thompson believes diabetes and obesity will be with us for a long time. Dr. Thompson stated that for the 20 years he has been in Anson County, we have always ranked in the bottom in overall health outcomes. Dr. Thompson stated that in 2016 we ranked #87 and in 2015 we ranked #84. Dr. Thompson stated that it was frustrating to him that Union County ranked #4 out of 100 and we are in the mid-eighties. Dr. Thompson used to think our health outcomes were things like access to primary care doctors, etc., but when you look at statistics actually the percent of women having mammograms and our diabetes rate is very comparable to the state average. Dr. Thompson stated that in 2013 the medium family household income in North Carolina was about \$45,000 and in Anson County it was \$35,000 and in Union County it was \$65,000. Dr. Thompson believes that economic growth and development will help improve our health outcomes over time and it will lead to better schools, better housing, more jobs and all the things that go along with it. Commissioner Sims mentioned that western Union County was one of the wealthiest areas in the State of North Carolina and he is sure the majority of those living there have the very best health care. Dr. Thompson stated that he was told that Marshville was a lot like Anson. Vice Chair Streater asked if this information was just health department or private doctors in Anson County with Dr. Thompson answering private doctors also. Chairman Baucom felt poverty was one of the greatest mitigating factors in everything we do in Anson County. Chairman Baucom thanked Dr. Thompson for the report saying she wishes we were healthier and wealthier.

**Courthouse Security – Sheriff Reid:** Sheriff Reid thanked Representative Brody for all he does for Anson County. Sheriff Reid stated that his office has reached out to him plenty of times about bills and laws asking his opinion. Sheriff Reid said he wanted to publicly thank him for what he does for the Sheriff's office and the citizens of Anson County. Sheriff Reid thanked board members for the one full time deputy for courthouse security. Sheriff Reid noted it was working out great and the

men and women at the courthouse were happy and feel safer. Sheriff Reid again said he was happy for the one but is hopeful that down the road we get another one. Sheriff Reid noted that in courthouse security anything could happen at any time and they want to be prepared to help out in any situation. Sheriff Reid stated his plans are to train those doing courthouse security and do everything he can for the citizens that come in and out of the courthouse. Sheriff Reid shared that at the recent Sheriff's conference, one the U S Marshall's had a copy of the article that came out in the paper and they also want to thank you for what you've done. Commissioner Sims asked if the front doors were glass with Sheriff Reid answering no. Commissioner Sims felt we needed a little glass in them to see someone before they come in. Sheriff Reid noted that the doors leading to the parking lot and the side doors have glass. Vice Chair Streater asked if there was a reason the front door wasn't changed when we did the renovation with County Attorney Forbes feeling that was the main entrance we may want to consider a camera instead. Sheriff Reid stated that there was a camera covering that door but he wants to change it to be monitored through his office rather than the clerk's office. Chairman Baucom voiced that she was glad people feel safer and they will do the best they can for the Sheriff. Sheriff Reid commented that this board is what makes the sheriff's office better as they write the checks for them and they appreciate it. Commissioner Sturdivant mentioned the night we did the rally and there was a gentleman in a wheelchair that wanted to come in the courtroom and felt the ramp was not steady. County Attorney Forbes stated that we inspected it two years ago and it was fine. Commissioner Sturdivant feels it is dangerous and asked if it was possible to put a ramp on the side door that only has two steps. Sheriff Reid felt it was very possible. It was determined they were talking about the door facing the back of the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she has with her tonight her son and they thanked Sheriff Reid for donating the first place prize for their motorcycle ride to be held in November for Toys for Tots. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that he donated a 24 inch TV.

**Animal Shelter Monthly Report:** County Manager Garner stated that she was happy to report that they have filled the vacancies at the shelter. County Manager Garner shared that they hired Maureen Lett as the Director, noting she was working as a volunteer pretty much every day and they've hired two part time animal shelter attendants. County Manager Garner stated that their hope is by having two part time attendants they can alternate weekends and holidays and they won't get burned out. County Manager Garner noted the cost was still the same. County Manager Garner stated that one of our animal control officers will transition into our vet tech position starting this week and the other animal control officer position will remain vacant. County Manager Garner stated that they had a \$1,000

donation from Homeward Bound Rescue to sponsor five dogs at 100% so they will be free if anyone wants to pick one of the five and they are also sponsoring 13 other dogs for a reduced adoption fee of \$25. County Manager Garner shared that they were at capacity for cats and have reduced the adoption fee from \$50 to \$25 to try to get as many moved out as possible. County Manager Garner added that they have too many animals and not enough people to adopt. Vice Chair Streater asked if we were still shipping some out with County Manager Garner saying rescue groups take some. County Manager Garner commented that as soon as you think you're making a dent out there and getting some animals out someone will call and you'll have a litter of puppies and you're full again. Commissioner Sims asked if any were from other counties with County Manager Garner saying it was possible. County Manager Garner noted that they have more than 30 puppies. Chairman Baucom commented that she knows she is relieved and they appreciate the work she's done while reorganizing and updating what we are doing.

### **Old Business**

**Countywide Zoning:** Chairman Baucom had suggested putting a team together and asked if they appointed the team. The Clerk stated that those mentioned were the County Manager, Mr. Newton and two board members. Chairman Baucom asked for volunteers with Commissioner Woodburn offering to serve. Chairman Baucom offered to serve if no one else wanted to. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Newton to manage a schedule and come up with something. Mr. Newton said he would. Mr. Newton reported that the planning board met last week to finalize a solar ordinance for the county and it will come before the board for a Public Hearing probably in October. Mr. Newton mentioned the minimum housing standard discussion saying he agreed with their decision to leave that alone. Mr. Newton felt what we have in place is fine and they don't want to expand that department and we have the tools to deal with whatever arises. Mr. Newton shared that he has been researching other counties and we know what limited zoning we have in place now. Mr. Newton noted that even up 74 and 52 we have some gaps and based on what he is picking up from other counties he sees that most rural counties are 60-70% zoned RA – Residential Agricultural. Mr. Newton stated that we see different zones where development is taking place that need to be R20 or R40. Mr. Newton noted this was a great undertaking and encouraged board members to do it right and we need to implement county and community goals, to be respectful of the people in the community and what they want and we want to protect property rights against negative issues. Mr. Newton feels in doing zoning we can come to where we can be predictable in land use patterns as that will help with our infrastructure. Mr. Newton feels we need to be able to establish Economic Development growth areas that would be advantageous

to the corridors we have running east and west and north and south. Mr. Newton noted that this will expand and grow as we move ahead. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Newton if he had a copy of the Land Use Plan that was done years ago with Mr. Newton answering yes. Mr. Newton was of the opinion that so much of the things in the past already had ordinances that control that; we just have not had them supervised and implemented so they are trying to do that now. Mr. Newton could not imagine starting without what we already have in place and feels it's great we have what we have. Chairman Baucom feels if we had done this 10 years ago it might have saved us some money in utilities and we could have done a better job of planning for putting the pipes where the people are. Commissioner Sims felt Valley Protein was a good example of why we need zoning. Commissioner Sturdivant thanked Mr. Newton for what he does.

**Minimum Housing Code for Rental Property:** Chairman Baucom thinks everyone has had an opportunity to review it and she doesn't see how it could be any clearer. Chairman Baucom noted it was done in 1989 and it's just a matter of enforcing it and making sure that the tenants and landlords are on the same page. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to leave it alone at this time. Commissioner Woodburn felt it was good as it was and mentioned a reference to an outhouse and wondered if that should be changed to out building. Motion carried unanimously.

**Interlocal Agreements for Utilities:** Chairman Baucom and the County Manager will get together in the next few weeks and start a list of who they need to visit. Chairman Baucom noted the intent was to make sure they are satisfied with the service they get from us and make sure that we are responsive and they will keep doing business with us. Chairman Baucom noted we need to look at opportunities to expand our utilities.

**Jail Facility:** Chairman Baucom asked if the Sheriff was still here saying there needs to be an incremental addressing of the issues they find in the jail inspection. Vice Chair Streater noted there was money in the budget this year for some repair with County Manager Garner saying there was about \$24,000. Chairman Baucom feels we can remove this from Old Business.

**Manager's Report:** County Manager Garner introduced the new Finance Officer, Cary Garner. County Manager Garner added that they were no kin. County Manager Garner stated that he is from Hamlet and most of his work experience has been in the private sector. County Manager Garner noted his public sector experience is in an elected office having served as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem in Hamlet. Chairman Baucom welcomed Mr.

Garner and hopes he will enjoy his work here. County Manager Garner announced that our Nurse Practitioner at the health department started in mid-July and she plans to send out a release to all employees to let them know services are provided there. County Manager Garner noted that Leadership Anson graduation is August 9 at 6 PM at Lockhart-Taylor. County Manager Garner shared that she speaks to Civitans on Friday at Noon and encouraged anyone that wants to attend. Chairman Baucom added that she really did a nice job at Rotary. County Manager Garner referred to the Agri-Civic Center saying the architects provided some updated figures as some of the numbers they were using were based on the 500 seat capacity. County Manager Garner stated that the new cost is almost 14.5 million dollars. County Manager Garner added that we were still in negotiations but we were moving forward with the Agri-Civic Center.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Baucom asked if someone would go to the County Manager's graduation with Commissioner Sturdivant and the clerk saying they were going. Chairman Baucom asked to briefly talk about an issue that has arisen with shared leave. Chairman Baucom noted that in Anna land leave time was more valuable than money because when you get ready to retire you can convert it to money. Chairman Baucom explained that there was a situation where an employee offered some leave time to an employee who is running into some hard time and the one who was going to share was told this was fine but they could not guarantee it would go to this specific employee. Chairman Baucom voiced that she would like to see what could be done to make sure that it is like a self-directed thing and if she is an employee and she wants to share leave time, she can direct to whom it will go. Board members agreed. Vice Chair Streater stated that he received a call today about it and they said that when you donate time it can go to anyone on the list. Vice Chair Streater feels the person asking for time should ask the people themselves to donate time. County Manager Garner explained that it was up to the employee whether we release their name as they have to sign off on whether we give their name and some employees don't want to have their name out there. Chairman Baucom felt that was fine but if she knows she is the giver and she knows that my office mate is running into trouble with time then she should be able to say she wants to donate this leave time. Chairman Baucom stated that if she doesn't know and it doesn't matter to her that is another situation but if she knows somebody she wants to make sure that she helps them. Vice Chair Streater stated that he had seen the emails from finance and there is no name on there and that's fine but if I have people in my department willing to donate me time it should go that way. Vice Chair Streater asked what needs to be done to change it with County Manager Garner saying she doesn't know if there is necessarily an issue with that as she thinks part of the problem is some of the people who may be discussing this are not eligible yet to receive

voluntary shared leave per the Ordinance. Vice Chair Streater stated that the two that talked with him are eligible. County Manager Garner explained that you have to be out more than 20 consecutive work days.

Commissioner Sturdivant said to forget about the 20 consecutive days as this is what they want changed. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that if she walks in and she knows the person having a hardship and she knows they are a diligent worker and they don't abuse their leave and she comes in the office and wants to donate 40 hours to whoever then that person should get that 40 hours. Commissioner Sturdivant feels that is all. Chairman Baucom added that that if they are not eligible at that point then when they are they should get the time. County Manager Garner shared that we have several employees now waiting to hit the 20 day mark and once they get close to it a notice will be sent out or we can accept and actually put it in their bank that they have received the time. Commissioner Woodburn feels we only need to update the Ordinance and add a sentence to cover this. County Manager Garner noted that an employee could nominate someone for voluntary shared leave if they thought the person was having a hardship as the employee doesn't necessarily have to apply for it on their own. Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Woodburn to tell him how to word a motion. Ms. James felt all they needed to do was put it on the form that you want to put it to a certain person. Vice Chair Streater said they were told that they could not guarantee that person would get it. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that even after they got the 20 consecutive days that they could donate the time but they could not guarantee it would go to the person they specified. Commissioner Woodburn asked if they would update the form or the policy with County Manager Garner saying there was nothing in the Ordinance that says you can't give to a specific person so it's just putting it on the form. Commissioner Woodburn felt some clarification needed to take place with County Manager Garner saying she and Ms. James were aware of the situation and they would update the form.

Commissioner Sturdivant asked when someone goes out on funeral leave, do they have to use their own time with County Manager Garner answering yes and they could use sick time or vacation. Vice Chair Streater stated that he would like this discussed at the next retreat.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** approved minutes dated July 11, 2016.

**Tax Releases:**

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments						
08/02/2016 for July Month End						
20979-20985	Wadesboro Family Medicine	2,578.24	7 Bills Total	Real Taxes	Releases	Error in Billing per LN
	NONE			Real Taxes	Refunds	
				Real Taxes	Refunds	
<b>Tax &amp; Tag Together Refunds</b>						
32813708	Adcock Boyce	3.02	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14085179	Baucom Will	7.96	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
32320116	Dickens James Lee	46.39	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
32271069	Diggs James E	37.60	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
30266593	Eddins Jason	4.10	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
23006215	Ervin George R	40.36	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19206717	Hyatt Jimmy R	5.13	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
25047485	Lee Stephen	36.47	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
24855301	Little Mottita M	14.61	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
20128819	Lynch Travis	10.97	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
31762452	Mabry Ronald	183.13	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
207770	Moore Allen	51.26	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
29799896	Polk John Junior	27.82	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
29111825	Stipe Edward B	44.55	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
24800950	Tarlton Julia	65.55	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
27649717	Tarlton Julia	292.34	Adjustment	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
21592820	Tarlton Stephen F	28.56	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
30524031	Thomas Letha	20.32	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
32514311	Xavier Denise	5.01	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
		\$ 925.15	*****			

**Tax Collector's Report:**

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

**Electronic Transaction Report:**

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## July 2016 Report - Board Meeting of 08/02/2016

## Utilities Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2016	5,551.88	113	19	20
Aug 2016	-	-	-	-
Sep 2016	-	-	-	-
Oct 2016	-	-	-	-
Nov 2016	-	-	-	-
Dec 2016	-	-	-	-
Jan 2017	-	-	-	-
Feb 2017	-	-	-	-
Mar 2017	-	-	-	-
Apr 2017	-	-	-	-
May 2017	-	-	-	-
Jun 2017	-	-	-	-
	<b>5,551.88</b>	<b>113</b>		

## Utilities Dept -Draft Records &amp; Unpaid Accts with Phone reminders

Month	Total \$\$ Draft Records	# Accounts Pd	Tot \$\$ Unpaid w/Phone calls	# Accts Reminded
Jul 2016	34,411.34	1,066	40,086.27	408
Aug 2016	-	-	-	-
Sep 2016	-	-	-	-
Oct 2016	-	-	-	-
Nov 2016	-	-	-	-
Dec 2016	-	-	-	-
Jan 2017	-	-	-	-
Feb 2017	-	-	-	-
Mar 2017	-	-	-	-
Apr 2017	-	-	-	-
May 2017	-	-	-	-
Jun 2017	-	-	-	-
	<b>34,411.34</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>40,086.27</b>	<b>408</b>

## Tax Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2016	1,081.88	14	10	20
Aug 2016	-	-	-	-
Sep 2016	-	-	-	-
Oct 2016	-	-	-	-
Nov 2016	-	-	-	-
Dec 2016	-	-	-	-
Jan 2017	-	-	-	-
Feb 2017	-	-	-	-
Mar 2017	-	-	-	-
Apr 2017	-	-	-	-
May 2017	-	-	-	-
Jun 2017	-	-	-	-
	<b>1,081.88</b>	<b>14</b>		

## Health Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2016	2,312.07	23	11	20
Aug 2016	-	-	-	-

	<b>1,081.88</b>	<b>14</b>		
<b>Health Department Electronic Transactions</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Total \$\$</b>	<b># Accounts Pd</b>	<b># Days Electronic Pyt Used</b>	<b># Working Days</b>
<b>Jul 2016</b>	<b>2,312.07</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Aug 2016</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Sep 2016</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Oct 2016</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Nov 2016</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Dec 2016</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Jan 2017</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Feb 2017</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Mar 2017</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Apr 2017</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>May 2017</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Jun 2017</b>	-	-	-	-
	<b>2,312.07</b>	<b>23</b>		

### **Appointments:**

**Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Board:** Chairman Baucom stated that currently we have Jeff Boothby, Lewis Evans, Commissioner Sturdivant, Commissioner Woodburn and Carol Ann Gibson. Chairman Baucom asked if they had other appointments with County Manager Garner explaining they want no more than 15 members from various organizations, faith based community and maybe someone from the hospital, business leaders. County Manager Garner added this could be a long process and could take up to 18 months. Chairman Baucom asked if it could be amended to include Dr. Bennett. Vice Chair Streater asked Mr. Rodgers if he would serve on this committee with Mr. Rodgers asking for details. Chairman Baucom stated it was planning transportation services and routes throughout the county. Mr. Rodgers agreed to serve. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to appoint Dr. Bennett and Cary Rodgers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sandhills Center Board of Directors:** Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the appointment of Priscilla Little. Vice Chair Streater shared that she completed Father Bye's term and this would be her first term. Chairman Baucom asked Ms. Little if she wishes to serve with Ms. Little answering yes. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for her willingness to serve and to Vice Chair Streater for his faithfulness in serving. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. .

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board