

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 207, Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present: Anna H. Baucom
Bobby Sikes
Dr. Jim Sims
• Harold C. Smith
Ross Streater
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
Mike Sessions, Utilities Director
Landric Reid, Sheriff

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

County Manager Gatewood welcomed everyone to the December meeting, adding that it was his honor to call the meeting to **Order**. County Manager Gatewood then called on Reverend Bennie Clodfelter of First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro for the **Invocation**.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: County Manager Gatewood explained that it was an annual event to elect the chair and vice chair for the coming year and opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Anson County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Sturdivant nominated Anna Baucom. County Manager Gatewood asked if there were other nominations with Commissioner Woodburn offering a motion that the nominations be closed on the said name. Vice Chair Streater offered a second to the motion and it passed unanimously. County Manager Gatewood congratulated Chairman Baucom. County Manager Gatewood then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Commissioner Sturdivant nominated Ross Streater. County Manager Gatewood asked if there were any other nominations with Commissioner Woodburn offering a motion to close the nominations on the said name. County Manager Gatewood called for a vote with the motion passing unanimously. County Manager Gatewood then asked that all in favor of Ross Streater serving as Vice Chair to let it be known by raising their right hand. County Manager Gatewood noted it was unanimous.

Chairman Baucom thanked everyone for being here and shared with the board that Ms. Huntley has advised her that it is difficult to pick up what we say on her tape and asked that when you speak to please speak into your microphone. Chairman Baucom added she thinks people attending can't hear what they say.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Policy and asked if there were any additions or deletions from the agenda as presented. The Clerk reminded the Chairman about adding the voting delegate. Chairman Baucom asked to add the selection of a voting delegate for the Legislative Goals Conference. Chairman Baucom then asked Commissioner Woodburn if he was delegate with Commissioner Woodburn answering he has been. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to nominate Jarvis Woodburn. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood asked for a change in the order and recommended inserting a closed session for contract negotiations between items 5 and 6 and asked to invite our representatives from Waste Connections to join them in closed session. Motion by Vice Chair Streater to approve the change. Motion seconded by Commissioner Woodburn and passed unanimously. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she had a Commissioner Concern. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the agenda with the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

*Commissioner Smith joined the meeting at this point.

Recognition of Sheriff Allen (retired): Chairman Baucom stated that it was with great pleasure that she presents a Resolution to declare the badge and service weapon of Sheriff Mr. Tommy W. Allen, Jr. as surplus county property to be presented upon retirement. Chairman Baucom stated that it was with great pride and gratitude for his years of service. Chairman Baucom presented retired Sheriff Allen with his badge, service weapon and Resolution. Chairman Baucom congratulated Mr. Allen saying she hopes he enjoys this retirement. Mr. Allen thanked board members for their support and hard work. Mr. Allen was proud of all the things they've accomplished the last several years, particularly the work on the Animal Shelter and the Emergency Services Center. Mr. Allen thanked them for working with law enforcement. Mr. Allen received a round of applause from those present.

**RESOLUTION
TO DECLARE THE BADGE, SERVICE WEAPON AND OLD LAPTOP OF
SHERIFF TOMMY W. ALLEN, JR. AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY
TO BE PRESENTED UPON RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Tommy W. Allen, Jr., will have served as Sheriff of Anson County for 28 years from December 1978 until December 1994 and again from December 2002 until December 2014 upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Sheriff Allen has served the citizens of Anson County with honor and dignity, and he will retire from a long and distinguished career in law enforcement with 33 years of combined service with Anson County and the Town of Wadesboro; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 20, Article 187.2, governing boards are authorized to honor retiring law enforcement officers by presenting the badge worn during office as well as the service weapon carried during their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation to Sheriff Tommy W. Allen, Jr. for his more than 33 years of service in law enforcement in Anson County, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally exercises the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina by awarding the badge worn by Sheriff Allen in his dedicated service to the citizens of Anson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby declares as surplus property Glock 40-Caliber, Model 23, semi-automatic Revolver, Serial #CVL606 (US) to be presented to Sheriff Allen upon the occasion of his retirement as the service weapon that he carried during office along with his old Think Pad laptop, Model T410s, Serial Number 2904G2&.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is with sincere appreciation that the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to acknowledge Sheriff Allen for his 33 years of service rendered during his law enforcement career in Anson County.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Appearances:

McGill Engineering – Wadesboro Water Analysis: Bill Roark thanked board members for the opportunity to be here and introduced Mike Apke and Bill Cowan also of McGill Associates. Mr. Roark stated that they were here to enter a response for input on some improvements to the Anson County water system. Mr. Roark noted this was a direct response to a letter from Wadesboro requesting additional water for a potential industrial client and also to supply all water to Wadesboro. Mr. Roark stated that they are here tonight to present the facts as they have been able to determine based on studies they've done and information they've been able to gather as to the ability of Anson County's system to deliver the requested water and cost associated with improvements to make it possible to deliver the requested water to Wadesboro. Mr. Roark then called on Mr. Apke to continue. Mr. Apke stated that they were asked by the county to look at the potential to first provide an additional one million gallons a day of water to Wadesboro for an industrial client and then secondly to provide all of their water to them. Mr. Apke shared that the total request in the letter from the town was up to two million gallons per day. Mr. Apke stated that currently Anson County provides about seven hundred thousand gallons a day of water to Wadesboro so the increase would be about 1.3 million gallons a day. Mr. Apke stated that they treated this as two separate requests with one being to serve just Wadesboro and allowing them to close out their water treatment plant and take it off line and the additional capacity for the industry. Mr. Apke stated that when you look at how much water our current demands are it is about 6.5 million gallons a day and we have plenty of capacity to supply this on an annual basis. Mr. Apke noted that when you look at water treatment plants, they aren't as concerned with how much we can provide over the course of a year as we are those hot days in July when our demand goes up and people irrigate. Mr. Apke stated that over the last couple of years our demands have actually gone up as high as around eleven million gallons a day. Mr. Apke stated that in order to supply Wadesboro with all their water, meet our current demands and add one million gallons a day on top of all this there are a few things at our water treatment plant that need to be done. Mr. Apke shared that the first is our alum sludge lagoons.

Mr. Apke explained that this is a byproduct of our water treatment process, noting they were currently working on a state mandated project for these lagoons in order to relieve this issue. Mr. Apke stated that there was also the lack of an emergency generator at the plant which could limit our potential to produce water in the event of a power failure and one of the filters is currently off line. Mr. Apke stated that if we look at the cost associated with this they are upwards of six million dollars, adding that five million of this is for the alum sludge lagoons that have as already been funded through a loan with the state revolving fund. Mr. Apke felt the needs at the plant were needed regardless of whether or not we elect to send more water to Wadesboro and the industry. Mr. Apke shared that they also looked at the distribution system, which is pipes between the plant and Wadesboro and right now the water is pumped through a twenty-four inch pipe, that has sections of eighteen inches along the way but the capacity of that pipe is around eleven million gallons a day. Mr. Apke stated that right now we were getting close to the capacity of what we can send west of Wadesboro and our additional customers. Mr. Apke reported that they feel if we are going to accept the responsibility of providing an additional one million gallons a day to service this new industry and honor Wadesboro's request there needs to be an upgrade to our distribution system in the form of a second parallel line that would travel between the water plant and Wadesboro. Mr. Apke then stated that they were asked to provide some estimated cost associated with the parallel line. Mr. Apke explained that after looking at different pipe sizes they believe the sweet spot would be an additional twenty-four inch line at an estimated cost of 10.3 million dollars. Mr. Apke noted that at staff's request they also looked at a thirty-inch line and estimated that cost at 13.8 million dollars. Mr. Apke shared that there would be some benefits to this other than just providing additional water to Wadesboro and the industry. Mr. Apke stated that it would increase our ability to send water to the west, not only to Wadesboro but other customers down the road and it would provide reliability. Mr. Apke added that it would also allow more capacity throughout the highway 74 corridor and in places west for possible economic growth. Mr. Apke then called on Mr. Cowan to talk about the various funding opportunities, loan programs and grant opportunities. Vice Chair Streater stated that about two years ago we spent over two hundred thousand dollars on a study with Hobbs Upchurch and asked the County Manager why we were doing this over again. County Manager Gatewood felt the study happened six or seven years ago and it was before his time and he doesn't have the details on it. Vice Chair Streater wondered why we could not use the same information and not pay to do it over again with County Manager Gatewood answering that he doesn't know what we have already paid for but as far as our filtration plant is concerned we do need the backup generator, we need to put the filter back online and we need the redundant twenty-four inch line from ground storage in Lilesville to the water tank in Wadesboro to be able to deliver water to the Town of Wadesboro, the new industrial client that we anticipate and to support the growth in the poultry farm business. County Manager Gatewood stated that it is estimated that we have seven hundred fifty poultry farms in the county and that is going to grow to one thousand over the next several years. County Manager Gatewood feels all this investment is needed and in his assessment affordable for the

county. Vice Chair Streater felt his question had not been answered and asked if we were going to pay to do the same study over again or use the same information. Vice Chair Streater stated that they were informed that we needed the twenty-four inch line and he was of the understanding we gave Hobbs Upchurch permission to proceed with the study. Vice Chair Streater then asked the location of the information. County Manager Gatewood stated again that it happened before his time and he did not have the information at his fingertips tonight. Chairman Baucom asked if we already have a twelve inch line and we add a twenty-four inch line will we still be able to use the twelve inch with the answer being that the existing line is also a twenty-four inch line and it would be anticipated that we would use both of them. Chairman Baucom asked if they said something about a twelve inch line somewhere with Mr. Apke saying that was one of the options as they looked at a variety of sizes to see what made the most sense and the most bang for our bucks. Chairman Baucom stated that to do another twenty-four inch line would actually give us forty-eight inch capacity with it being explained that the math doesn't necessarily work like that but we would have two separate twenty-four inch lines that are both in service so if one happened to go down we would still be able to pump water to different places. Commissioner Smith mentioned that they said they had a reduced eighteen inch line with Mr. Apke answering that our existing line running along 74 for whatever reason actually reduced to an eighteen at valve locations then it goes back to a twenty-four. Chairman Baucom noted that the bottom line was that we are looking at an investment of about a million dollars including the generator and filter. County Manager Gatewood noted that actually it was about 11.2 million dollars with the generator being five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, the filter three hundred thousand dollars and the twenty-four inch line 10.3 million dollars for a total of eleven million one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars. Commissioner Sikes asked if this includes the necessary updates to make the water clean or will we need to make it larger. Mr. Cowen stated that part of the cost includes getting filters back online that have been down for some time and it gets the plant back to its original design capacity and they feel like once this is done we will have the capacity to address current needs and projected needs. Chairman Baucom asked if it was to repair or replace with Mr. Cowen answering repair. Chairman Baucom was under the impression that the capacity of our water plant was like sixteen million gallons a day with Mr. Apke answering that was the design capacity but currently it doesn't have the ability to deliver that. Chairman Baucom asked why with the answering being because it needs the repairs being talked about and there are components that have deteriorated over time that need to be upgraded in order to bring it back to capacity. Chairman Baucom asked if these figures include those kinds of repairs with Mr. Cowan answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if with the repairs, would we theoretically have a capacity of sixteen million gallons a day with the answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if in their assessment and calculations what needs to be done can be done and the cost is about twelve million with Mr. Cowan answering yes. Commissioner Smith asked about the increase in summer months and asked how they will address this in an emergency with Mr. Cowan saying the plant averages about six and one-half million gallons during peak months so there is still

some capacity in there if they get the plant back to the original design capacity around sixteen million gallons a day and that gives some surplus beyond what we've been experiencing now during peak summer months. Mr. Cowan added that once we start knocking on that door we may have to take another look and keep an eye to make sure there continues to be some reserve capacity. Mr. Apke added that as part of this exercise there was some hydraulic modeling done and by running the parallel twenty-four inch line our pumping capacity and what we can send to county customers and all bulk customers goes up by about six million gallons a day. Mr. Apke noted that right now we're pushing the limit of getting eleven million gallons out there which hits our peak summer days and by putting the parallel line in it allows us to push more water and assuming those lines are in service we can pump seventeen million gallons a day which is more than the plant capacity. Commissioner Sikes asked if the new twenty-four inch line would be a full twenty-four inch or would it have reductions in it like the other with Mr. Apke not recommending doing the reduction. Mr. Apke added that it was priced as a full twenty-four inch pipe. Commissioner Smith asked when repaired would the surplus like five million in the summer months be reached with no problem with Mr. Apke thinking that the staff is not real comfortable running the plant at sixteen million gallons a day. Mr. Sessions explained that every day they have to wash filters and even though you say sixteen million you've got to allow time when we are not producing water to send out to keep our plant regulated and wash filters. Chairman Baucom asked if it could do fifteen million or even fourteen million with Mr. Sessions feeling that was hard to say. Mr. Sessions explained that they have to base everything on what they call maximum peak day and maximum peak hour and for them it has been eleven million and something. Mr. Sessions shared that he and Mr. Harrington think the change over the last ten years has been all these farms that have come online. Mr. Sessions stated that as far as the other study they have the plans for the line and that was before his time but offered to talk with Vance to see why it never materialized. Chairman Baucom stated that the board was not going to make a decision tonight as they need to think this through. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Sessions how many millions of gallons we pump outside the borders of Anson County. Mr. Sessions answered that a rough average to Union County would be sixty to sixty-five million gallons, probably nine million to Marshville and twenty-four million to Richmond County. Commissioner Sims asked if this was a yearly amount with Mr. Sessions answering this was monthly. Commissioner Smith asked if we were still honoring the contract with Richmond County and if they would not release us with Chairman Baucom feeling they want out of it. Commissioner Smith felt we needed to get out of it with Chairman Baucom adding that we also need the money. Chairman Baucom felt the in game was that we have to sell a lot of water to pay this bill. Commissioner Sims felt another way to look at it was that we may have already sold too much water that we don't have enough for our industrial customers and to help Wadesboro. Commissioner Smith felt it imperative that we address the Wadesboro issue and supply them water. Vice Chair Streater wondered how much of the study done earlier could be used without redoing because in the study we got easements and encroachments and asked if we would have to do them all over again. Mr. Apke stated

that they have seen a design plan for the twenty-four inch line and he believes permits were obtained from the North Carolina Public Water Supply but all of that would have expired by now. Mr. Apke feels there is some benefit to what was done before but felt the permits would have to be looked at again through Public Water Supply as there are creek crossings and North Carolina DOT encroachment agreements and erosion control and he does not know if these permits were issued and if so they would likely have expired. Mr. Apke then asked if those plans used the route that was the best fit for the county at this point with Mr. Sessions feeling that would need to be looked at and discussed. Chairman Baucom felt a conversation about the previous work was needed. Commissioner Smith asked if this line could be put right beside the other line with Mr. Apke answering absolutely but that is not what the previous plans show. Commissioner Smith felt that would save a lot of money with Vice Chair Streater feeling maybe not. Chairman Baucom stated that right now we have a good idea of the cost of the project and the first thing they have to do is find the money. Mr. Cowan noted the staple of funding for this type of project is USDA. Mr. Cowan shared that he has talked with Allen Hart, our representative for this area, and we would be eligible for up to forty-five percent grant with the balance being a loan with a forty year amortization schedule. Mr. Cowan stated that all loan programs, including DWSRF which is funding the alum lagoon project, would be only a twenty year note. Mr. Cowan mentioned that the USEDA was out of Atlanta and are actually looking for projects. Mr. Cowen shared that this program has to have an Economic Development component. Mr. Cowen stated that all commerce programs are job related and tied to job creation and it is anywhere from twelve thousand five hundred dollars a job down to ten thousand dollars per job created. Mr. Cowan stated that DENR has EPA grant money that is on a cycle per cycle basis on a calendar year basis and we won't know until the application has been submitted as to whether or not the project based on the criteria for that cycle will be eligible for principal forgiveness. Mr. Cowen shared that they were hoping in our alum sludge lagoon project that we would get principal forgiveness but it did not happen and it was all loan money. Mr. Cowan feels the USDA is the most viable program available where we can get a combination grant/loan. Mr. Cowan mentioned a program listed as utility account saying if you were on the twenty-five most distressed community list you may be eligible for one-half million dollars grant for no claw back provision as long as it has the job creation component. Mr. Cowan shared that he talked with Mark Poole today who administers this program with the state and if we proceed with this project and McGill is involved he will try to pursue this on our behalf. Mr. Cowan noted this would be one-half million dollars we would not have to pay back. Commissioner Sims asked from any of the sources listed how much money he thought we could raise of the 11.5 with Mr. Cowan feeling thirty percent. Mr. Cowan noted that the grant money in the USDA program was rate driven and the lower your rates the less amount of grant money you are eligible for. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Cowan and the County Manager if the jobs and the money would come together at the same time or would they be too far apart with County Manager Gatewood feeling the timing would be fairly close. County Manager Gatewood shared that the industrial user has asked the board for a letter of commitment that we will supply them one million gallons a day and to be

able to do that and supply the Town of Wadesboro all their needs we have to invest this eleven million one hundred seventy five thousand dollars. County Manager Gatewood felt we did not have a choice. Commissioner Smith felt we should get some kind of money from the Town of Wadesboro with Vice Chair Streater asking what are they coming up with. County Manager Gatewood did not have that answer but it would certainly be discussed with the Town Manager and the town council to see what they would be willing to contribute towards this effort. Chairman Baucom noted that Representative Brody was in the audience and asked if the State of North Carolina had any money to help us. Representative Brody stated that he anticipated once this started that a question was coming. Representative Brody said that they would be back in session come February and they will have the analysis of how the cash flow goes by then. Chairman Baucom stated that he has heard the conversation and he knows what we need to do and the cost and asked him to keep us in mind and on his short list. Representative Brody answered definitely. Mr. Cowan stated that in his experience the help of your representative and your congressman could be most helpful. Chairman Baucom voiced to McGill that we appreciate their efforts on our behalf and is sure we will talk again. County Manager Gatewood stated that the board asked him to check with the Town of Wadesboro as to what their contribution would be towards this effort and asked if there were any other informational needs they have in order to recommend they accept the proposal and move forward with this plan. Chairman Baucom felt they needed to review the plan that has already been done to get our money's worth out of it and then as we go forward she would like to know how long will this take from the time we get the money or know where we will get the money to the time we can turn it on. Vice Chair Streater stated that on the Economic Development side we need to find out from the new company about the jobs they will bring to Anson County and how much incentive money we can get from those jobs. Chairman Baucom also wants to know if jobs are created with the poultry houses and if so can we use those as well because they are going to need water. Commissioner Smith felt that was Economic Development. Commissioner Smith felt the Town of Wadesboro was in dire need of an answer and he felt sure they would contribute to the project because they have no way to produce water. Commissioner Smith pointed out that Wadesboro was asking for a letter tonight with County Manager Gatewood saying the letter was actually for the industrial user and the town. Vice Chair Streater felt more information was needed with Chairman Baucom saying we could commit that we are going to do it but she thinks the town knows we can't promise anything right now. Chairman Baucom felt we need to know what they are going to bring to the table, to have some commitment for the job creation and we need to keep moving. Commissioner Smith felt we needed to look at possible growth in the future and 11.5 million dollars verses 13 million to enlarge the plant for future growth. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to look at the larger pipe and do it once and be done. Vice Chair Streater asked if the numbers included the new water tank with Mr. Apke answering no but he thinks Wadesboro has a funding source for the tank. Mr. Apke stated that they indicated they had gotten some grant money associated with the industry potentially for the water tank and maybe a water extension to the site. Chairman Baucom felt the next step would be a

meeting with the Town of Wadesboro to nail down who has what and who will do what. Mr. Sessions reported that if everything stays the same as it is now they can supply Wadesboro. Commissioner Sims felt we had to have three things and that is Wadesboro's water, the commercial plant and let's keep a little money laid back for surprises. Vice Chair Streater asked how much money was currently in the water fund with Ms. James answering 4.5 to 5.5 million dollars. County Attorney Forbes asked about the environmental impact shipping that much water crossing the river valley basins with Mr. Apke saying that was called interbasin transfer. Mr. Apke stated that the state just relaxed those laws a little and allows you now to transfer up to three million gallons a day and this is something that needs to be looked at as part of this process. Vice Chair Streater asked if wouldn't Union County have to provide that information where they sell that water to once we sell it to them with County Attorney Forbes saying he wants to make sure we are able to sell it to them and yes they would have to provide that information.

Sheriff Landric Reid: Vice Chair Streater voiced to Sheriff Reid that he can see we don't have any money so don't ask. Commissioner Smith asked everyone to stand and give him a round of applause for being the new sheriff. Sheriff Reid stated that his purpose tonight was to introduce himself and his Chief Deputy, Scott Howell. Sheriff Reid thanked board members for their support and when he signed with County Manager Gatewood he did not have to argue about anything – it was all there. Sheriff Reid stated that he has friends around the state that are new sheriff's and they have to argue, fuss and fight for everything they want and he thanked everyone for how smooth this was. Sheriff Reid mentioned the letter from Sheriff Allen back in August saying he wanted a smooth transition and he thanked Sheriff Allen for the smooth transition saying he did everything he said he would. Sheriff Reid shared that when he went to Sheriff's leadership school at Duke University there was twenty-eight in the class and probably six or seven, including him, knew what was going on and that was because of what Sheriff Allen had taught him. Sheriff Reid stated that he would wait until later to ask for anything. Sheriff Reid stated that the sheriff's office was about the safety of the citizens of Anson County and that is how they are going to operate. Sheriff Reid stated that when he comes to the board to ask for something it is not anything they want it will be things they need. Sheriff Reid stated if there was anything they could do at the sheriff's office for them or if they need a guard for a meeting they will be here one night a month for this meeting. Sheriff Reid noted that although they were commissioners they were also citizens and asked that they help them to put the safety of the citizens first. Sheriff Reid shared that one of the things he said when he was campaigning is that they are going to try to run the drugs out of this county. Sheriff Reid stated that they are going to do it and treat people fair, they will be courteous and honest and they will have no type of discrimination in the office. Sheriff Reid asked if anyone had questions or problems with anyone in his office to call him. Sheriff Reid thanked Ms. Huntley saying she went out of her way to do things for him and make sure everything was there for him as well as Mr. Gatewood. Sheriff Reid stated that he used to be quiet and shy but he has turned into a politician.

Commissioner Smith stated that Sheriff Reid delivered a beautiful presentation tonight and voiced appreciation to him for saying there would be no discrimination. Sheriff Reid stated that when you see him you don't normally see a book in his hand as he speaks from the heart. Chairman Baucom voiced that the board would support him every way they can. Chairman Baucom stated that we were all in this together but within their means they will do the best for him they can. Chairman Baucom added that she knows he will do the best he can for the people.

Public Addresses to the Board:

Representative Brody stated that he wanted to follow in the politician's footsteps and reintroduce himself. Representative Brody shared that he was currently our state representative and for the next two years he would continue on that. Representative Brody congratulated the returning board members and thanked Sheriff Reid. Representative Brody thanked Sheriff Allen for all the times he has sat in his office and called him on the phone for advice. Representative Brody stated that he never avoided coming to Anson County knowing he was going to get some tough questions and expects to continue on that progress. Representative Brody stated that he knows Anson County has challenges and he will certainly do his best to see that they help us. Representative Brody asked board members to keep in contact with him and he would do the same with them should legislation come by that will affect us directly. Representative Brody noted that they have new leadership and they don't know where their committees will be. Representative Brody stated that he was assigned to job development last time and hopes to be on that again. Representative Brody shared that at the last session they passed legislation that will allow municipalities and counties to join the state health plan. Representative Brody noted the reason for his appearance is that a couple of municipalities around the state have joined. Representative Brody explained that it allows us to look at the rates and decide if it is something that will fit our needs. Representative Brody did say that generally if you have less than fifty employees it may be a benefit because of the Affordable Care Act. Representative Brody stated that a lot of places have found significant savings. Representative Brody stated that he would talk with the County Manager later on and give more details. Representative Brody pledged to do his best for Anson County and will help out where he can, whether it is the Sheriff's department or utilities or just general government. Representative Brody stated that if the state is in our way to let him know. Representative Brody said he would not promise but he can assure us he will respond and get some kind of answer for us. Representative Brody told board members to remember he represents them and to keep in touch. Representative Brody added that he was pleased that Anson County was such a down to earth place. Representative shared that he was at the Union County Commission meeting at the swearing in yesterday and they were not allowed to applaud. Representative Brody thanked board members saying God Bless this county.

Commissioner Sims commented that Mr. Sessions has done a wonderful job for us and he wants to make sure he and his crew and all those in the county knows they

are working very hard doing good things. Chairman Baucom stated to Representative Brody that finding the money is a challenge but what we have before us is an amazing opportunity and like most good things opportunities cost. Chairman Baucom stated that they look forward to working with him to try to identify sources of funds.

Closed Session: Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to go into closed session for contract negotiations pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5).

After the closed session Chairman Baucom called for a ten minute break.

Back in regular session, the next item was **Commercial Solar Farms – Permit Fee Adoption:** County Manager Gatewood shared that Strata Solar was ready to break ground on their new solar farm here in Anson County and the county needs to establish a permit fee. County Manager Gatewood stated that in preparation of this meeting he and Ms. Huntley went out to neighboring counties, Richmond, Montgomery, Stanly and Union to see what they are charging. County Manager Gatewood stated that our recommendation tonight is to follow the lead of Montgomery County primarily for three reasons: 1) they are a tier 1 county, 2) they are largely rural and 3) they have a population very close to Anson County. County Manager Gatewood stated that if we follow Montgomery County's lead and their model we could charge Strata Solar \$800 per megawatt and they are planning a 6.5 megawatt facility which would result in permit fees of \$5,200. Chairman Baucom was of the impression Strata told us this was a ten million dollar investment with County Manager Gatewood saying that was what he and Ms. Huntley talked about. County Manager Gatewood stated that he heard initially ten million dollars but apparently not as they are putting in about half that amount. County Manager Gatewood stated that we have confirmation from them in writing to that affect. County Manager Gatewood stated that his recommendation and that of our building inspector is to follow the lead of Montgomery County. Chairman Baucom asked why not Stanly with County Manager Gatewood feeling it was too high. County Manager Gatewood stated that we don't know of any solar farm that has gone into Stanly County with these permit fees and we would probably discourage future investment in Anson County in solar farm. County Manager Gatewood feels solar farms will only grow in time. Commissioner Sims felt we would be better to go to the five and if we go to the nineteen it will hurt us in the future. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to accept the fee from Montgomery County as our County Manager stated. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Elections Schedule: Chairman Baucom stated that we can't do it with County Manager Gatewood answering that was correct. Chairman Baucom stated that it was her understanding that the Board of Elections was aware of this and approved it. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she attended the meeting today and they explained that the director was scheduled to be off that day and there was a sudden death in the assistant director's family and with it being the week of

Thanksgiving they didn't find anyone to keep the office open for two days. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that on December 8 and 9 the director and assistant will be at a conference and Ms. Reynolds has agreed to keep the office open those two days. Commissioner Sturdivant added that she understands money is in the budget to cover this part time salary. Vice Chair Streater agreed it was good to have someone there from 8:30 until 5 if they do nothing else but answer the phone and greet the public. Commissioner Woodburn commented that he knows the board doesn't have anything to do with it but as a courtesy would it not make sense to notify the county in case there were calls about it. Commissioner Woodburn then wondered if board members would even get the calls. County Manager Gatewood shared that this last communication was not sent directly to the County Manager and it came by way of Ms. Huntley but we get communication.

Set Meeting Schedule for 2015: Chairman Baucom noted that it looks like there is no need for adjustments. County Manager Gatewood pointed out that November 3 was Election Day if that was a consideration. Chairman Baucom noted it was for towns and asked if anybody was concerned about that. Chairman Baucom voiced that she had no problem with it. County Attorney Forbes asked what time the polls would close next year with Commissioner Sturdivant answering 7:30 PM. After discussion, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the 2015 calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 meeting schedule set as follows:

January 6	July 7
February 3	August 4
March 3	September 1
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

Manager's Report: County Manager Gatewood recognized the top ten employees based on years of service as follows: Daniel Gatewood 24.7 years; Lula Jackson 25.8 years; Dianne Edwards 26 years; Patricia Seago 26 years; Buddy Waddell 26 years, Rita James 27.4 years; Bonnie Huntley 30 years; Sylvia Jeter 32 years; Doris Kendall Rorie 35 years and Bernice Bennett 39.7 years. County Manager Gatewood then recognized those that retired since the November meeting. County Manager Gatewood noted they were all in the Sheriff's Department: Elaine Lear 33 years; Tommy Allen 28 years, Charlie Little 28 years, Acie Gainey 16 years and Milton Pegram 12 years. County Manager Gatewood shared that on December 31 Nita Harris will retire with 35 years and Kay Register with 25 years. County Manager Gatewood noted the upcoming events as the Senior Christmas luncheon on Thursday with one serving at 11 AM and the second at 1 PM. County Manager Gatewood noted that on Friday our county employee Christmas luncheon will take place from Noon – 2 PM. County Manager Gatewood thanked the board for their continued support of this luncheon. County Manager Gatewood shared that we were operating within the same budgetary guidelines as last year. County Manager Gatewood reported that county offices would

be closed Wednesday through Friday, December 24-26 for Christmas Holiday. County Manager Gatewood added that December 1 was the first day of LIEAP at DSS which is Low Income Energy Assistance Program and they processed 265 applications and today they processed an additional 78 applications. Commissioner Sturdivant commented that those ladies treated each applicant so nice. County Manager Gatewood stated that tomorrow was a very special day because longevity checks will be deposited into employee bank accounts. County Manager Gatewood stated that several years ago when he was the HR director the board increased the maximum payout from \$1200 to \$1600 and employees were still thanking the board for that consideration. County Manager Gatewood stated that for the last couple of months we've been engaged in an ACTS facility planning process with North Carolina DOT and their contractors. County Manager Gatewood explained that this was a six month study costing a total of \$75,000 and we've been waiting in line for the last four years to participate and the county's portion of the study is 10% or \$7,500. County Manager Gatewood shared that the first meeting was an input session and we included everyone from Chairman Baucom, Vice Chair Streater, Lula Jackson, Bernice Bennett, Dr. Thompson, finance, an ACTS driver as well as the person that washes the ACTs vans to get their input and ideas on what they would like to see in a new facility. County Manager Gatewood shared that the existing facility was unacceptable and ingress and egress off highway 74 is dangerous and felt it was just a matter of time before we have a major accident there. County Manager Gatewood added that the current facility is a leased facility and one day will be sold and we will not have an ACTS home. County Manager Gatewood stated that a small planning team has been formed consisting of Bernice Bennett, Bonnie Huntley, Lula Jackson, Scott Rowell, Dr. Thompson and several representatives from DOT as well as their contractors. County Manager Gatewood noted the third meeting was scheduled for December 17 where we will look at potential sites and look at a schedule to where we are and when we expect to break ground and have our open house. County Manager Gatewood stated that later this month we will get the results of our broadband inventory project and our audit report is still on schedule to be delivered later this month. County Manager Gatewood reported that our fund balance should exceed six million dollars as promised for some time and he thinks all the county's finances are in very good shape. Commissioner Sims asked how it looked for taxes next year with Ms. James answering she has not done a lot of research and does not know at this point. Ms. James did say that we were at thirty-one percent collected for real estate and it's been ten years since we've been at this point. Ms. James stated that the state has taken over vehicle tax collection and she doesn't know what this means for the budget at this point. Ms. James stated that at this point in time we have some line items that are overdrawn and it is going to be hard to find anything and we may have to cover them. Ms. James shared that some people have left leaving issues with salaries being overdrawn and there are a lot of departments that are already expended on overtime. Commissioner Sims asked if with the state taking over vehicle tax collection does that mean they take the money and send it back to us with Ms. James answering they do. Ms. James added that it is much better than when we were doing it ourselves. Vice Chair Streater mentioned the line items overdrawn and asked the reason with Ms.

James answering that the Board of Elections had a lot of overtime during the election process. Vice Chair Streater felt this was a good reason the raises were not approved for that department. County Manager Gatewood felt that the successful GovDeals sale and the increase in the host fees from the landfill will help take the load of property tax increases off our taxpayers. Commissioner Sims asked if we have more excess property and timber with County Manager Gatewood answering we've sold the timber but we do have land near the armory. County Manager Gatewood added that we were looking at one of those tracts as a potential site for our new ACTS facility, carving out five to seven acres, but unless we have strategic needs for the land he recommends selling it. County Manager Gatewood shared that he has had a conversation with Mr. Freeman about this to see if they have any future needs for that land and he has not received a response so he takes that as a no. Vice Chair Streater asked if had a handle on the utility bill at the new building yet with Ms. James answering that she would look at this tomorrow and email him. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if the vision for the ACTS building would set aside the vision for DSS with County Manager Gatewood answering it would not. County Manager Gatewood stated that the funding for the ACTS facility will be 80% by the federal government, 10% by the state and 10% by the county. County Manager Gatewood stated that as far as DSS is concerned we have gone to the state and we have confirmed that they will assist in the funding of a new DSS facility somewhere between forty-five to fifty percent. County Manager Gatewood stated that they have requirements just like DOT and there is a process we will have to follow but a seven or eight million dollar facility can cost the county three and one-half to four million dollars which would be a great day for a much needed facility. Chairman Baucom asked if we provide the land for the ACTS building if that would go toward our share with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. County Manager Gatewood feels if we use the land near the armory it might be worth fifty thousand dollars an acre based on what the hospital paid for their ten acres. County Manager Gatewood thanked the board and community for the opportunity to serve as their County Manager. County Manager Gatewood stated that he has enjoyed every minute of it. County Manager Gatewood also wanted to thank and recognize all 240 employees that have made him look really good and in fact, he has the unique distinction of being the only County Manager in North Carolina that moved from washing cars at DSS to becoming the County Manager in a matter of seven years. County Manager Gatewood stated that most County Managers that he has talked to say they have a core team that they can rely on to get the job done. County Manager Gatewood stated that his core team is people that make the board and him look really good: former Sheriff Tommy Allen, Scott Forbes, Carol Ann Gibson, Randy Gullledge, Bonnie Huntley, Lula Jackson, Rita James, Larry Newton and Tiffany Randall. County Manager Gatewood noted that last month the board asked the whereabouts of Ms. James and he said she was on a well-deserved vacation. County Manager Gatewood added that it was a payroll week but he was not nervous or concerned at all because he knew full well that Tiffany would close the gap. County Manager Gatewood stated that we received our pay on schedule just as we promised. County Manager Gatewood told the board that we needed backup not only for payroll accounting but for the entire accounting and finance

department and we are working rapidly toward that end. County Manager Gatewood continued with names of his core team as Scott Rowell, Janine Rywak, Mike Sessions and Dr. Fred Thompson. County Manager Gatewood shared that he and Dr. Thompson worked together very closely over the last four plus years on the new hospital and from day one they wanted to make the commissioners aware of their plans and they've kept him involved all the way until he received a call yesterday asking for a key to the old red brick buildings. County Manager Gatewood stated that they could not find the keys and we don't have keys and we don't want them until the buildings are turned over to us. County Manager Gatewood added that he and Jeff Waisner also work very closely together.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom reported that she, along with Bonnie, Lawrence and Vancine were at the last school board meeting and they recognized this board for our support with the quarter-cent sales tax referendum. Chairman Baucom shared with board members the plaque given us by the Board of Education. Chairman Baucom stated that it was her pleasure and honor to present the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Award to Vancine Sturdivant this year. Chairman Baucom shared that this was the third year someone in county government has gotten this award from the Chamber. Chairman Baucom stated that she received the leadership award last year and Lawrence got it the year before. Commissioner Sims was of the impression she received an award the Little's give with Chairman Baucom saying she received the Henry Little Leadership Award last year. Chairman Baucom stated that her point is that this speaks very well of this board. Chairman Baucom noted the school board recognized them for their support, the Chamber of Commerce recognized consciously or unconsciously the contribution of this board and she thinks it is amazing. Chairman Baucom stated that she attended Anson Economic Development Commission's meeting last month and told them about our continuity plan for county government and they were very receptive. Chairman Baucom shared that she participated along with Ross and Vancine in the Veteran's Day parade. Chairman Baucom reported that she attended a meeting with Senator elect Tom McInnis to talk about our most pressing issues and it was very interesting to her. Chairman Baucom shared a copy with board members of the issues she came up with and two of the other participants pretty much had the same issues. Chairman Baucom noted the three items were Economic Development, aggressing poverty and education and equality. Chairman Baucom noted it was a very good meeting as he is a very intelligent and excited man. Chairman Baucom stated that he was currently on the school board in Richmond County and feels he will be very effective with public education in North Carolina.

Consent Agenda: Chairman Baucom was hopefully board members had had a chance to look through the consent agenda and asked if there was a motion to approve. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: approved minutes dated November 10, 2014 and closed session minutes of the same date.

Tax Releases:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments							
				12/02/14			
20618	Hill Leigh/Whisnant Sharon	2014	16.03	14-1-DF27209	Real Taxes	Releases	Home Site No Farm Deferrment
20619	Hill Leigh/Whisnant Sharon	2013	17.43	14-1-DF27210	Real Taxes	Releases	Home Site No Farm Deferrment
20620	Hill Leigh/Whisnant Sharon	2012	16.03	14-1-DF27211	Real Taxes	Releases	Home Site No Farm Deferrment
20621	Hill Leigh/Whisnant Sharon	2011	20.32	14-1-DF27212	Real Taxes	Releases	Home Site No Farm Deferrment
20616	Twin Valley Country Club	2014	720.77	14-7-18321	Real Taxes	Releases	PTC Rebill - Amended Value
20617	Twin Valley Country Club	2014	20,186.48	14-7-18322	Real Taxes	Releases	PTC Rebill - Amended Value
			\$ 20,977.06				
			-		Real Taxes	Refund	
			\$ -				
			-		Vehicle Taxes	Release	
			\$ -				
			-		Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
			\$ -				
			-		Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	
			\$ -				
			20,977.06	*****			
Tax & Tag Together Refunds							
10037054	Bates, Aaron David	2014	40.68	High Mileage	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
20484120	Belin, Evelyn	2014	212.18	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
9854736	Deese, Danny	2014	44.74	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14093083	Henry, Charlie J	2014	4.71	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
20342353	Henry, Charlie J	2014	4.21	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
9199987	Hough, Ernestine	2014	3.12	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
23232659	Hyatt, Christopher	2014	167.20	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19549875	NC Mechanical Services	2014	125.66	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19205153	NC Mechanical Services	2014	146.58	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
20590658	Pinkston, Todd	2014	5.11	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
22905834	Watkins, Derashun	2014	132.04	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
			\$ 886.23	*****			

Tax Collector's report:

Real Property Taxes

FY 2014-2015 Current Year Ad Valorem - 2014

November 30, 2014

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Year 2014	-	-	-	153,640.24	1,882,078.48	792,701.58	692,263.47	1,705,171.82
Year 2013	153,925.51	122,514.28	179,074.87	62,285.51	1,345,310.70	916,100.29	800,689.88	1,026,213.73
Year 2012	179,365.23	196,487.21	165,789.97	139,879.76	1,330,911.40	863,307.89	662,140.94	1,545,771.18
Year 2011	153,989.93	109,921.59	207,718.61	78,897.91	1,033,340.38	1,114,236.77	724,932.68	1,057,582.02
Year 2010	132,854.57	142,607.79	132,015.62	64,025.06	698,291.83	1,078,301.02	727,146.32	1,834,033.24
Year 2009	261,656.33	87,022.22	149,915.40	75,012.59	562,659.35	1,317,720.88	681,923.36	1,487,890.82
Year 2008	131,934.01	145,103.87	144,764.28	82,074.70	1,509,823.05	750,653.41	705,888.42	1,308,422.04
Of Total Collections								
County Taxes & Late List	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Year 2014				115,026.22	1,475,428.46	656,910.38	564,856.89	1,379,948.94
Year 2013	112,155.68	89,587.40	121,642.85	44,283.99	1,078,657.83	757,121.45	652,575.87	847,994.08
Year 2012	132,595.62	139,834.71	113,267.76	106,855.68	1,100,182.13	716,431.79	548,716.84	1,246,234.94
Year 2011	114,354.72	80,805.60	121,655.06	53,935.78	840,543.63	921,545.62	603,338.68	865,688.02
Year 2010	101,065.71	104,729.42	95,416.97	47,746.47	560,283.83	894,518.98	605,605.64	1,479,716.19
Year 2009	189,446.64	63,406.87	112,505.37	52,118.13	460,019.34	1,104,190.36	561,891.76	1,192,815.02
Year 2008	99,314.46	107,874.15	104,520.34	61,341.51	1,218,671.84	633,646.80	574,997.79	1,046,831.34
Current Year (2014) Ad Valorem Collections %	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Year 2014				N/A	13.93%	20.03%	21.00%	31.94%
Year 2013	91.74%	92.21%	92.87%		10.02%	16.86%	18.95%	25.52%
Year 2012	92.68%	93.58%	94.00%		10.76%	14.37%	18.46%	28.32%
Year 2011	92.77%	93.20%	93.75%		7.87%	13.92%	18.51%	24.84%
Year 2010	92.95%	93.57%	94.09%		4.90%	13.35%	15.95%	27.10%
Year 2009	92.70%	93.11%	93.78%		4.47%	12.81%	17.03%	26.88%
Year 2008	93.40%	94.15%	94.62%		12.88%	15.53%	20.18%	29.04%
Year 2007	94.32%	94.78%	95.25%		12.95%	16.08%	19.69%	25.78%
Year 2006	94.53%	95.28%	95.78%		9.72%	15.87%	20.69%	30.37%
Year 2005	95.09%	95.85%	96.43%		11.83%	17.64%	21.77%	30.22%
Current Year (2014) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Year 2014				10,287,030.03	8,920,787.68	8,289,002.31	9,767,584.90	8,429,004.05
Year 2013	1,019,728.08	961,199.68	879,940.86	19,880.54	9,290,290.35	8,585,188.08	10,002,458.80	9,209,218.73
Year 2012	896,470.97	786,437.51	734,822.47	44,734.04	9,226,756.70	10,479,738.36	9,979,652.70	8,777,582.71
Year 2011	877,303.12	824,977.42	757,956.67	32,692.26	9,407,190.90	10,421,780.20	9,872,181.97	9,108,774.55
History of Past Due Mailings	02/14/12		10/01/12		01/09/13		04/09/13	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	4,559	3,637,092.32	2,419	2,362,763.93	5,543	4,420,774.02	3,360	3,308,737.72
Tax Scroll Billings	Tax Rate	Taxed Value	County Tax	Late List	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed	
Year 2014	0.767	1,337,826,323	10,261,136.82	25,913.00	1,817,440.08	543,719.23	12,648,209.13	
Year 2013	0.767	1,337,123,638	10,255,747.03	38,016.08	1,646,610.96	506,563.47	12,446,937.54	
Year 2012	0.767	1,329,890,486	10,200,268.80	14,665.91	1,635,582.81	504,013.76	12,354,531.28	
Year 2011	0.767	1,323,056,075	10,147,848.87	13,689.32	1,639,958.48	499,585.19	12,301,081.86	
Year 2010	0.767	1,327,866,369	10,184,743.25	15,890.10	1,629,828.36	503,371.31	12,333,833.02	
Year 2009	0.894	1,074,350,757	9,604,696.60	38,844.26	1,596,904.94	419,657.98	11,660,103.78	
Year 2008	0.894	1,067,095,405	9,539,833.35	15,293.61	1,587,401.81	418,342.90	11,560,871.67	
Utilities	County Tax	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed				
Year 2014	1,986,444.95	98,421.89	129,157.90	2,214,024.74				
Year 2013	2,006,288.46	87,240.23	120,629.50	2,214,158.19				
Year 2012	1,912,391.52	95,646.61	113,513.96	2,121,552.09				
Year 2011	1,903,727.55	96,335.67	112,271.30	2,112,334.52				
Year 2010	1,909,334.87	96,146.67	110,638.22	2,116,119.76				
Year 2009	1,997,433.34	93,637.75	102,680.57	2,193,751.66				
Year 2008	2,036,138.47	80,919.31	104,766.86	2,221,824.64				
	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014				
Accounts Receivable by Type	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	138	56,347.02	137	56,005.40	134	54,573.34	137	56,699.13
Accts with Agreements	38	10,570.85	38	10,623.79	38	10,656.73	38	10,709.67
Accts in Foreclosure	284	124,945.31	284	125,488.79	284	126,131.91	284	126,725.03
Bankruptcies	86	49,885.75	86	50,140.88	86	50,170.30	84	49,523.13
Remaining Accts Collectible	10,554	3,214,994.13	10,456	3,196,514.42	10,332	3,154,562.37	9,698	3,138,674.40
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	17,050	10,916,704.93	15,693	10,160,994.53	14,759	11,760,366.24	12,633	10,116,105.89
**Red = AR Dollars	28,150	14,373,447.99	26,694	13,599,767.81	25,633	15,156,460.89	22,874	13,498,437.25
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	2	204.82	2	713.58	-	-	1	205.82
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		179,531.80		177,825.76		177,932.25		178,176.06
	Aug 2013	Sep 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2013				
Accounts Receivable by Type	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	182	72,061.12	177	70,322.01	215	69,063.74	172	67,935.18
Accts with Agreements	42	10,507.28	42	10,562.58	42	10,617.88	42	10,673.18
Accts in Foreclosure	309	131,654.72	300	125,614.75	300	124,123.43	298	122,670.20
Bankruptcies	113	67,261.97	113	67,404.98	112	67,604.58	112	67,676.56
Remaining Accts Collectible	8,881	2,654,992.35	8,764	2,603,649.75	8,001	2,544,104.56	7,959	2,514,319.86
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	17,839	11,209,194.26	16,157	10,369,437.91	15,105	11,871,799.94	13,803	10,928,707.45
**Red = AR Dollars	27,366	14,145,671.70	25,553	13,246,991.98	23,775	14,687,314.13	22,386	13,711,982.43
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	14	11,998.91	13	10,626.41	4	4,750.98	-	-
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		255,031.64		253,550.26		252,543.51		252,295.66

Remaining Accts Collectible	8,881	2,654,992.35	8,764	2,603,649.75	8,001	2,544,104.56	7,959	2,514,319.86
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	17,839	11,209,194.26	16,157	10,369,437.91	15,105	11,871,799.94	13,803	10,928,707.45
**Red = AR Dollars	27,366	14,145,671.70	25,553	13,246,991.98	23,775	14,687,314.13	22,386	13,711,982.43
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	14	11,998.91	13	10,626.41	4	4,750.98	-	-
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		255,031.64		253,550.26		252,543.51		252,295.66

Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update:

Fund Balance Calculation					
	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>Two Months</i>	<i>Last</i>		
<i>As of 11-30-14</i>	<i>Same Month</i>	<i>Ago</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Now</i>	
	<i>As of</i>	<i>As of</i>	<i>As of</i>	<i>As of</i>	
	<i>11/30/13</i>	<i>09/30/14</i>	<i>10/31/14</i>	<i>11/30/14</i>	
Available Fund Balance					
Cash & Investments (General)	\$ 7,657,298	\$ 8,968,362	\$ 7,831,352	\$ 8,661,967	
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)	\$ 18,386	\$ 21,146	\$ 21,397	\$ 21,648	
Less Cash from General (other funds)	\$ (113,998)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Less Liabilites (w/out deferred revenue)	\$ 129,353	\$ 145,383	\$ 142,878	\$ 135,770	
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (46,235)	\$ (46,235)	\$ (46,235)	
Less Encumbrances	\$ (154,764)	\$ (140,409)	\$ (162,032)	\$ (50,064)	
Total Available	\$ 7,495,820	\$ 8,948,247	\$ 7,787,360	\$ 8,723,086	
General Fund Expenditures					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 28,852,503	\$ 28,852,503	\$ 28,852,503	
Total Available for Appropriation					
Total Available	\$ 7,495,820	\$ 8,948,247	\$ 7,787,360	\$ 8,723,086	
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 28,852,503	\$ 28,852,503	\$ 28,852,503	
Total % Available Fund Balance	26.98%	31.01%	26.99%	30.23%	
Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC	8%	8%	8%	8%	
	\$2,222,645	\$2,308,200	\$2,308,200	\$2,308,200	
% Undesignated Fund Balance	18.98%	23.01%	18.99%	22.23%	
	\$ 5,273,175	\$ 6,640,047	\$ 5,479,160	\$ 6,414,886	

Monthly Jail Report:

Electronic Transaction Report:

12/31/14

Utilities Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2014	5,054.02	145	21	22
Aug 2014	5,792.83	157	20	21
Sep 2014	7,574.87	167	20	21
Oct 2014	6,227.45	172	22	23
Nov 2014	5,493.81	167	16	17
Dec 2014	-	-	-	20
Jan 2015	-	-	-	-
Feb 2015	-	-	-	-
Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	30,142.98	808		

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	33,266.04	989	27,138.31	418
Sep 2014	32,521.26	988	43,811.45	384
Oct 2014	35,568.86	987	22,899.14	420
Nov 2014	26,244.60	991	23,917.04	394
Dec 2014	27,093.97	994	20,627.00	396
Jan 2015				
Feb 2015				
Mar 2015				
Apr 2015				
May 2015				
Jun 2015				
	184,069.45	5,938	173,699.96	2,513

Tax Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2014	2,598.77	20	9	22
Aug 2014	12,300.46	31	11	21
Sep 2014	3,746.65	14	9	21
Oct 2014	3,516.51	9	8	23
Nov 2014	4,104.99	13	9	17
Dec 2014	-	-	-	20
Jan 2015	-	-	-	-
Feb 2015	-	-	-	-
Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	26,267.38	87		

Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	26,267.38	87		

Health Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2014	1,314.91	24	13	22
Aug 2014	693.20	26	14	21
Sep 2014	982.69	26	15	21
Oct 2014	847.08	18	11	23
Nov 2014	1,361.98	31	14	17
Dec 2014	-	-	-	20
Jan 2015	-	-	-	-
Feb 2015	-	-	-	-
Mar 2015	-	-	-	-
Apr 2015	-	-	-	-
May 2015	-	-	-	-
Jun 2015	-	-	-	-
	5,199.86	125		

Budget Amendment – Tourism Development Fund: to appropriate Tourism Development Fund Balance for a donation to the Agri-Civic Center.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/2015

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/2015 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 13. Tourism Development Fund

Increase: Tourism Development Fund	\$ 25,000
Total Increase:	\$ 25,000

Section 14. Tourism Development Fund

Increase: Tourism Development Fund	\$ 25,000
Total Increase:	\$ 25,000

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 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 2014/2015

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/2015 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Emergency Management 11-4330	\$ 9,100
Total Increase	\$ 9,100

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Emergency Management 11-4330	\$ 9,100
Total increase:	\$ 9,100

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Health Department: to recognize and appropriate additional funds from the Women’s and Children’s Health Section of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services for the Immunization Action Plan Program at the Anson County Health Department.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2014/2015

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2014/2015 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase:	Health Programs 11-5110-5181	\$ 4,298
Total Increase:		\$ 4,298

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Health – All Programs 11-5100	\$ 4,298
Total Increase:		\$ 4,298

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Resolution – Honoring Major Charlie Little: to declare the weapon surplus and approve the Resolution to award

RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THE BADGE AND SERVICE WEAPON OF MAJOR CHARLIE LITTLE AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY TO BE PRESENTED UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Charlie Little began his law enforcement career in 1986 when he was hired by Anson County as a Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Little worked as a patrolman, shift Sergeant and Lieutenant. In 1994 Mr. Little left Anson County to work for the Town of Wadesboro Police Department and returned to Anson County Sheriff’s office in 2002 as Chief Deputy and retired December 1, 2014 at the rank of Major.

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 20, Article 187.2, governing boards are authorized to honor retiring law enforcement officers by presenting the badge worn during office as well as the service weapon carried during their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation to Major Charlie Little for his more than 28 years of service in law enforcement in Anson County, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally exercises the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina by awarding the badge worn by Major Little in his dedicated service to the citizens of Anson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby declares as surplus property Glock .40-Caliber, Model 27, semi-automatic Revolver, Serial #FKT968 to be presented to Major Little upon the occasion of his retirement as the service weapon that he carried during office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is with appreciation that the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to convey the badge and service weapon carried by Major Little during his years of service with Anson County.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Resolution –Honoring Major Milton Pegram: to declare the weapon surplus and approve the Resolution to award:

RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THE BADGE AND SERVICE WEAPON OF MAJOR MILTON PEGRAM AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY TO BE PRESENTED UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, in 2002 Milton Pegram retired as a North Carolina Forest Ranger after 27 years of service and began his law enforcement career with Anson County in 2002 when he was hired to serve as a Chief Deputy. Mr. Pegram retired December 1, 2014 at the rank of Major.

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 20, Article 187.2, governing boards are authorized to honor retiring law enforcement officers by presenting the badge worn during office as well as the service weapon carried during their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation to Major Milton Pegram for his more than 12 years of service in law enforcement in Anson County, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally exercises the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina by awarding the badge worn by Major Pegram in his dedicated service to the citizens of Anson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby declares as surplus property Glock .40-Caliber, Model 27, semi-automatic Revolver, Serial #FKT972 to be presented to Major Pegram upon the occasion of his retirement as the service weapon that he carried during office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is with appreciation that the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to convey the badge and service weapon carried by Major Pegram during his years of service with Anson County.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Resolution – Honoring Captain Billy Dunn: to declare the weapon surplus and approve the Resolution to award:

RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THE BADGE AND SERVICE WEAPON OF CAPTAIN BILLY DUNN AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY TO BE PRESENTED UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Billy Dunn began his career with Anson County in 2000 when he was hired to serve as a patrol officer. Mr. Dunn, having worked in Law Enforcement for 15 years for Rockingham Police Department and Richmond County Sheriff's Office, quickly rose through the ranks serving as Sergeant and Lieutenant in 2000. Mr. Dunn retired May 31, 2014 at the rank of Captain over operations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 20, Article 187.2, governing boards are authorized to honor retiring law enforcement officers by presenting the badge worn during office as well as the service weapon carried during their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation to Captain Billy Dunn for his 14 years of service in law enforcement in Anson County, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally exercises the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina by awarding the badge worn by Captain Dunn in his dedicated service to the citizens of Anson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby declares as surplus property Glock .40-Caliber, Model 27, semi-automatic Revolver, Serial #FKT971 to be presented to Captain Dunn upon the occasion of his retirement as the service weapon that he carried during office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is with appreciation that the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to convey the badge and service weapon carried by Captain Dunn during his years of service with Anson County.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Resolution – Honoring Alex Campbell: to declare the weapon surplus and approve the Resolution to award:

RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THE BADGE AND SERVICE WEAPON OF DEPUTY ALEX CAMPBELL AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY TO BE PRESENTED UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Alex Campbell began his career with Anson County in 1999 by serving as a jailer in the Anson County Jail. Mr. Campbell later served as a road deputy. Mr. Campbell retired in December 2006 and in 2008 came back to work part time at the jail and as a patrol officer.

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 20, Article 187.2, governing boards are authorized to honor retiring law enforcement officers by presenting the badge worn during office as well as the service weapon carried during their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation to Deputy Alex Campbell for his more than 6 years of service in law enforcement in Anson County the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally exercises the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina by awarding the badge worn by Deputy Campbell in his dedicated service to the citizens of Anson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby declares as surplus property Glock .40-Caliber, Model 22, semi-automatic Revolver, Serial #CNA767 to be presented to Deputy Campbell upon the occasion of his retirement as the service weapon that he carried during office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is with appreciation that the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to convey the badge and service weapon carried by Deputy Campbell during his years of service with Anson County.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Resolution – Honoring Lieutenant Acie Gainey: to declare the weapon surplus and approve the Resolution to award:

RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THE BADGE AND SERVICE WEAPON OF LIEUTENANT ACIE GAINNEY AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY TO BE PRESENTED UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Acie Gainey began his career in Law Enforcement with Anson County in 1999 when he was hired to serve as a jailer. Mr. Gainey remained with the jail becoming a shift supervisor and Sergeant. Mr. Gainey retired December 1, 2014 with the rank of Lieutenant over operations and transportation.

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 20, Article 187.2, governing boards are authorized to honor retiring law enforcement officers by presenting the badge worn during office as well as the service weapon carried during their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation to Lieutenant Acie Gainey for his 15 years of service in law enforcement in Anson County, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally exercises the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina by awarding the badge worn by Lieutenant Gainey in his dedicated service to the citizens of Anson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby declares as surplus property Glock .40-Caliber, Model 22, semi-automatic Revolver, Serial #CNA766 to be presented to Lieutenant Gainey upon the occasion of his retirement as the service weapon that he carried during office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is with appreciation that the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to convey the badge and service weapon carried by Lieutenant Gainey during his years of service with Anson County.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Resolution – Honoring 1st Sgt Pat McCoy: to declare the weapon surplus and approve the Resolution to award:

RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THE BADGE AND SERVICE WEAPON OF 1ST SGT. PAT McCOY AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY TO BE PRESENTED UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Pat McCoy began her career with Anson County in 1999 by serving as a dispatcher. Ms. McCoy was later transferred to the jail where she worked as a jailer, shift supervisor and Sergeant. Ms. McCoy retired December 1, 2014 as 1st Sergeant over operations.

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 20, Article 187.2, governing boards are authorized to honor retiring law enforcement officers by presenting the badge worn during office as well as the service weapon carried during their years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a token of appreciation to 1st Sgt. Pat McCoy for her 15 years of service in law enforcement in Anson County, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby formally exercises the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina by awarding the badge worn by 1st Sgt. Pat McCoy in her dedicated service to the citizens of Anson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Anson County hereby declares as surplus property Glock .40-Caliber, Model 22, semi-automatic Revolver, Serial #CNA765 to be presented to 1st Sgt. McCoy upon the occasion of her retirement as the service weapon that she carried during office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is with appreciation that the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to convey the badge and service weapon carried by 1st Sgt. McCoy during her years of service with Anson County.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Carolina Thread Trail Recommended Grant Application: Approved the Carolina Thread Trail applying for a grant to be used in Anson County on the second launch point. The CCT will buy, fund and build the project and turn it over to Anson County.

Health Department Fee Approval Request: approved the fee schedule as presented.

Resolution Levying Additional One-Quarter Cent Sales Tax: North Carolina General Statutes 105-537 specifies that once a successful referendum is held, the board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution to levy the additional quarter-cent tax. The board must provide 10 day's public notice of its intent to adopt the Resolution. The board does not need to hold a Public Hearing. Once the notice is published, the board simply has to wait 10 days until it adopts the Resolution levying the tax.

RESOLUTION LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL ONE-QUARTER CENT (1/4) COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has authorized county Board of Commissioners across the State of North Carolina to levy a one-quarter percent (.25%) county sales and use tax, contingent on an advisory referendum in which the majority of those casting ballots voted for the levy of the tax; and

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Commissioners directed the Anson County Board of Elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax in Anson County on the 7th day of July, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the ballots were cast 52.22% FOR and 47.78% AGAINST the levy of the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board has provided the required 10 days public notice of the Board's intent to consider this resolution to levy the tax; and

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the levy of the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax is necessary to help and alleviate fiscal constraints within Anson County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners:

(1) There is hereby levied within Anson County the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax, authorized in Section 31.17(b) of the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2007 (Session Law 2007-323).

(2) Collection of the tax by the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue shall begin on and continue after the 1st day of April, 2015.

(3) The next proceeds of the tax levied herein shall be distributed by the Secretary of Revenue to Anson County in accordance with Article 39 Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 39 of Chapter 59, the additional One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax does not apply to the sales price of food that is exempt from tax pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 105-164.13B. The Secretary shall not divide the amount allocated to a county between Anson County and the municipalities within Anson County.

(4) This Resolution is effective upon its adoption and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to Ed Strickland, Sales & Use Tax Division, North Carolina Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 871, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 along with a certified copy of the Anson County Board of Election results from the advisory referendum.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance: adopting the Resolution will allow the Sheriff to enter into mutual aid assistance with other agencies.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes GS 160A-288, the Governing body of a county may adopt appropriate guidelines for the purpose of mutual assistance with other municipal and county law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said laws, the law enforcement assistance to be rendered authorizes leading officers to work temporarily with officers of the requesting agencies, including in an undercover capacity, and lending equipment, supplies and manpower; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the citizens of Anson County to adopt a reasonable policy and guidelines whereby reciprocal law enforcement assistance can be both rendered to and obtained from other governmental jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, such reciprocal assistance is necessary for effective law enforcement for the protection of the citizens of Anson County;

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

1. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into mutual assistance arrangements with other municipal and county law enforcement agencies, provided that the head of the requesting law enforcement agency makes such a request in writing.
2. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to permit officers of the Anson County Sheriff's Office to work temporarily with officers of the requesting agency, and officers of the requesting agency work temporarily with the Anson County Sheriff's Office, and the Sheriff may lend or borrow such equipment and supplies as deemed advisable.
3. All such requests and authorizations shall be in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes: 160A-288, as applicable.
4. While working with a requesting agency, an officer shall have the same jurisdiction, power, rights, privileges and immunities (including those relating to the defense of civil actions and payments of judgments) as the officers of the requesting agency in addition to those the officer normally possesses.
5. While on duty with the requesting agency, an officer shall be subject to the lawful operational commands of the officer's superior officers in the requesting agency, but the officer shall for personnel and administrative purposes, remain under the control of the

officer's own agency, including for purposes of pay. An officer shall furthermore be entitled to worker's compensation and the same benefits to the extent as though he was functioning within normal scope of the officer's duties.

6. The Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into mutual assistance agreements with other law enforcement agencies in accordance with such reasonable arrangements, terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the respective heads of the law enforcement agencies.

Vice Chair Streater _____ Moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Commissioner Sturdivant _____ seconded the motion and, upon vote, the same was adopted.

This the 2nd day of December, 2014.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she talked with County Manager Gatewood one time about this and she knows he called and addressed the issue. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she received complaints about when people call the Anson County Child Support Office they do not get an answer and the message says Sonya Leak and hangs up. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she called County Manager Gatewood about it two months ago and it is still on there. County Manager Gatewood was surprised to find that it was still on there and said he would follow up tomorrow. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that this was one of their stations for parents to pick up the Toys for Tots applications and so many young ladies have said they called 694-3115 and no one answers but when it does they get a recording saying Sonya Leak. Commissioner Sims felt one of the most important things you have to have in a business is someone answering the telephone or recording that answers the phone that is polite and courteous. Commissioner Sims added that a lot of people make a decision on the place based on the telephone. County Manager Gatewood stated that he had a conversation with DSS about this and thought it had been taken care of and he will follow up tomorrow. Commissioner Woodburn felt it could be someone having a problem setting up their voice mail message. Vice Chair Streater then dialed the number to get a voice mail recording of Sonya Leak. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would follow up on this before he leaves the building tonight. County Manager Gatewood told board members when they have issues like this to please bring them to his attention as soon as possible if it is not handled in a timely manner.

Closed Session: Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go into closed session for **personnel** pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) and to **consult with the attorney** pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3). Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, that we set the chief deputy's salary at \$51,786, the same as the majors that retired. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Gatewood wanted to make sure the board understood that the county could supply Wadesboro's water needs with the backup generator at a cost of \$575,000 and the repair of the filter for \$300,000. County Manager Gatewood added that we do not need the 24-inch line to supply the needs of the Town of Wadesboro. Chairman Baucom felt we did need the increased capacity for the potential industry with County Manager Gatewood answering that we must have it for the potential industry, the increase in the poultry farmers we are experiencing and also for growth. County Manager Gatewood felt we have a great asset and we need to take full advantage of it and eleven million dollars was not that much money for water. Chairman Baucom commented that there was good debt and there was bad debt. Chairman Baucom felt this water system would increase the value of the asset and we need to invest in it. Commissioner Sikes asked when the potential industry was supposed to happen with Chairman Baucom saying she could not answer that. County Manager Gatewood stated that the potential industry was expecting a commitment letter from the board and felt they needed to deliver that letter as soon as possible. Chairman Baucom asked board members if they could agree to be committed to providing the water and the same letter to the Town of Wadesboro. County Manager Gatewood encouraged board members to do this and get on with it. Commissioner Woodburn felt the other piece was that we're talking about a good size of money but to get the largest advantage it is not that much more and in planning for this we need to look at what is the biggest bang for the buck. Commissioner Woodburn felt it would be the thirty-inch line. Commissioner Sims wanted to know Wadesboro's input other than a request with County Manager Gatewood saying they would be purchasing all of their water from the County of Anson. Chairman Baucom felt he was asking if they were willing to put some money into the pot with County Manager Gatewood saying it would be used to help pay for the generator and filter. Chairman Baucom then called for a motion to ask the County Manager to draft these letters and have them signed by the Chair and Vice Chair. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, that we authorize the County Manager to compose the letter of commitment to the Town of Wadesboro pending further negotiations and possible contributions from the Town of Wadesboro for the construction of a waterline of appropriate size and a letter to Project X that we are going to move forward in providing water to meet their needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woodburn voiced a concern for some of the studies we've conducted, adding that he has heard more than once that we have to call someone for certain information. Commissioner Woodburn asked if there was a way we could get up some kind of repository so if we do a study and it doesn't happen and years down the road it comes up again that we can get access to it. Commissioner Woodburn thought it would be good if projects were scanned electronically and stored on the server and not have to count on someone that has left the county for information. Commissioner Sims felt anything we paid for we ought to be able to get. Vice Chair Streater felt there were plans somewhere in someone's office. Vice Chair Streater felt it was done when

Steve Lear was on the board. Commissioner Woodburn felt it would be interesting to see the projected cost then as compared to now.

County Manager Gatewood asked what instructions was he to give to the engineering firm at this point. Chairman Baucom felt they needed to hold off until we clarify and have a better understanding about the other plan. Chairman Baucom stated that even if it is old and useless it will have other information in it. Commissioner Woodburn agreed. Vice Chair Streater commented that Mary Beck worked on it and she should know the location of the information.

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: 3 hr. 30 min.