

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

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

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Tiffany Randall, CPA, Finance Officer
Tommy Allen, Sheriff

Others: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom noted they were happy to have everyone present and she hopes they find that the board deals with issues in a responsible manner. County Manager Gatewood spoke saying he could not hear the chairman. Chairman Baucom apologized and leaned into her microphone. Chairman Baucom stated that she was particularly happy to see Reverend Doctor Bernice Bennett and asked if she would bring the Invocation for the board.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Commissioner Sims asked to add Mayor Allen of Peachland to the public appearances. County Manager Gatewood asked to add a closed session for personnel. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he would like to use Commissioner Concerns to pass out some information on Connect Our Future. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that under Commissioner Concerns she also passed out information about Faith Based Center of Hope Back to School project. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she would like each board member to look at it and the County Attorney and consider giving a large donation. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances: Chairman Baucom stated that we have a healthy Agenda and she wants to allow the time we need for discussion but she will also try to keep it moving.

Dana Stoogenke –Update on New Transportation Funding: Ms.

Stoogenke, of the Rocky River RPO, thanked board members for having her here adding that Commissioner Woodburn has been serving on their organization for many years now and Commissioner Sikes was a member as well. Ms. Stoogenke presented a Power Point presentation to help board members understand how road projects in the State of North Carolina are being funded. Ms. Stoogenke added that if the board wishes to make comments to NCDOT they have a window of opportunity to do so starting August 15th. Ms. Stoogenke stated that the bottom line was that we have a lot of population growth and we have a decreasing amount of revenue projections for road projects. Ms. Stoogenke stated that road projects in North Carolina are built based on gas tax and gas tax is flat lining even though people are driving but cars are becoming more efficient. Ms. Stoogenke stated that we have this infrastructure gap for highways and other modes of transportation in North Carolina and North Carolina has one of the largest amounts of infrastructure in the country because during the depression all the counties basically gave the roads to the state. Ms. Stoogenke noted that we have jurisdiction roads and state roads. Ms. Stoogenke noted that back in 1989 there was something called the Equity Formula where they tried to create an equitable formula across the state so each region would get their fair share of road dollars. Ms. Stoogenke stated that in 2013, House Bill 817 was a top priority for the new administration to create a data-driven process that is trying to compare apples to apples to see which roads rank the highest. Ms. Stoogenke explained that Anson County has been an active member of the RPO for years as well as a lot of our member jurisdictions and they took our list of road prioritization and submitted it to NCDOT. Ms. Stoogenke stated that the formula was weighted towards congestion, which is not a factor in rural counties. Ms. Stoogenke stated that for rural counties it is safety and modernization. Ms. Stoogenke felt the four projects that will move along in the funding process include projects in Stanly County and one in Anson County. Ms. Stoogenke explained that they can't move any of their projects along unless Division 10 supports it. Ms. Stoogenke added that Division 10 is made up of Stanly, Anson, Union, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties. Ms. Stoogenke noted that this doesn't guarantee funding but the project that made it to the five year work program is Stanback Ferry Road and Highway 74. Ms. Stoogenke noted this was an unsafe intersection and North Carolina DOT recognizes issues with the site and the RPO gave this project points as well. Ms. Stoogenke noted there were three pots of money in the new prioritization process. Ms. Stoogenke outlined that the blue pot was statewide mobility and included large projects such as 85 and 95 and the RPO region has zero projects in this pot. Ms. Stoogenke added that the rural communities as a whole did not get projects and the main projects for the blue tier are in Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington and a few in Asheville. Ms. Stoogenke noted the next pot was the green pot or the regional impact projects and a lot of ours fall in this category. Ms. Stoogenke noted there was a lot less money in regional and Division 10 will get about \$350,000,000 over a five year period and in road construction that is not a lot of money since we are competing with Mecklenburg County that has massive projects. Ms. Stoogenke explained that the three projects in the tier that received points, not funded, is the 52 Rail project in Stanly

County, US 74 intersection project just discussed and highway 24/27 in Stanly County. Ms. Stoogenke noted that the pot for division needs was just within the division and is 50% data and 50% local input and Stanly County Airport project received points from the division and the RPO so this project will move forward in the process. Ms. Stoogenke stated that when they are trying to prioritize projects they look at the ranking but they also keep in mind when they can deliver the project. Ms. Stoogenke feels Anson County is in a good position as some design has already been done for the project. Ms. Stoogenke stated that the RPO submitted a number of projects and they were allowed to submit 12 projects that had points associated with them. Ms. Stoogenke noted that safety money would always be available and 15 out of 100 counties in the initial statewide tier were funded and none of the other 85 rural counties. Ms. Stoogenke shared that congestion was a major factor and rural communities clustered with the urban counties and we were the hardest hit because all of our projects get sucked into Mecklenburg and Union counties. Ms. Stoogenke stated that the RPO is doing what the law allows and anything board members can do to advocate is a good thing. Ms. Stoogenke noted that the board has an opportunity to provide input to NCDOT about this and they are accepting comments until August 15th. Ms. Stoogenke noted they need to contact John Collet. Chairman Baucom asked Ms. Stoogenke if she had any assessment of the bridges in Anson County with Ms. Stoogenke answering that bridges were handled separately and based on safety and there is no input in terms of local needs or wants in this area but she would be more than happy to touch base with John Underwood for the information. Chairman Baucom wanted to know the general condition of the bridges with Ms. Stoogenke thinking they inspect bridges every two years and they have full reports on them. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Ms. Stoogenke if she was the spokesperson in Raleigh for Anson County with Ms. Stoogenke answering that technically she is a Stanly County employee but her member governments Anson, Stanly and Union are her county governments and there are other smaller jurisdictions. Commissioner Sturdivant asked about the money going to Mecklenburg County with Ms. Stoogenke explaining that the way the new formula is there is a lot of money that goes to those congested areas so Mecklenburg, Wake and wherever there is congestion is where more of the money is shifted. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that we have quite a few roads in Anson County that really need work done to them and feels we need someone up there speaking for Anson County. Ms. Stoogenke noted that that was one of the jobs of the RPO. Commissioner Sims asked if over the last ten to fifteen years has any of the state highway money be used for other needs for the state; in other words has money been transferred out of the state highway funds for other budget needs. Ms. Stoogenke answered that she believes that has been the case and would be happy to get that information. Commissioner Sims believes this is one reason there is not enough money for the highways. Commissioner Sikes, noting there were a lot of issues on the major thoroughfare through town, felt we had a serious problem right thru the middle of Wadesboro with trucks coming from 742 and 109. Ms. Stoogenke stated that they have been working with Wadesboro and NCDOT to look at options on how to slow down the traffic with design as opposed to posting speed limits because obviously several don't

abide speed limits. Commissioner Sikes voiced that he wishes there was some way to bypass and not come through the middle of town. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Ms. Stoogenke for talking to the board about this and for the work she does. Vice Chair Streater noted that Commissioner Woodburn was a member of that board and asked Commissioner Woodburn if they had any say so on what is done with Commissioner Woodburn answering that they give their input and feels sometimes they listen. Commissioner Sikes stated that they worked hard to make DOT replace both bridges on highway 52 as they were just going to replace one. Commissioner Woodburn added that District 10 folks were always at the meeting so they take what is said and work on it.

Travis Morehead – Carolina Thread Trail Update: Mr. Morehead, Operations Director for the Carolina Thread Trail presented a brief update. Mr. Morehead stated that about two years ago we identified blueway launch points along the Rocky River. Mr. Morehead noted that many communities have participated in the planning process for the Carolina Thread Trail and the Rocky River has really come together. Mr. Morehead stated that they have identified ten tentative launch points through different counties and they all connect to Anson via the Rocky River. Mr. Morehead noted that two of the launches in Cabarrus County have been completed. Mr. Morehead stated that Anson has purchased land on Plank Road and it has been permitted through the Army Corp of Engineers and the plan sets have been approved. Mr. Morehead added that he was leaving the plans with the Clerk and they are going out to bid. Mr. Morehead stated that this launch is on track to be finished by the end of the year. Mr. Morehead stated that they are hoping that Norwood to be in by the end of the week with a grant request where they will do like Anson and apply for funding that will stand a good chance of being funded to build a launch in the vicinity of the 52 bridge. Mr. Morehead shared that they have had a lot of donations to see this completed and they are working with several major donors and are looking for a champion donor for the whole project. Mr. Morehead stated that the was working with staff to identify another launch site and they are looking at the highway 205 intersection for a site and the Town of Stanfield has property on the river and they are working with them for a site. Mr. Morehead added that they were making progress and all in all it was about a sixty mile corridor that folks will be able to get in and paddle for day trips between points or if folks are interested in providing camping facilities nearby they will be available. Mr. Morehead stated that this was a bigger project than just Anson and folks have jumped on board. Mr. Morehead reported an upcoming meeting in the next several weeks and Union County has expressed an interest. Mr. Morehead stated that the meeting will get the counties and communities involved to talk about how to expedite the project and how they can get more folks to visit. Mr. Morehead then showed board members pictures of a launch that was built by a volunteer group called Leadership Cabarrus as their service project. Mr. Morehead added that Anson County will have one very similar to this one in the coming months. Mr. Morehead stated that the Plank Road site allows for parking and they are working with staff to provide an electronic gate that opens on a timer so we can set the hours of operation

to whatever we deem necessary. Mr. Morehead stated that this has all been approved and they are excited about it. Commissioner Sims felt it would be a nice plus for us. Chairman Baucom stated that it has been a long journey and it sounded so simple to begin with but it is very involved. Chairman Baucom stated that Mr. Morehead has done a nice job with Mr. Morehead saying our staff led the way and commended them for their hard work. Mr. Morehead ended by saying it was his sincere hope we will get visitors coming down to this section of the river.

Bobby Gallimore – Town of Lilesville: Mr. Gallimore thanked board members for their time and their service to the county. Mr. Gallimore then recognized members of the Lilesville Town Council that was present. Mr. Gallimore gave each board member a handout prior to his talk. Mr. Gallimore then shared that the Town of Lilesville was respectfully requesting a patrol vehicle from the Anson County surplus. Mr. Gallimore explained that the vehicle would be put in use immediately at the police department. Mr. Gallimore noted they currently have one full time chief and two part time officers that combine for thirty-five hours. Mr. Gallimore explained that it was basic police service with call and response in the area, residential security checks, traffic court and they are currently on the Governor's Highway Safety Task Force and they provide animal control for the community. Mr. Gallimore shared that they have a 2011 Crown Vic with 26,000 miles and the 2004 is their part-time/spare vehicle and their only spare vehicle and it needs a new transmission or a rebuilt transmission. Mr. Gallimore noted that this vehicle was purchased from the highway patrol surplus and had around 75,000 miles when purchased. Mr. Gallimore stated the reason for the request was to better serve the citizens of Lilesville and in their current situation if the 2011 goes down they won't have a vehicle. Mr. Gallimore stated that they were planning to repair the 2004 vehicle as current budget limitations would not allow them to purchase a patrol car. Mr. Gallimore noted that a vehicle from the county would give them a third vehicle if they were able to repair the 2004 vehicle. Mr. Gallimore stated their plan was to use this vehicle by their part time staff for approximately 20-35 hours a week and the town will equip it with the necessary equipment needed for the police department. Mr. Gallimore again thanked board members for their time and efforts to improve Anson County and making it a great place to live. Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to give the Town of Lilesville a vehicle. Chairman Baucom stated that the board has an agreement that we don't vote on things that come up in this section. Vice Chair Streater stated that when the time comes he will second the motion. Commissioner Sims felt they were going to have several people talking about the same thing and felt it would work well to wait until everyone finishes.

Mayor Ingram – Town of Ansonville: Mayor Ingram stated that on behalf of the Town of Ansonville, they were requesting a vehicle. Mayor Ingram noted that they do not have a police department but they are planning on getting one. Mayor Ingram offered thanks to the sheriff's department and the highway patrol for going through the town on a regular basis making sure the streets are safe. Mayor Ingram stated that they put in the budget this year enough money for a part-time policeman

for approximately 32 days a year. Mayor Ingram noted that Ansonville was growing and they were putting themselves in position for future growth. Mayor Ingram stated that they may be the only town without a police department and they don't want to be sectioned out because of that. Mayor Ingram feels even parked on the street the donated car will slow traffic. Mayor Ingram thanked board members in advance for the vehicle. Mayor Ingram noted he had a town council meeting tonight but he had to come talk to the commissioners first. Vice Chair Streater asked when they were planning to hire their officer with Mayor Ingram answering if you give us the car we will hire tomorrow. Vice Chair Streater then asked if it was in their budget with Mayor Ingram answering yes. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if they had any applicants with Mayor Ingram answering no. Vice Chair Streater suggested once they come back to the board once they get their police force started. Mayor Ingram explained that the cost was \$37.50 per hour for them to get police coverage and they have \$10,000 in the budget and it breaks down to 32 days a year and if they were to get a car it may ease some of the pain as far as the price. Mayor Ingram stated that now they know the concerns of the people of Ansonville and one way or another they will have to enforce what is right.

Richard Allen – Mayor of Peachland: Mayor Allen stated that he did not want to sound like a broken record but the Town of Peachland respectfully requests a used law enforcement car to allow the Town of Peachland to move forward with their goal of having their own police department. Mayor Allen shared that they were the only town on the main four lane corridor that comes thru town that doesn't have a police department. Mayor Allen stated that they were also at the western end of the county with a lot of traffic and with the new bypass he feels in a few years they will have double that traffic. Mayor Allen noted that as the smallest municipality in the county their budget restraints are tough and giving them a car would go a long way to allow them to get their part time and to use the possibility of off-duty officers from other departments to come in to operate in their town. Mayor Allen asked to be placed in the collection group as they have the need, the ability and they are ready to move forward. Chairman Baucom asked if they currently have a police force with Mayor Allen answering no. Chairman Baucom then asked if it was in their budget this year with Mayor Allen answering they have the adequate funds that they can make a Budget Amendment to put it in there. Commissioner Sims stated that it seems to him that if you don't have a police force you are in dire need. Commissioner Sims then asked if they have an alternative with Mayor Allen stating that there are two possible cars out there and three municipalities asking for a car and he understands the plight of Lilesville and Ansonville and Peachland would relinquish their opportunity this year to be first next year. Chairman Baucom felt that was a good suggestion and they have made note of it. Commissioner Sims asked if we go that route that Bonnie places it in the minutes in case someone forgets. Vice Chair Streater felt we should help Lilesville now and Ansonville and Peachland next year. Vice Chair Streater then asked Sheriff Allen how many would be traded out next year with Sheriff Allen answering they will order the cars in November and he thinks six are scheduled for rotation. Chairman Baucom

commented that we need to sell some of these cars. County Manager Gatewood asked to address the board thanking Chief Gallimore from the Town of Lilesville adding that he was also a part of the planning team for the Animal Shelter. County Manager Gatewood also reflected and thanked Mayor Ingram and Mayor Allen and respectfully submitted that we do not have any surplus vehicles at this point in time. County Manager Gatewood explained that at the last meeting the board authorized Ms. Huntley and the County Manager to transfer "the best surplus vehicle from the Sheriff's Office including lights, siren and radio free of charge to the Town of Morven", which we have done. County Manager Gatewood noted that also at the board's authorization via the resolution dated July 7, 2014 all surplus vehicles, including the Sheriff's vehicles have been listed for sale on GovDeals. Com. County Manager Gatewood respectfully submitted that we do not have a surplus vehicle available. Vice Chair Streater asked if they have been sold with County Manager Gatewood answering no but one is already at a bid of \$3,000. County Manager Gatewood stated that he anticipates these vehicles will bring anywhere from \$5,000 to as much as \$7,500 each. Vice Chair Streater felt if citizens in the county could use them he thinks the county comes first. Commissioner Sikes felt it would save a lot on the sheriff's department by having officers in those towns. Commissioner Sims felt there was only one way to do this now adding that everybody needs to be treated fairly. Commissioner Sims noted that the board did the right thing and helped Morven and now it is time to step up and help the other people. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if the other car doesn't have a bid on it could we not take it off tomorrow with County Manager Gatewood saying we can't take it off at this point in time because of our contractual agreement with GovDeals. County Manager Gatewood recommended that when we have surplus vehicles available you make your decision at that point. Chairman Baucom was of the understanding there would be a rotation of cars in November with Sheriff Allen explaining that cars are ordered in November for arrival around April 2015. Sheriff Allen stated that they purchase through the state contract bid and they have to be ordered by a certain time. Vice Chair Streater agreed with Commissioner Sims thinking in the future we need to take care of home first and if there is a need in our county we need to help the towns as they are citizens of Anson County. County Manager Gatewood replied that we have been helping out county citizens because since 2009 -2010 we have generated right at a quarter of a million dollars selling surplus equipment and vehicles on GovDeals and those funds have been used for various capital projects in the county to support all citizens, to cover some of our own operating expenses and to keep our taxes low. County Manager Gatewood felt that before we grant a vehicle we should revisit our policy with Vice Chair Streater feeling the board could change the policy anytime they want to. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to be in compliance with policy until we do change it and felt the board did need to look at the policy. Commissioner Sims felt whatever the policy everybody should be treated fairly. Vice Chair Streater again felt if the board could help people in the small towns they should asked Mr. Reid who will be sheriff to check with the town to see if we can help them. Vice Chair Streater felt a car in those areas would keep his deputies from running there. County Manager Gatewood shared that the policy in place was established on January 9, 2007 by the board

approving a resolution authorizing the sale of surplus county property be sold by an online auction known as GovDeals. County Manager Gatewood noted this was done for three reasons: 1) maximize revenue, 2) to simplify the process of disposing of surplus property and 3) to give all citizens an opportunity to bid on the surplus property. Commissioner Woodburn commented that we realize when we made that decision at the last meeting that we set a precedence and he agrees that we need to treat everybody fairly which tells him the next thing we need to do before November is review the policy and decide what we want to do. Commissioner Woodburn feels part of that would be when it is made known to us that there is going to be surplus vehicles and how many, that we let towns put in request and direct the County Manager and Sheriff to deal with it. Commissioner Sturdivant applauded the County Manager for coming prepared with the notes and resolution but if it will benefit the citizens, that is what we look at. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to honor the contract but she hears that this board wants to help the towns build police departments. Chairman Baucom noted that we can't do this right now but it will remain on our to do list. County Manager Gatewood asked the board to make a commitment to review the policy and revise it appropriately. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn that we review the surplus equipment policy before November and revise it as determined at that particular time. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sikes and carried unanimously.

Public Addresses to the Board:

David Smith stated that when he resigned his position as Director of the TDA he thought he'd have nothing else to do with TDA. Mr. Smith feels when it comes to promoting Anson County it should always be heads in beds as this provides funds to the TDA to use in funding any of the various projects. Mr. Smith stated that when he resigned the TDA was advertising in six major urban centers: Richmond Virginia, Montgomery Alabama, Washington DC, Chattanooga Tennessee, Lexington Kentucky and Atlanta Georgia. Mr. Smith noted the first year of advertising increased the total revenue for lodging by \$51,820. Mr. Smith stated that the second year this effort started out strong with revenue up 17.8% then it started losing ground so the overall effect in 2012/2013 lost most of the ground they had gained. Mr. Smith stated that when advertising came up for renewal in September 2013 the reason for not renewing was because the chair had asked me for some figures. Mr. Smith noted he resigned March 1 so that was not relevant. Mr. Smith suggested hiring a marketing firm to handle the promotion of Anson County, feeling we do not have the talent locally. Mr. Smith feels a marketing firm would probably have contacts in the lodging industry to entice a quality chain hotel. Mr. Smith feels the money TDA has in their account is not helping anybody and should be spent to market Anson County. Mr. Smith suggested changing the wording in HB685 to say authorities shall invest, not expend. Mr. Smith feels that by investing this money to fund local events, the total annual revenue generated by the occupancy tax could be used to fund the marketing effort on an annual basis. Mr. Smith feels there is no excuse for not aggressively promoting Anson County. Mr. Smith feels the "old guard" has the notion that they need to hoard the money in case some major producer wants to make another movie in Anson County.

Mr. Smith noted that the TDA was charged with the responsibility to promote travel, tourism and conventions in the county, sponsor tourist-related events and activities in the county. Mr. Smith felt he was smart enough to do the research and find answers that would work. Mr. Smith recommended new members be appointed who are not shackled to the old thinking and are willing to take the bold steps necessary to increase tourism and bring new prosperity to Anson County and that the "old guard" be replaced. Chairman Baucom stated that she made a note of his suggestion and they will take it up.

David Rushing & Sissy Stegall – Animal Control: Mr. Rushing stated that on July 18th he received a call about a small puppy that had been hit. Mr. Rushing shared that when he arrived he found the puppy had two broken legs and was bleeding internally but was still alive. Mr. Rushing stated that he called animal control but they would not come saying the dog had not bit anyone or hurt anyone and they don't pick up injured dogs. Mr. Rushing feels as officers they should not be the ones to shoot animals on the side of the road. Ms. Stegall added that Mr. Rushing had to put the dog down himself. Mr. Rushing shared that they put the dog in a crate and took it to the town shop, dug a hole, shot the dog and buried him because animal control did not want to come get it and put it down. Ms. Stegall felt it would have been more humane for them to give the puppy a shot rather than shooting him. Chairman Baucom asked what town they were in with Mr. Rushing answering Polkton. Mr. Rushing stated that the owners were out of town and Brown Creek Animal hospital would not take the dog without the owners being present or the Town of Polkton providing the money to help the dog. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Attorney what liability would this be on the county. County Attorney Forbes stated that he was talking about financial issues only saying if you do have to dispatch of an animal in that situation financially there would be no cost to the county even if it turned out to be someone's dog. County Attorney Forbes explained that dogs are treated as property under North Carolina Law and although it is illegal to mistreat one if you dispatch of one probably an average value at the most would be \$200. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Rushing if he reported the incident to a supervisor at the animal shelter with Mr. Rushing saying the only person he talked with was Thomas and that was the day of the incident. Mr. Rushing felt if they were not going to come out for an injured dog what is the difference in coming out for someone that was bit. Vice Chair Streater asked if they knew the owner of the dog with Mr. Rushing saying he actually talked with the owners who were out of town and they did not want the dog to suffer and asked them to call animal control or whatever to put the dog down. Mr. Rushing shared that the only other option they had was to for them to put the animal down. County Attorney Forbes asked if the owner authorized him to put the dog down with Mr. Rushing saying yes. County Attorney Forbes noted there was no liability in this situation and suggested looking at a policy and report this to the administration of animal control to at least address the issue.

Joy Hildreth: Ms. Hildreth was here to speak to the beer/wine referendum. Ms. Hildreth noted she was a business owner, real estate broker and citizen of Anson County and felt board members needed to think seriously about this. Ms. Hildreth was aware that people would have personal issues why they don't want alcohol but the county doesn't have beer sales so you have people in Burnsville going to Stanly County and people in Peachland going to Union County. Ms. Hildreth noted that the board has talked all night about getting revenue for the county and feels they owe it to the county to let the citizen's vote on it. Ms. Hildreth stated that she has a business and she may or may not put it in and she feels we are missing out on revenue by not doing it countywide. Chairman Baucom voiced that a glass of wine was a glass of wine whether it is in the city limits or out of the city limits. Ms. Hildreth felt it would not stop people from drinking alcohol or from purchasing alcohol. Vice Chair Streater stated that he only has one store in his district and he stopped by there today to talk with him and he thinks it will be a good revenue source. Ms. Hildreth felt we were behind times in the county. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Ms. Hildreth for coming and sharing her thoughts.

Administrative Matters:

Janine Rywak – Date for Annual Report to the People: Ms. Rywak noted it was that time of year and she was here to invite board members to come to their place for dinner and their annual report to be followed by their regular board meeting. Ms. Rywak asked board members to consider coming October 7th to their office at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and then their regular meeting at 6. Board members accepted the invitation. Vice Chair Streater asked Ms. Rywak if she would be serving at the conference this year with Ms. Rywak saying it was in Asheville and they were not in charge this time. Chairman Baucom mentioned the last time they were in charge was Cabarrus County and it was excellent. Chairman Baucom noted Ms. Rywak made us all proud.

Sheriff Allen – Transition Plan: Sheriff Allen noted the purpose of his meeting was to speak to the idea of the transition from the old sheriff to the new sheriff. Sheriff Allen recognized Mr. Reid, who was present in the audience. Sheriff Allen stated that a couple of months ago he began meetings with the County Manager, Rita and Tiffany and there are issues and line items that we want to make sure we deal with correctly as we transition to the new administration. Sheriff Allen shared that after the election he sent the Democratic nominee Landric Reid a letter congratulating him on his election and assuring him that he would work with him on a transition. Sheriff Allen added that it was a lot more complicated than him just leaving and Landric walking in. Sheriff Allen stated that he had his first meeting with Landric yesterday morning to establish the fact that we will have a smooth transition and they will have regular meetings from here on out. Sheriff Allen stated that he also provided him with a three ring notebook from the North Carolina Sheriff's Association for the incoming sheriff with a check list of items to be done prior to December 1 and some to be done after December 1. Sheriff Allen stated that he will also involve Landric in the ordering of the

cars to make sure what is ordered is what he wants and he will make sure he has a uniform to wear his first day in office. Sheriff Allen added that he was the first sheriff in Anson County to retire. Chairman Baucom noted that he was also the youngest sheriff. Commissioner Sims asked Sheriff Allen the number of years he served with Sheriff Allen answering twenty-eight years as Sheriff and thirty-three years in the law enforcement system. Sheriff Allen was congratulated with a round of applause.

Recognition for Larry Ratliff: Chairman Baucom explained that the board adopted a resolution in 2012 for Mr. Ratliff but the North Carolina General Assembly did not or the highway department did not. Chairman Baucom shared that Senator McLaurin was interested in picking this up and trying again and asked board members to reaffirm the 2012 resolution. Chairman Baucom noted that Mr. Ratliff was very well thought of and worked for the highway department. Chairman Baucom stated that he was killed on the highway working on the road. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to reaffirm this Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE NORTH
CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the said Larry Thomas Ratliff was born in Anson County, North Carolina on February 1, 1949 to Marion Preston Ratliff and Eva Hildreth Ratliff; and

WHEREAS, the said Larry Thomas Ratliff was educated in the public schools of Anson County, North Carolina and graduated from Anson High School in 1967; and

WHEREAS, the said Larry Thomas Ratliff was employed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Polkton Branch, and served with distinction as an employee of the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a period of 30+ years; and

WHEREAS, the said Larry Thomas Ratliff died as the result of a tragic automobile accident on U.S. Highway 74 on August 20, 2001 while performing his assigned duties with the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in order to perpetuate the memory of the said Larry Thomas Ratliff, a number of citizens have expressed their desire to commemorate Mr. Ratliff's service to the State of North Carolina by designating a portion of the highway in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ANSON COUNTY THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby petitions and recommends that the North Carolina Department of Transportation place an appropriate marking adjacent to U.S. Highway 74 thereby commemorating the memory of Larry Thomas Ratliff.

2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Done this the 5th day of June, 2012 by the Board of Commissioners of Anson County, North Carolina.

Reaffirmed this 5th day of August, 2014.

Beer/Wine Sales Referendum: Chairman Baucom mentioned needing a resolution with County Attorney Forbes saying we don't have to have a resolution we can merely have a letter of directive to the Board of Elections to put it on the ballot. County Attorney Forbes noted that we will need to state what the referendum will be. County Attorney Forbes stated that the board has four choices and we can put the letter together once they vote tonight on what they want to do. County Attorney Forbes explained that the board first needs to decide what they want the referendum to be on. County Attorney Forbes asked if they wanted to vote on premise alcohol, beer and wine or malted beverages and fortified and unfortified wine or do they want it to be just off premises. County Attorney Forbes stated that off premises is an example of a grocery store selling it where they have to leave and on premises is a restaurant or facility being able to sell and consume at the same time. County Attorney Forbes added that we were eligible for anything as the last formal election we had on the subject as far as the county is concerned was 1950 according to the alcohol beverage control office. Vice Chair Streater asked what was needed to allow Ms. Hildreth's store and Cason Old Field and the people up 742 with County Attorney Forbes answering that would be an on and off premises consumption. County Attorney Forbes stated that you can permit the on premises sale only of malt beverages or you can say malt beverages and wine. County Attorney Forbes noted if they want mixed drinks such as alcohol liquor by the drink they would say mixed beverages as well. Vice Chair Streater stated he was not in favor of mixed drinks with Chairman Baucom in agreement. Commissioner Sims asked if whatever direction the board decides to go with would he get a chance to vote on whether or not we put it on the November ballot with County Attorney Forbes answering yes. Vice Chair Streater stated that he wanted to make a motion to support Ms. Hildreth, Cason Old Field and the people up 742 and asked the County Attorney how he needed to word the motion. County Attorney Forbes asked if he wanted to make the motion to where people can buy and consume on premises with Vice Chair Streater answering yes. County Attorney Forbes shared that as it was explained to him and the way the statute reads when a county is wet the towns are wet too. Commissioner Sims thought the towns would make their own decision with County Attorney Forbes explaining that they can sell it if the county says no and they are eligible for the permit process if the county says yes. Commissioner Sims asked if they had to take it with County Attorney Forbes answering no. County Attorney Forbes stated that the individual stores do not have to be wet but the town does. County Attorney Forbes stated that hypothetically Peachland is not a wet town but after this it will be a wet town with the option for them to give a permit as long as they meet certain criteria. County Attorney Forbes explained that if the board votes to put this on the referendum the people of the county will be deciding whether they want to allow this or not. County Attorney Forbes added that the State Board of Elections will set the language of the referendum. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to put that on the November referendum. County Attorney Forbes asked if this was for beer and wine with Vice Chair Streater answering yes. Motion carried 4 to 2 with Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Sims opposed. Commissioner Sims

commented that he had nothing against Oliver's he just does not believe citizens in his area believe this will be an upgrade for Anson County.

Chairman Baucom then mentioned the resolution to schedule an advisory referendum on the one-quarter cent sales tax. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve. Chairman Baucom noted this was for education and asked if that was in the wording with County Attorney Forbes answering it would be and the board's determination to designate where that money goes. County Attorney Forbes stated that the language was already set by the ballot and again the State Board of Election sets the language and it will be the board's job to designate where the money goes. County Manager Gatewood stated that the resolution has already been approved and we've already communicated to the Board of Elections to add it to the November ballot. County Attorney Forbes stated that in anticipation of this meeting tonight he contacted the local State Board of Elections and told them to be expecting or be prepared if one comes to them. Chairman Baucom stated that there would be two items on the ballot with one being for the beer and wine and one for the quarter-cent sales tax increase. Chairman Baucom stated that she understands the General Assembly has capped local sales tax at 2.5 cents and this will not affect us. Chairman Baucom understands our current rate is 2 cents so it will take it to 2.25 and in fact she thinks they agreed we could put two quarter-cent increases on the referendum and you could designate it for education or something else. Vice Chair Streater asked if on the ballot it will be for education with County Manager Gatewood answering it would not; it would be generic.

Morven Fire Department Contract and Agreement: Vice Chair Streater shared that he had this placed on the Agenda. Vice Chair Streater noted there were so many rumors and talk going around in the neighborhood since Channel 9 aired their story or tried to interview the department for public information. Vice Chair Streater then asked the County Attorney if he was ready with the information he requested. County Attorney Forbes was of the belief that Channel 9 news started asking the Town of Morven for information about their volunteer fire department. County Attorney Forbes noted that the volunteer fire department in Morven is not associated with the Town of Morven so they had no obligation to provide any materials. County Attorney Forbes was of the opinion some records requests have been made and to this point they have not been met. County Attorney Forbes stated that he received today from Mr. Blair Miller of WSOC Channel 9 a records request and recommended the board allow us to meet that public records request as per statute. County Attorney Forbes explained that the county controls fire departments and we collect taxes for them and we have authority to oversee how that money is spent. Vice Chair Streater voiced that he understands the county has a contract with the fire department with County Attorney Forbes answering we do have an agreement with them. County Attorney Forbes recommended the board authorize the County Manager to submit in writing a request to review their books. County Attorney Forbes was of the understanding there is an ongoing investigation regarding this matter with the State Bureau of Investigation.

County Attorney Forbes shared that he called the local SBI Agent and one in either Raleigh or Charlotte and they confirmed there is an ongoing investigation and it is not complete but they did not disclose to him whether they had any concerns or what they were going to find in the investigation. County Attorney Forbes added that they received financial material from the fire department however the fire department has returned all those materials and they are in a position now where the board could designate someone to look at those financial records of the fire department. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to ask the County Manager to proceed with Item 6 in the contract asking Morven to turn over information that has been requested by Channel 9. Chairman Baucom asked if this was the financial information with Vice Chair Streater answering yes. County Attorney Forbes stated that according to the agreement we would need to send a representative to their fire department. County Attorney Forbes suggested that at the end of this investigation we review the contracts of any and all fire departments in the county and maybe change that to where we can get a copy of those records so in the future we can inspect them a little more closely and more conveniently. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Attorney if we should ask for an audit each year from these departments with County Attorney Forbes feeling there were several ways we are allowed statutorily go about this. County Attorney Forbes noted one was we could demand a report from them to the board and each fire district would be made to do that or we would commission a three panel membership committee to oversee all the fire departments in the county. County Attorney Forbes stated that if we do that they would have the same authority and would also serve at the board's pleasure and report to the board. County Attorney Forbes explained that they could also mandate with your authority how much spending a volunteer fire department could do without approval. Vice Chair Streater did not think we needed that but he did feel the citizens needed to know their money was in good hands and it was being spent for what it was taken up for. County Attorney Forbes felt an inspection of the books would be the minimum he would recommend and a full audit if anything is revealed in the inspection might be the next step. County Attorney Forbes noted that certain reports are required that they can report to the Fire Marshall and he feels sure he is on top of this. Vice Chair Streater again stated that his motion is for the County Manager to proceed with Item 6 in the Agreement. Commissioner Sims asked for clarification what was Item 6 with Chairman Baucom answering the county can inspect their books by giving fifteen days prior notice. Chairman Baucom thought it had to be on their site with Commissioner Woodburn in agreement. County Attorney Forbes stated that he would ask if they would waive that but felt it might be easier to do it on their site. Chairman Baucom requested that Ms. Randall be a part of the review team with Vice Chair Streater suggesting Ms. Randall, the Finance Officer, the County Manager, Mr. Diggs and Chairman of the Board. Vice Chair Streater added that he would go along since he represents this district. Motion carried unanimously.

IT Contract: County Attorney Forbes noted this was a closed session item.

Chairman Baucom asked for a ten minute break.

Manager's Report: County Manager Gatewood stated that Christmas is many citizens' favorite time of the year and spring is another favorite time but his very favorite time of the year is tax season. County Manager Gatewood reported that tax bills have been mailed thanks to Ms. Rita James and staff. County Manager Gatewood noted that they were mailed ahead of our internal schedule and went out on Wednesday, July 30th and are due September 1 and delinquent January 6, 2015. Ms. James reported that they have collected \$295,000 since they went out. County Manager Gatewood reported the holiday schedule for the rest of the year: Monday September 1 is Labor Day and county administrative offices will be closed. Tuesday November 11 Veterans Day, also Thanksgiving November 27 and 28 and for Christmas this year we have three days off, December 24, 25 and 26. County Manager Gatewood updated board members on building/maintenance activities saying the repainting of the Hampton B. Allen Library was completed on schedule and on budget and funded by Friends of the Library and the Library Trust. County Manager Gatewood noted the Belk building has a new roof and the old EMS base is being remodeled and scheduled to be completed by the first of September. County Manager Gatewood stated that in September the 9-1-1 call center and employees will relocate to the new Emergency Services Center on Country Club Road and we will turn over the old 9-1-1 building to SanStone October 31, 2014 per our contractual agreement. County Manager Gatewood noted a report from the Board of Elections shows the cost of the second primary was \$24,167.74 and averages out to \$6.06 per voter and we had right at 4,000 to participate in the second primary. County Manager Gatewood shared that the new Board of Elections headquarters was getting rave reviews and citizens really appreciate that consideration. County Manager Gatewood noted on the HR front they've hired their second landfill monitor Mr. Ted Welch who has worked part time for API Security for the past four years. County Manager Gatewood noted that with Mr. Cash and Mr. Welch the landfill will be monitored basically Monday through Friday during normal business hours plus the County Manager is going as often as he can and Mike Sessions is there daily. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager to take a swing through Jones Creek again as she received another email from a citizen with photographs. County Manager Gatewood stated that the situation has been corrected. County Manager Gatewood shared that that same week he received a call from a citizen in Burnsville and apparently some uncaring citizen dumped bags of trash over the fence so they went up there and corrected it right away. County Manager Gatewood asked board members to let them know anytime they see issues at the landfill or the convenient sites. Commissioner Sims voiced appreciation to the County Manager for jumping on any kind of problem right away. County Manager Gatewood mentioned the question was asked earlier what is in the box and referred to a report in front of board members. County Manager Gatewood then asked County Attorney Forbes to guess the weight of the box with County Attorney Forbes answering 11.8 pounds. County Manager Gatewood reported that the box contains a response to a freedom of information request for the maintenance and repair records for Anson County vehicles not serviced by a dealer for the past two years. County Manager Gatewood pointed out that at each board member's seat was just one example of a two year maintenance

record for one acts van. County Manager Gatewood noted that all the documentation was being sent to Channel 9 at their request. County Manager Gatewood stated that he was pleased to find that vehicles are being serviced on a regular basis and oil being changed approximately every 3,000 miles. County Manager Gatewood shared that most of the work was done at Wadesboro Tire and Auto and he would surmise that probably as much as 25% of our work is being done at Wadesboro Tire and Auto. Chairman Baucom asked which one was that with County Manager Gatewood answering the one on highway 52 South. County Attorney Forbes noted that was Pinky Diggs with County Manager Gatewood saying he was the father of Rodney Diggs. County Manager Gatewood doesn't know what prompted this request but we have followed up and this package will be mailed to them tomorrow. County Manager Gatewood feels there is nothing here that would be a negative reflection or an embarrassment to the board or the county management. Chairman Baucom asked if there was a General Statutes that requires or delineates how you get vehicles serviced with County Manager Gatewood answering DOT has stringent guidelines for ACTS and that is why they have a precise and detailed service record. Commissioner Sims shared that there was another place out 109 south that sells tires and services cars with Vice Chair Streater saying that was Moore's Garage. Vice Chair Streater felt if some other place wants some of the business we should spread it around with County Manager Gatewood saying we are spreading it around and feels most of the work is being done inside the county. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if there was a complaint with County Manager Gatewood saying it was a freedom of information request. Commissioner Woodburn felt they started sniffing around in the county and decided to look at everything they can come up with while they are here. Chairman Baucom stated that speaking of other activities in the county with Channel 9, Ross Streater has been on top of this from the get go and he has taken very direct and appropriate positions to get the job done and she appreciates it. Vice Chair Streater voiced that he wishes they had went ahead and cooperated with them and when you don't you look bad even when you don't have anything to hide. County Attorney Forbes stated that was why he wanted to make sure that when Morven Township did not respond to the request they didn't have a responsibility to respond. County Attorney Forbes stated that Morven Fire Department is not through the Town of Morven. County Manager Gatewood thanked Ms. Randall and Ms. James for helping compile all this information. County Manager Gatewood added that we are getting ready for the auditors and the report should be finalized in the month of December at the latest.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom again said she could not say enough about how Ross has responded and shown real leadership in working through this fire business. Chairman Baucom noted he was a good person to have with you. Commissioner Sims commented that he likes the way we get along even when we disagree.

Consent Agenda: Chairman Baucom called attention to page 102 the health department Budget Amendment. Chairman Baucom shared that the North Carolina

Department of Health and Human Services is giving us \$50 for the STD program and felt we should send them a thank you note. Commissioner Sims asked if that was fifty dollars and not five thousand or five hundred with Chairman Baucom answering it was fifty dollars. Ms. Randall shared that this was additional money as we've already received some. Chairman Baucom asked how much with Ms. Randall not sure. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: approved minutes dated June 19, 2014, June 26, 2014 and July 7, 2014 and closed session minutes dated June 3, 2014, June 29, 2014, June 26, 2014 and July 7, 2014.

Tax Releases: approved as follows:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments							
				08/05/14			
20557	Gibson, Ellen	2014	580.53	14-3-DF27021	Real Taxes	Releases	Qualified for Farm Deferment
20558	Gibson, Ellen	2014	629.59	14-3-DF27022	Real Taxes	Releases	Qualified for Farm Deferment
20559	Gibson, Ellen	2014	678.65	14-3-DF27023	Real Taxes	Releases	Qualified for Farm Deferment
20561	Harris, Melvina	2014	294.94	14-3-7332	Real Taxes	Releases	DW Billed to Incorrect Parcel
20556	Lindsey, Marie	2013	308.54	13-3-10624	Real Taxes	Releases	Correction to Personal Property
20560	Sturdivant, Lilly	2014	217.53	14-6-17025	Real Taxes	Releases	DW Removed
			\$ 2,709.78				
			-		Real Taxes	Refund	
			\$ -				
					Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
			\$ -				
			-		Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
			\$ -				
					Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	
			\$ -				
			2,709.78	*****			
Tax & Tag Together Refunds							
7113538	Bennett, Shakira N	2014	106.77	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
6864814	Davis, Joanna L	2014	16.70	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
20586554	Dawkins, Bruce R IV	2014	10.84	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
6864609	Eddwards, Darrell L	2014	53.05	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
7092898	Gallimore, Bobby M	2014	20.80	Mileage Adj	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
7061785	Hall, Christopher	2014	77.72	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19208186	Phillips, Ryan T	2014	30.04	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
21561585	Pond, Thomas E	2014	7.74	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14085617	Weidner, Edna	2014	15.06	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
			\$ 338.72	*****			

Electronic Transaction Report: approved as follows:

07/31/14

Utilities Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2014	5,054.02	145	21	22
Aug 2014	-	-	-	-
Sep 2014	-	-	-	-
Oct 2014	-	-	-	-
Nov 2014	-	-	-	-
Dec 2014	-	-	-	-
Jan 2015	-	-	-	-
Feb 2015	-	-	-	-
Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	5,054.02	145		

Utilities Dept -Draft Records & Unpaid Accts with Phone reminders

Month	Total \$\$ Draft Records	# Accounts Pd	Tot \$\$ Unpaid w/Phone calls	# Accts Reminded
Jul 2014	29,374.72	989	35,307.02	501
Aug 2014				
Sep 2014				
Oct 2014				
Nov 2014				
Dec 2014				
Jan 2015				
Feb 2015				
Mar 2015				
Apr 2015				
May 2015				
Jun 2015				
	29,374.72	989	35,307.02	501

Tax Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2014	2,598.77	20	9	22
Aug 2014	-	-	-	-
Sep 2014	-	-	-	-
Oct 2014	-	-	-	-
Nov 2014	-	-	-	-
Dec 2014	-	-	-	-
Jan 2015	-	-	-	-
Feb 2015	-	-	-	-
Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	2,598.77	20		

Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	2,598.77	20		
Health Department Electronic Transactions				
Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2014	1,314.91	24	13	22
Aug 2014	-	-	-	-
Sep 2014	-	-	-	-
Oct 2014	-	-	-	-
Nov 2014	-	-	-	-
Dec 2014	-	-	-	-
Jan 2015	-	-	-	-
Feb 2015	-	-	-	-
Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	1,314.91	24		

Monthly Jail Report: approved as follows:

ANSON COUNTY JAIL

August 1, 2014

- As of 9:00am (August 1, 2014) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held 52 inmates; 0 inmates housed in the other County Jails; 1 inmate in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and 0 inmates awaiting transfer to DOC. 0 Juveniles in state Juvenile Detention.

- The following is a breakdown of the Average Daily Populations:

<u>Year</u>	<u>ADP</u>	<u>Total Booked/Yr.</u>	<u>Average Booked/Month</u>
2003	51	1920	160
2004	54	1954	163
2005	58	2119	177
2006	55	2027	169
2007	55	----	----
2008	53	1707	142
2009	62	1919	160
2010	68	1483	124
2011	58	1669	139
2012	48	1603	134
2013	44	1582	132

- | <u>2013 Totals</u> | <u>ADP</u> | <u>Total Booked</u> |
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| January | 37 | 123 |
| February | 44 | 127 |

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

4.	<u>2014 Totals</u>	<u>ADP</u>	<u>Total Booked</u>
	January	45	116
	February	41	119
	March	38	131
	April	45	137
	May	49	123
	June	43	126
	July	55	141

Budget Amendment – Health Department: to recognize and appropriate additional funds from the Public Health Division of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services for the STD Prevention Program at the Anson County Health Department.

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	\$ 50
Total Increase:		\$ 50

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Health – All Programs 11-510	\$ 50
Total Increase:		\$ 50

Adopted this 5th day of August, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Emergency Management: to recognize and appropriate the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant received for Emergency Management

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:	Emergency Management 11-4330	\$ 9,500
Total Increase:		\$ 9,500

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Emergency Management 11-4330	\$ 9,500
Total Increase:		\$ 9,500

Adopted this 4th day of August, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Health Department: to recognize and appropriate additional funds from the Public Health Division of the North Carolina Dept. of Health and Human Services for the Immunization Program at the Anson County Health Department.

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	\$ 5,900
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Total Increase:		\$ 5,900
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Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Health – All Programs 11-5100	\$ 5,900
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Total Increase:		\$ 5,900
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Adopted this 5th day of August, 2014.

Budget Amendment – North Carolina 9-1-1 Board Grant: to appropriate funds remaining from the 911 Board Grant for use in FY 2014/15.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/15

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

Section 7. Expenditures

Increase:	PSAP/Wireline/Wireless	\$ 203,197
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Total Increase:		\$ 203,197
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Section 8. Fund Revenues

Increase:	PSAP/Wireline/Wireless	\$ 203,197
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Total Increase:		\$ 203,197
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Adopted this 5th day of August, 2014.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Woodburn shared information with each board member feeling they are familiar with Connect our Future program. Commissioner Woodburn noted this was the big grant Centralina Council of Government received about two years ago. Commissioner Woodburn stated that they have gone around to all communities asking for input and are just a few months from being finalized as far as having the overall plan developed. Commissioner Woodburn noted the paper he shared is Anson County specific and asked each board member to review and see how the input from citizens that attended the sessions was put together. Commissioner Woodburn shared that there are two more meetings thinking one was in September and the other in November to actually finalize the overall plan and they will move forward from there.

Commissioner Sturdivant referred to a paper left in front of each board member. Commissioner Sturdivant noted that every year her Faith Based Center of Hope collects school supplies and this year she will be at the commissioners' conference the day they distribute. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that whatever money she collects will go towards purchasing supplies for the teachers. Commissioner Sturdivant noted that we have eleven schools and they will do eleven boxes. Commissioner Sturdivant explained that her daughter is with the project that is closing the hospital and in going through some of the offices they found new binders, markers and a lot of stuff that she will donate to all the schools in Anson County. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that they still need money, adding that a lot of teachers still have to go in their

pockets to buy the things they need for their classroom. Commissioner Sturdivant asked each board member to please give her a donation for the project. Commissioner Sims asked when she needed it with Commissioner Sturdivant saying by the 14th of August. County Manager Gatewood asked how to make out the check with Commissioner Sturdivant answering Faith Based Center of Hope. Commissioner Sturdivant added that they were going in with the Caraway Foundation.

Chairman Baucom stated that we were down to the closed session. County Manager Gatewood asked if he could have Ms. James stay for the IT discussion with board members in agreement. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she would love it if the county commissioners, the County Manager, the County Attorney and the Clerk would take a school and let them know we are backing them. Chairman Baucom agreed to participate.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to go into closed session for **Contract Negotiations** pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of an employment contract and 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.

Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that we approve the Sheriff's salary of \$84,893. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to amend the Personnel Ordinance as follows:

Anson County Personnel Ordinance
Article V. Condition of Employment
Section 5. Limitation of Employment of Relatives

The employment of close relatives within the service of the County, within the same department or unit/section of a department, shall be allowed given the following:

(a) immediate relatives shall not be permitted to work together, during the same time, or under the supervision of an immediate relative as defined below:

(b) The term "immediate family" shall be understood to refer to that degree of closeness of relationship which would suggest that problems might be created within the work unit, or that the public's philosophy of fair play in providing equal opportunity for employment to all qualified individuals would be violated. For the purpose of this section, "immediate family" shall be defined as wife, husband, mother, father, guardian, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchildren and grandparents, we well as the various combinations of half, step, in-law and adopted relationships that can be derived from those named herewith.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be retroactive and no action will be taken concerning those members of the same family employed in conflict with (a) above, prior to the adoption of this policy.

(d) the Board of Commissioners shall approve the appointment by the Sheriff or the Register of Deeds of a relative by blood or marriage of nearer kinship than first cousin as required by Chapter 153A-103(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 2 hr. 45 min.