

I, Bonnie M. Huntley, certify that I am the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Anson County, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a meeting of said Board held on the 4th day of August, 2015, as the same appears in the official minutes of said meeting, and that said action has neither been rescinded nor amended.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Anson County this the 13th day of June, 2016.

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in Suite 209, 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
- Gary Fincher, Airport Manager

Others:

- Scott Forbes, County Attorney
- Janine Rywak – Extension Director

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, commenting that they were delighted to have so many people in attendance. Chairman Baucom then called on

Reverend Doctor Bernice Bennett of Harris Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Morven for the **Invocation.**

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Policy. Chairman Baucom stated that they do what they do for the benefit of the community and make the best decisions they can without thought to their own personal gain. County Attorney Forbes asked if it would be possible at this time to discuss the matter with AT&T. Chairman Baucom said yes once the agenda is approved they will deviate from it. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom noted that they needed to take care of one matter that was continued from an earlier meeting and it has to do with moving an antenna from one of our water tanks. Chairman Baucom then called on County Attorney Forbes to bring board members up to date. County Attorney Forbes stated that we had an AT&T antenna that had been attached to the water tower. County Attorney Forbes stated that the contract for the antenna and equipment is up and will be replaced with new equipment from another company. County Attorney Forbes stated that the old equipment is still there and he called to see what we could do about removing it and they said they would give us the equipment if we would remove it. County Attorney Forbes noted that upon his recommendation the board voted not to accept this and let them take the liability and remove it. County Attorney Forbes stated that they called back saying they will give us \$10,000 and the equipment if we will remove it. County Attorney Forbes stated that he and Mr. Gullede found a certified company that will remove the antenna and equipment the same way the other company would have done, take the liability and the company will give us \$10,000. County Attorney Forbes recommended we allow that to happen, noting the facts have changed since the first time he presented this. County Attorney Forbes noted this was largely in part to the negotiation skills of Randy Gullede. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to accept the County Attorney's recommendation and have the antenna and equipment removed. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom then asked Na'La Brown to come forward. Chairman Baucom stated that she would be presenting Anson County at the NCACC conference as our 4-H delegate for the Youth Summit. Chairman Baucom shared that we were looking at our future of good government in Anson County. Chairman Baucom shared that she met for about an hour with Ms. Brown earlier and gave her a tour of the government center. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Ms. Brown for her willingness to represent us at the conference.

Public Hearing: Chairman Baucom stated that the hearing was for Strata Solar Development on a conditional use. Chairman Baucom noted this time would be a little different and we would follow the rules. Chairman Baucom then asked those from

Strata to come forward and introduce themselves. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

*Vice Chair Streater and Commissioner Woodburn joined the meeting at this point.

In the Public Hearing, Beth Trahos, Attorney with Smith Moore Leatherwood, shared that she was here today on behalf of Strata Solar to request approval for a conditional use permit for a solar farm on highway 52 N. Ms. Trahos stated that in an effort to be respectful of the board's time, they prepared a notebook for each member and left it at their seat that includes affidavits from all their experts that are here to testify as to the relevant provisions presented today. Ms. Trahos noted the experts were here and available for cross examination but they hope to spare them the opportunity of talking to each and every one of them and instead just give a summary presentation. Ms. Trahos shared that available to speak was engineer, Tommy Cleveland, engineer Brent Niemann, appraiser Richard Kirkland, professor at North Carolina Chapel Hill Dr. Flavio Frohlich and environmental specialist Michael Brame. Ms. Trahos stated that they hoped the board would accept into evidence the notebook to show that all the required findings under our conditional use permit Ordinance were met. Ms. Trahos stated that if there were concerns or questions they would like the opportunity to bring forward the experts to address the board on those issues but they would submit that they have met all the requirements and that the planning board recommended approval. Ms. Trahos shared that they have had the opportunity to work with our planning staff, Mr. Newton, the County Attorney and the Clerk and they have been wonderful. Ms. Trahos stated that they wanted the board to know what fantastic staff they have and thanked them for their efforts. Chairman Baucom then called on Larry Newton and Gary Fincher to share their thoughts on the matter. County Attorney Forbes told Ms. Trahos that she would be allowed to provide other evidence if needed. Mr. Newton shared that the planning board met on July 23rd for a called meeting and a Public Hearing to consider a request for a conditional use permit for a solar farm on two parcels west of the airport. Mr. Newton identified the parcels by the last four digits with one being 4088 and the other being 6893. Mr. Newton stated that parcel 6893 was zoned Light Industrial and the other parcel had no zoning. Mr. Newton shared that letters of notification were mailed to all adjoining property owners with one response and that was from Triangle Brick. Mr. Newton stated that the planning board did approve the conditional use permit with some conditions. Mr. Newton noted some of it was corrections and explanations of information that was provided. Mr. Newton stated that they asked for the DOT highway permit for entrance which was provided and a copy of the report from DENR on the environmental effects of the solar farm which they received. Mr. Newton mentioned the lease with the Taylor family noting they have a decommissioning clause in there and it was thought that the county ought to have some type decommission clause outside of the lease. Mr. Newton stated that they asked for an agreement for decommissioning the site, which they provided, and shared

a copy of the final draft, adding that the final draft was sent to the County Attorney today. Mr. Newton shared that the planning board had some concerns about glare that might come off the panels as a result of the reflection of the sun and a copy of their glare report was provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Newton shared that there was a lot of concern about the airport and is this compatible. Mr. Newton noted that most health issues expressed by the planning board had to do with environmental and the location of the solar farm next to the airport. Mr. Newton stated that he had some concern with radio transmissions from aircraft to ground and aircraft to aircraft with the solar farm being beneath them. Mr. Newton stated that the issues were addressed in their reports and they actually had pictures of solar farms on airport property. County Attorney Forbes asked what the engineers said about glare or radio interference and if there was an FAA report. Mr. Newton answered he did not have an FAA report and wondered if one was needed. Mr. Newton shared that according to Mr. Fincher we have a lot of equipment at the airport for landing aircraft and Mr. Fincher estimates maybe five out of 100 planes use the instrument landing system. Mr. Newton felt that if we have 90-95 planes flying by site should the panels be considered as a possible hazard. Mr. Newton added that to the west side of the panels is an A&E flood zone that comes down the left hand side of where the solar farm will be and passes underneath it. Mr. Newton noted this would be 43 acres of panels and with 500 panels to the acre we are covering an area twice the size of the Wal-Mart complex. Mr. Newton noted that according to a report from the Army Corp of Engineers and DENR it is not a problem but Mr. Newton voiced a concern that if it shifts the flood zone or increases the flood zone then we are influencing the value of people's property in the area and we can't do that. Chairman Baucom voiced that we were not influencing it but the company would be. Mr. Newton noted another issue was dismantling/decommissioning and he noticed through the Taylor lease that Strata Solar owns this operation but they could sell it at any time and everything stays intact as it is. Mr. Newton shared that they have a 20 years lease with 2 automatic renewals of five years. Chairman Baucom asked if Strata sold the farm would the conditional use apply to the new owners with Mr. Newton answering yes. Vice Chair Streater asked if the request was approved by the planning board with Mr. Newton answering yes. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Ms. Trahos if she had others here to state their case with Mr. Trahos answering they have experts that addressed the planning board and they would be happy to address the issues before the commissioners. Ms. Trahos stated that no harmful glare was created by the solar panels, there was no negative health effects, no interference with radio frequency transmissions and no impact on the flood plain. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if all of this was included in the notebook with Ms. Trahos answering yes. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she was ready to make a motion with Vice Chair Streater feeling if it was approved by the planning board he saw no reason not to agree. County Attorney Forbes stated that if the board would listen to the evidence it would protect us down the road. County Attorney Forbes pointed out that the board has to receive certain evidence to make their decision and it will protect the county from future liability. Commissioner Sikes asked if the panels would be facing east or south with Mr. Newton answering south. Mr. Newton asked if there would be lighting

at night with Ms. Trahos answering no lighting was proposed. Chairman Baucom asked to hear from Mr. Fincher in his role as airport manager. Mr. Fincher shared that there is a solar farm that already exist across from the middle school and one day he flew his aircraft over the existing farm at different altitudes and different directions and he picked up one insignificant glare one time. Mr. Fincher noted it was a sunny day and he did not experience any adverse effects whatsoever. Mr. Fincher stated that they have a flight check that the FAA does periodically and a well-equipped aircraft comes in and checks the instrument landing system at the airport and the last time they did this was about three weeks ago. Mr. Fincher noted no problems as far as the instrument landing system goes or any of the nav aids other than the reel lights, which are now repaired. Mr. Fincher stated that to his knowledge he does not see where it will have any adverse effects to the airport. Mr. Fincher added that he could not speak to what might happen in the future and he realizes the current farm is about three miles south of the airport and the one proposed is right across highway 52 from the airport. Mr. Fincher introduced Jason Elliott of the Baker Group saying they would try to answer any questions. Mr. Fincher added that the Baker Group serves as engineers for the airport. Vice Chair Streater asked if there were solar farms on airport property and if they had any problems with Mr. Fincher answering to his knowledge there have been no problems. Mr. Elliott stated that he knows of one in the Town of Washington and he talked with the DOT representative for the airport and he said they've not had any issues at all. Mr. Elliott noted that this one was actually sitting on top of an old runway that is no longer used. Commissioner Sims was of the opinion solar energy was very safe, efficient, and economical and provides a needed energy. Commissioner Sims felt the board had to consider the location and voiced the same concerns as Mr. Newton. Commissioner Sims commented that sooner or later we might have some industry in the area and asked if there would be any affect with light industry around the solar farm. Ms. Trahos commented that no one had been sworn with County Attorney Forbes saying we will stipulate that everyone is testifying under Oath and all the affidavits were given under Oath and all evidence received was presumed to be given under Oath and presumed to be truthful and honest to the best of the speaker's ability. Mr. Neman answered that this would be great as they would be the users of the power. Ms. Trahos stated that they wanted to be respectful of the board's time but they wanted to answer any concerns and asked to call her law partner, who is also a fighter pilot who flew F-16's and a graduate of the Air Force Academy. Mr. Bret Hannah stated that he feels this will be a great grounds for navigations and will give people something to look at to know they are in the right spot. Mr. Hannah doesn't see any way this could cause glare that would interrupt or bother you in the landing phase of flight. Mr. Hannah then introduced Mr. Cleveland, PE to speak to the issue. Mr. Cleveland stated that he was a licensed engineer in North Carolina and he works at North Carolina State University at the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center, previously known as North Carolina Solar Center. Mr. Cleveland noted his report was included in the notebook and using a computer model he found that the only time there would be glare was as the pilot was hitting the end of the runway for about ten minutes in the evening three months out of the year. Mr. Cleveland added that the FAA rules for solar at

airports says that amount of glare is totally allowed and would not be significant enough to bother a pilot landing an aircraft. Mr. Cleveland added that the trees between that point and the solar farm would actually block the pilots view. Mr. Cleveland stated that he had great confidence in saying the glare would not be an issue for pilots approaching the airport. County Attorney Forbes asked if he was saying even if there is a glare you can't see it because of the trees with Mr. Cleveland answering correct for the whole last quarter mile approach. Mr. Cleveland referred to the question about interference with communication or navigational aids, saying the FAA offers an online tool where you can put in the specifics of the location and height of anything you will build around an airport to see if its physically in a location that might block their radar or other communication systems and he did that and it is physically not going to block any signals. Mr. Cleveland stated that there was no chance of this equipment causing any communication concerns. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Cleveland if, in his opinion, he found any evidence of any interference with airport traffic or any type pilot interference that would negatively impact this with Mr. Cleveland answering no. Chairman Baucom stated that they can't say that this will interfere with airport traffic, and they can't say that it is going to mess up the land or there will be a problem with the flood plain and asked what if a plane was damaged or a person was injured, who bears the liability. Ms. Trahos shared that her practice also includes municipal law and she would say that that was a governmental function and we were protected by sovereign immunity. Ms. Trahos felt it would be highly unlikely that any court in the state would award damages to anybody on behalf of the county. Chairman Baucom then asked that given this is not our property where would our liability end if we granted the conditional use. County Attorney Forbes answered that that was the purpose of this hearing and we've received expert testimony from qualified experts and we've heard no evidence of any issues that could affect us negatively. County Attorney Forbes felt that would be reasonable for us to believe this expert testimony. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the conditional use permit. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sims commented that Mr. Newton did a fantastic job in being so thorough.

Appearances:

Janine Rywak – Agri-Civic Center Architect Recommendation: Ms. Rywak stated that following the board retreat in March, the facilities committee posted Request for Qualifications for architectural and engineering design services. Ms. Rywak shared that six firms responded and after several committee meetings, the firms were ranked in preference and they invited the top three choices for interviews. Ms. Rywak shared that interviews were held on July 8 here in the board room and at the conclusion the committee was overwhelmingly in agreement to recommend HH Architecture of Raleigh for the design of the new Anson Agri-Civic Center. Ms. Rywak

offered thanks to the committee members and shared with board members the state of qualifications that came in and a copy of the packet presented at the interviews. Ms. Rywak shared that HH was recommended by Steve Allan, who help with the feasibility study for the Agri-Civic Center. Ms. Rywak added that HH Architecture was currently designing the Agri-Civic Center for Wayne County. Ms. Rywak shared that they have been in business for ten years, a small firm with all partners in-house and they have designed a lot of stuff for North Carolina Department Agriculture, North Carolina State University and the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Ms. Rywak stated that one of their most difficult and acclaimed projects recently was the design of the polar bear exhibit at the North Carolina Zoo. Ms. Rywak stated that they have worked all over the state, from the mountains to the coast and are a women-owned business enterprise and a historically underutilized business. Ms. Rywak added that this means when we get ready to go after grant funding we should get priority listing because of those designations. Ms. Rywak noted that Kristen Hess was their president and principal owner and she actually met with the staff before submitting their RFQ and visited the site. Ms. Rywak stated that they wowed the committee when they came to do their presentation because of their people skills, they had an immediate repor with the group and they had a lot of initial creative ideas in their presentation about things we had not considered. Ms. Rywak explained that they had a true admiration and appreciate for the site. Ms. Rywak shared that their concept of this facility was that it would be a gateway facility and would welcome people to Anson County from the site. Ms. Rywak added that their references were beyond reproach. Ms. Rywak asked board members to consider their recommendation and to approve them to negotiate a contract with HH. Ms. Rywak stated that the facilities committee would also like to recommend that upon approval, the members of the committee to negotiate the contract be Chairman Baucom, Bonnie Huntley, Janine Rywak, Tiffany Randall, Jimmy Dennis and Emmett Patterson. Chairman Baucom asked if she had a conflict of interest since she served on the review committee with the Clerk and County Attorney saying no. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, that the board accept the recommendation of the committee to employ HH Architects and the group to negotiate the contract. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom thanked Ms. Rywak and the committee for their work on this. Chairman Baucom noted it was a long day but a fascinating day. Ms. Rywak noted that it was that time of year where their staff is talking about their annual report to the people and invited board members for the annual report and dinner prior to either the October or November meeting. Ms. Rywak noted those dates were October 6 or November 3 and dinner and the report would be at 5:00 and finished in time for the board meeting at 6. Chairman Baucom stated that they would let her know.

Janelle Gatewood and Ricky Rivers – Road Issue in Lilesville: Ms. Gatewood stated that this was their second time being here regarding a road in Lilesville off Firetower Road. Ms. Gatewood stated that they have been trying to get this road paved since Mr. Spencer was on the board. Ms. Gatewood stated that some time ago they submitted a petition but have not heard anything since. Ms. Gatewood

stated that the road was in terrible condition with pot holes and is difficult to travel when it rains. Chairman Baucom asked the name of the road with Commissioner Sturdivant noting this was the road she brought before the board on several occasions and is located off Firetower Road and has no name. Commissioner Sturdivant pointed out that this was the road behind Grace Temple Church. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that Mr. Spencer was in the process of getting the road named in hopes the state would take it over. Commissioner Sturdivant offered that she has called DOT and they have no information about this road. Vice Chair Streater asked if they signed a petition for the state to add this road to the system with the clerk noting that this is more like a private road and she has talked with Mr. Ainsworth with DOT several times and there is nothing they can do. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that there were only three residents on the road. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Bobby Gallimore said he knew someone that would take care of this road and now he won't answer his phone. Mr. Rivers said they would give the road to the state if they would take it over with Commissioner Sturdivant saying they will not take it. Commissioner Sturdivant noted that ACTS and EMS both have gotten stuck trying to get to residents on this road. Commissioner Woodburn felt the issue was that whoever made the development did not go through the process to get things in place for DOT to take over the road. Chairman Baucom noted that the board could not pave the road and if the state would not do it she did not know their options. Commissioner Sikes asked the length of the road. Commissioner Woodburn shared that he was told that it was planned for this road to tie into Firetower Road on the other side but they did not make it that far. Commissioner Woodburn asked if there was somebody's name that started that development with no one knowing. Commissioner Woodburn wondered if anyone in the area might know who initiated the road. Mr. Rivers stated that they need help of any kind because when the road is wet and muddy it is hard to travel and you get stuck. Chairman Baucom stated that the board would take this under advisement and if they can figure out anything they will let them know.

Public Addresses to the Board:

Brookie Craft shared that she was born and raised in Anson County and the Ansonia Theater gave her family a living. Ms. Craft asked board members to call Carolinas Healthcare in the morning and tell them they changed their mind and they want to save the sanatorium. Ms. Craft felt this was a solid building, well-built and blended in with the residential area. Ms. Craft also felt this was a historic building that should be listed in the historic registry. Ms. Craft felt the board had done a good job with the courthouse and the Belk building thinking both are an asset to the town. Ms. Craft added that she was disappointed that the Arts Council was not included in the county budget this year. Ms. Craft noted there comes a time when we need to give back and hopes they will reconsider next year. Ms. Craft felt restoring the sanatorium would create revenue thinking they could have office space on the first floor and create nice upscale apartments on the second floor. Ms. Craft stated that she understands someone offered the county \$150,000 for the property and we got greedy and turned

him down. Ms. Craft felt the county made a mistake and where short sighted and it would have been nicer had we said to him how soon can you start. Ms. Craft asked the board to please make the call in the morning and say we changed our minds.

Truett Wright stated that he listened to the solar panel side and the county side and felt Larry Newton spent a lot of time and effort putting questions together. Mr. Wright feels we need to keep our minds open to new ideas that will save the water, air and earth we live on. Mr. Wright feels that Duke Power, with their coal ash problem, created a major problem. Mr. Wright feels we need to wake up and save our county and the area surrounding in order to leave something for future generations to look forward to besides polluted water, air and earth. Mr. Wright feels the county needs to continue to look for new ideas to improve the situation we have. Mr. Wright felt Mr. Newton did a good job and feels they satisfied everybody. Commissioner Sims agreed that coal ash was becoming a problem. Mr. Wright stated that it was contaminating the wells in the surrounding area where they have it stored so those people's property is of no value. Mr. Wright felt Duke Power was dumping the problem off on other people and now they are worried about lakes being polluted and we are downstream.

Jeff Boothby presented a brief TDA report to the board. Mr. Boothby noted it was very exciting to see the Agri-Civic Center process continue to move forward. Mr. Boothby shared that this was one of the biggest funding's the TDA has done in recent years contributing \$25,000 towards the building of the center. Mr. Boothby stated that members of the tourism board understand just how important this is. Mr. Boothby stated that their budgets have been roughly \$30,000 to \$40,000 the past few years and this year they approved a budget for \$39,200. Mr. Boothby shared that they increased and combined advertising/marketing/local events into one category and they ended up using 94% of the \$20,000 allocated. Mr. Boothby stated that they support local events both through the Chamber and Uptown Wadesboro and the towns. Mr. Boothby stated that they've also looked at new advertising and marketing campaigns that are a little more in their price range. Mr. Boothby noted one reason their tax collections have exceeded expenses for the past two years is basically the past eighteen months they have not had a director. Mr. Boothby stated that they solved not having a director with an economic partnership. Ms. Boothby mentioned the county talking with Mr. Horne about an economic partnership noting TDA was very excited about this and they feel this will be a strong step forward in solving both their director needs and many of the collaboration needs they need to deal with tourism and economic growth in the county. Mr. Boothby mentioned their Wayfinding Signs and Branding Project saying they were thankful Chairman Baucom and Commissioner Woodburn have agreed to be a member of their board along with two Wadesboro town councilmen and the Mayor of Peachland. Mr. Boothby added that the other municipalities were certainly welcome as well as everyone to join them. Mr. Boothby stated that they see this as a key to revitalizing our economy. Mr. Boothby felt the Wayfinding Signs was a bottoms up approach to getting the 18,000 people going down highway 74 or even 100 of them to come to uptown

Wadesboro or downtown Peachland or any of our municipalities to send some money. Mr. Boothby noted this was a start and they feel it is a realistic goal and with representation from local municipalities and the county they have as strong a chance as possible for success in their efforts. Mr. Boothby added that if anyone had questions to feel free to contact him. Mr. Boothby noted that Chairman Baucom, Bonnie and Scott have his contact information. Mr. Boothby shared that they were seeing a turn for the better in terms of tourism development and economic growth and he feels confident there will be no problem achieving their goal. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Boothby if he knew who originally originated the idea and the taxation and created this whole situation with Commissioner Sims saying it was him. Chairman Baucom extended thanks to Mr. Boothby for all his group does.

Tyler Fitzgerald: Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he was here to reintroduce himself. Mr. Fitzgerald is the District Manager for the landfill for Anson County. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he just returned to Anson County not long ago and he doesn't have business cards yet but Bonnie has his cell phone number. Commissioner Sikes asked about the tire issue discussed recently with Mr. Fitzgerald saying there has been some challenges with the tires and where to put all of them. Mr. Fitzgerald feels they will have it resolved by the end of the month. Mr. Fitzgerald noted one of the challenges has been the volume of tires coming in from out of the county, out of state and how they deal with that and make sure Anson County is not paying for other people's disposal. Mr. Fitzgerald shared that he has been working with Mike Sessions on the problem and hopes by the time the board meets again they will have it resolved.

Alisha Hartley: Ms. Hartley shared that Commissioner Sturdivant was her grandmother. Ms. Hartley stated that she was a student at Wake Forest University entering her sophomore year. Ms. Hartley stated that she has been very involved with campus activities and a member of the dance crew and this coming year she will be a resident housing advisory on RA and will also be involved with the study abroad program. Ms. Hartley stated that spring of 2016 she will be in Vienna Austria where she will study psychology. Commissioner Sturdivant asked her to tell board members what her fees were this year. Ms. Hartley announced that current tuition at Wake Forest was \$55,000 and they actually pay her to go to school. Commissioner Sturdivant explained that she graduated from high school and received 1.6 million dollars in scholarships. Ms. Hartley received a round of applause from those present. Chairman Baucom voiced that they were all very proud of her. Chairman Baucom stated that she has a granddaughter going to college and one day she will bring her to a meeting.

Tracy Little – Board of Elections: Commissioner Sturdivant asked to speak in his absence, saying he got called out and had to leave. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that he was the new Board of Elections member and shared with each board member a copy of a program they saw while in Raleigh. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that two speakers spoke very eloquent and said they would love to come to Anson County. Commissioner Sturdivant added that they knew about us being the most generous

county in North Carolina. Commissioner Sims commented that Commissioner Sturdivant was a big part of that. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Senator McInnis said he would love to come and that he was working diligently to try to get jobs and funds for Anson County. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she was a licensed real estate broker and in her class this year, one of the scenarios was Anson County. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that J U Monk was one of the companies that did it and Anson County was one of the studies in the book.

Deb Arnason: Ms. Arnason stated she doesn't want to hear action on coal ash and that she was totally opposed to that. Ms. Arnason voiced a concern for the Piedmont Natural Gas pumping station hearing they were looking at the permit for this. Ms. Arnason wondered what her air quality was out in Deep Creek. Ms. Arnason asked what was going on with the coal ash. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not know. Ms. Arnason asked when we would find out with Chairman Baucom saying that all she knew was that we are an alternate site. Ms. Arnason asked who she could check with Chairman Baucom suggesting Duke Energy.

Chairman Baucom called for a short break.

*Commissioner Sturdivant left the meeting during the break.

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

Airport Maintenance Contract – DOT: Gary Fincher stated that they have participated in this program for the past five years and it was up for renewal. Mr. Fincher requested board members approve renewing the contract for the next five years. Mr. Fincher noted this was with DOT, adding that they have done about \$150,000 worth of repairs and rehab on the pavement at the airport at no cost to the county. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to renew the contract for another five years. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom asked if we had more work for them with Mr. Fincher answering no but it doesn't hurt to sign up for the next five years in case. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Fincher for the foresight. Chairman Baucom shared that she was out there the other day and the airport was pristine.

Waterline Discussion: Chairman Baucom asked for a formal vote on the size of the waterline that we have requested qualifications to build for Project X. Chairman Baucom stated that something come across her desk for a 24 inch waterline and she thought we agreed we needed a 36-inch waterline. Chairman Baucom shared that in speaking with one of the principals of Project X, he reiterated that we will need the 36-inch line. Commissioner Sikes thought the board had agreed on this with Chairman Baucom thinking the same thing. Vice Chair Streater stated that they had never voted on it. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, that we go with the 36-inch waterline. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Vacancy: Chairman Baucom noted the advertisement was the same one used before. Chairman Baucom added that we just need to change the date for the deadline for 30 days after it starts running. Chairman Baucom asked if anyone wanted any changes made with Vice Chair Streater and Commissioner Woodburn saying it was good as it was. Chairman Baucom suggested running the ad from August 15 to September 15. The Clerk said she would run the ad with the Association putting it both on their website and in CountyLines and she would advertise with NACo. The Clerk added that she will also have it posted on the city/county manager's listserv with the School of Government. Vice Chair Streater commented that this was fine as long as the clerk and Rita live up to our agreement. Commissioner Sims was of the opinion this was an urgent priority and we should move forward as soon as possible. Commissioner Sims felt the people of the county were becoming uneasy because we don't have a County Manager. Vice Chair Streater commented that if we don't get good candidates we need to re-advertise. Commissioner Sims stated that as far as the job that people have done since we've had a vacancy he commends them all.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom felt a meeting with the new landfill person, Mr. Fitzgerald, was needed. Chairman Baucom stated that she would be glad to take this on and asked Commissioner Sikes to join her. Chairman Baucom mentioned GIS issues with Ms. James saying nothing had been done as July and August were terrible months for her. Chairman Baucom shared that someone from the Sandhills Regional Library office will be here to meet with her on the 19th at 3:30. Chairman Baucom noted that they will be doing a Strategic Plan and they want to know our issues and concerns and what amenities we would like to add and asked board members to get their suggestions to her. Chairman Baucom noted that Commissioner Sturdivant was going to arrange a Premiere Fiber tour for board members and didn't have a chance to ask her about this so she will keep this on her list. Chairman Baucom stated that she has a meeting Friday with our Economic Development Project Blue and she will report what she can when it's done. Chairman Baucom mentioned the grand opening for Bearcat Athletic Support store at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, August 7th. Chairman Baucom reported that the NCACC annual conference is August 20-23 in Greenville. Chairman Baucom reported that she met with a principal from Project X and he stated, and she thinks he was being a little premature, that they will need water in 13 months. Chairman Baucom shared that she doesn't know what he will do if we don't have it because we can't speed it up anymore. Commissioner Sims asked if we had decided on a size with Chairman Baucom answering 36-inch. Chairman Baucom reported that LKC was working on our community development CDBG grant and are trying to get as much done before the time runs out. Chairman Baucom stated that they did say they could not complete everything that was set out to do and we will have to leave some money on the table from the grant. Commissioner Woodburn asked if that was housing with Chairman Baucom answering housing repairs, emergency repairs, that kind of thing. Commissioner Woodburn asked if it was already in place or if someone could apply now

with Chairman Baucom saying it was already in place and they will not be able to finish before the time runs out. The Clerk shared that for the past two years the board has co-sponsored with the Town of Wadesboro the Santa Claus float in the Christmas parade and asked if they would like to do that again this year. The clerk noted the price was \$200 for the county. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to co-sponsor the float with the Town of Wadesboro. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: approved minutes dated June 16, 2015, June 17, 2015, July 7, 2015 and the Special meeting dated July 20, 2015 and closed session minutes of the same dates.

Tax Releases:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments							
8/4/2015 for July Month End							
20758-20763	Buchanon James B	2009 thru 2014	59.45	Various	Real Taxes	Releases	Boat billed on 70000769 & 500020153
20757	Marshall, Crystal	2014	56.29	14-5-11470	Real Taxes	Releases	MH Burned 2013 / should not be billed
			\$	115.74			
			\$	-			
				115.74	*****		
Tax & Tag Together Refunds							
23243524	Alhakim, Utham		14.28	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19206699	Anderson, Stanley B		15.53	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
26660637	Anderson, Stanley B		19.86	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
25002991	Cole, Lanessa M		24.51	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
15783558	Conklin, David L		75.39	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
26834166	Gaddy, Michael L		26.96	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
15962756	Gatewood, Jennifer		20.98	High Mileage	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
23717672	Gorski, Victor		12.20	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
26594418	Hethcox, Jay		223.53	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
16049475	Huntley, Jesse T		34.71	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
194724	Jones, David R		3.22	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
16248521	Keesler, Michael		8.27	High Mileage	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14086594	Lamb, Sara M		34.32	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
23842083	Little, Tiara L		1.70	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
15668901	Lotharp, Todnie L		127.26	Over Assessment	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
16049706	Martin, Margaret C		15.23	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
9901120	Patterson, Ryan M		24.92	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
23752731	Patterson, Ryan M		2.12	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19206145	Phillips, Maresa D		3.51	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
24612894	Ratliff, Shirley S		45.81	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
22519927	Ross, Daniel		20.39	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14092943	Simon, Judy B		112.86	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
15668885	Sturdivant, Tammy		33.77	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
9995189	Treadaway, Timothy A		52.39	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
			\$	953.72	*****		

Electronic Transaction Report:

07/31/15

July 2015 Report - Board Meeting of 08/04/2015

Utilities Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	9,257.27	240	22	22
Aug 2015	-	-	-	-
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	9,257.27	240		

Utilities Dept -Draft Records & Unpaid Accts with Phone reminders

Month	Total \$\$ Draft Records	# Accounts Pd	Tot \$\$ Unpaid w/Phone calls	# Accts Reminded
Jul 2015	34,663.23	1,025	26,761.68	402
Aug 2015	-	-	-	-
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	34,663.23	1,025	26,761.68	402

Tax Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	7,592.91	33	8	22
Aug 2015	-	-	-	-
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	7,592.91	33		

Health Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	1,047.96	20	13	22
Aug 2015	-	-	-	-

	7,592.91	33		
Health Department Electronic Transactions				
Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	1,047.96	20	13	22
Aug 2015	-	-	-	-
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	1,047.96	20		

Budget Amendment – Public School Capital Outlay: to appropriate funds from the State Board of Education Lottery Fund through the North Carolina Public School Building Capital Fund for the Anson County School System repair projects.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance Fiscal year 2015/2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2015/2016 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase: Public Schools – CO 11-5912 \$ 88,677

Total Increase: \$ 88,677

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase: Public Schools – CO 11-5912 \$ 88,677

Total Increase: \$ 88,677

Adopted this 4th day of August, 2015.

Appointments:

Tourism Development Authority: Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Schafer to the TDA board. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandhills Center Board of Directors: Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the re-appointment of Vice Chair Streater for another three year term on the Board of Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns: Commissioner Woodburn asked for an update on water projects, especially Phillips Road. Commissioner Woodburn noted a resident was concerned as to when the line would be there. Vice Chair Streater said it was completed. Commissioner Woodburn referred to an email from Glenda Livingston and Elizabeth Horne regarding something that happened in Richmond County and they want to make sure it does not happen here. Commissioner Woodburn suggested a resolution regarding dogs being tied and starved to death. Commissioner Sikes commented that he too received the email with other board members saying they received it too. Commissioner Sims voiced that he did not like mistreatment of animals. Chairman Baucom asked about an Ordinance saying she wanted penalties and make it as stringent as we can make it. The Clerk offered to get some from other counties with the board members saying that would be fine. Chairman Baucom mentioned that a resolution does not have any teeth. Commissioner Woodburn stated where he was going with a resolution was because they indicated that other states have things in place that North Carolina does not so he was thinking we start with the county but probably need to approach our state legislature as well.

Closed Session: Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, 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, motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to agree to the revised personnel proposal as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 2 hr. 30 min.