

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present: Anna H. Baucom, Chair  
Ross Streater, Vice Chair  
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

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom stated that they were very pleased to have Carey Rodgers of Pathway to Peace Ministries in Peachland North Carolina to deliver the **Invocation**.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** Chairman Baucom asked if there were any additions or anything to be postponed. Vice Chair Streater asked to add a Commissioner Concern with Commissioner Sturdivant adding to add one as well. Chairman Baucom noted they were added under item 9. Commissioner Sikes voiced that he had an item for Commissioner Concerns for closed session dealing with personnel. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appearances:**

**Victoria Whitt – Sandhills Center:** Ms. Whitt thanked board members for the opportunity to appear. Ms. Whitt noted she had two requests to make of the board and neither involved county funding. Ms. Whitt stated that her first request was their local business plan for 2013-2016. Mr. Whitt shared that they were mandated by General Statute 122C-115.2 which requires each LME to develop a business plan for the management and delivery of mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services. Ms. Whitt stated that the business plan shall be in effect for at least three fiscal years. Ms. Whitt added that the proposed plan must be approved by the board of county commissioners in each of their nine counties, reviewed by their consumer family advisory committee and then submitted to the DHHS Secretary for certification. Ms. Whitt stated that her board approved the plan in January and for her

to meet with each of the county commissioners for approval. Ms. Whitt then presented a Power Point presentation on the local business plan. Ms. Whitt shared that the local business plans consists of ten initiatives, five are mandated by the state meaning each of the LME's must address them and the other five are left up to the discretion of the LME and are developed based on our local needs. Ms. Whitt stated that the first initiative was to increase access of persons with mental illness to reside in the least restrictive residential setting. Ms. Whitt stated that their goals to achieve this are spread out over the three years of the business plan and they are hoping to in 2014 transition 36 folks to the community, in 2015 they hope to transition 106 and in 2016 they hope to transition 222. Ms. Whitt was happy to report that for 2014 they have already transitioned 25 so they are well on the way to meeting their goal for the first year. Chairman Baucom asked if they meant Anson residents in Anson County with Ms. Whitt answering that this would be people who are inappropriately served in residential adult care homes or long term institutions. Ms. Whitt stated that this would be bringing them out of those institutional settings back into the community, if they are able. Ms. Whitt noted the second initiative was to increase the number of ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Teams consisting of licensed professionals that go into the homes and community to work with people. Ms. Whitt noted the third initiative deals with Crisis Admissions and ED wait times. Ms. Whitt stated that they are working with the emergency departments in each county to decrease the number of inappropriate admissions and the length of stay folks with mental illness are remaining in the emergency room. Ms. Whitt shared that they hope to reduce length of stay by 10% and the number of hospital admissions by 7% to the state and 10% to community. Ms. Whitt reminded those present that these were inappropriate admissions as they don't want to prevent admissions for those that need hospitalization. Ms. Whitt noted the fourth initiative was Closer to Home, which is a project aimed at Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. Ms. Whitt noted this was a very restrictive level of care for children and adolescence and they are finding that they have more and more of these children in placements outside of North Carolina. Mr. Whitt stated that they hope to bring them back into the state to either to some local PRTF's or to lesser restrictive environments. Ms. Whitt shared that their goals is to reduce by 33% the first year, 29% the second and 25% the third and also focus on lengths of stay no longer than five months. Ms. Whitt noted the first statewide initiative was the Developmental Disability Waitlist. Ms. Whitt mentioned a program called CAP and people are on a waiting list for this and they are developing additional services for people on the waiting list. Ms. Whitt shared that these were called Medicaid B-3 services and their hope is to reduce the number on the waiting list by 10% by providing services. Ms. Whitt stated that the Governor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services were interested in treating the whole person and it is called integrated care and focuses on not only the behavioral needs of the person but the physical needs. Ms. Whitt shared that they were working with Community Care of North Carolina to address the entire person. Ms. Whitt explained that along with this they were also developing a pilot project and putting together a special team to go into the hospitals and especially the emergency rooms to identify people that have not only physical but behavioral problems to transition them to

appropriate care. Ms. Whitt shared that they have transitioned over the years from being the provider of services to the manager of a provider network. Ms. Whitt stated that they have 950 providers in their network so they are focused on making sure those providers deliver high quality services and they have goals to make sure that by 2015 services are accessible in all of their areas and providers are credentialed and meeting the gold star monitoring process. Ms. Whitt stated that not only are they focused on the clinical needs of people but they now manage the Medicaid funds for the state for their catchment area and they are focused on being fiscally sound. Ms. Whitt stated that this was the initiatives for the local business plan and offered to answer any questions or clarify anything. Chairman Baucom gave an example of going home and her husband had totally flipped out and asked what services would be available to help him under these plans. Ms. Whitt stated that if danger was involved the involuntary commitment route was always the best way to go but if not, they have mobile crisis teams. Ms. Whitt stated that they have one in Anson County now and when contacted they can come to the house and talk with the family and the person. Ms. Whitt pointed out that it was a thin line that the Sheriff's department and the mobile crisis team in the best of all worlds would work closely together. Chairman Baucom asked how they would contact the mobile crisis team with Ms. Whitt saying that they advertise an 800 number, it is posted on their website or you could call their 800 number and they will dispatch them. Commissioner Sikes asked if 911 knew about this with Ms. Whitt answering that they have been working in other counties and are beginning to work in Anson County with the Wadesboro Police to do more education, not only of the police department but 911 is often the group to get the first call. Commissioner Sims asked if danger equaled involuntary interaction with Ms. Whitt answering that danger would at least signal going to the magistrate to determine if the dangerousness rises to the level of an involuntary commitment. Commissioner Sims felt if the situation was fairly dangerous it would take some time to go through the paperwork to do something with Ms. Whitt answering that under North Carolina law the police department and sheriff have the authority to take a person into custody if they can determine there is extreme dangerousness and commit them on their own authority. Commissioner Woodburn asked about transitioning back to the community and understood her to stay if the individual was not receiving appropriate care where they are they can bring them back and asked Ms. Whitt to explain further. Ms. Whitt stated that over the past few years the Department of Justice has intervened in North Carolina by saying too many folks with mental illness are in adult care homes, rest homes or facilities that are not equipped to deal with them. Ms. Whitt noted this was the group they were working with to identify other living arrangements and to bring them out of the institution into the community. Commissioner Woodburn asked if that was provided the community has appropriate places with Ms. Whitt answering absolutely and was their choice. Ms. Whitt stated that they were finding that those that have lived in a particular place all their lives do not want to leave and they don't force anyone into moving. Ms. Whitt shared that they have been pleasantly surprised that once they go in and let people know the options they are really interested in living more independently. Commissioner Woodburn asked if there was a process to make a determination that bringing them

back is the right thing with Ms. Whitt stating they work with the facility, the parents, guardians and the consumer and then they follow them for so many months afterwards. Ms. Whitt added that this was all part of the Department of Justice Settlement with the state and they are monitored closely to make sure they are doing the follow along. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned the goals to transition and asked the current rate of transition or is the data available. Ms. Whitt stated that since they started the initiative about a year ago they have transitioned 25 people. Commissioner Woodburn asked if there was any tracking prior to this with Ms. Whitt answering there probably was but it was not a conservative effort to do it. Ms. Whitt stated that they were finding that people don't know what the options are and if you don't know you tend to stay where you are. Ms. Whitt mentioned her second request and shared that Sandhills Center wants to request from the office of state personnel something called substantial equivalency. Ms. Whitt stated that up until now Sandhills has always been under the office of State Personnel, meaning that anytime they want to hire someone or promote someone they have to go through the state to do it. Ms. Whitt added that most of the other LME's have transitioned to having their own internal process. Ms. Whitt stated that North Carolina General Statute 126-11 allows them to petition the state human resource committee to allow them ability to have an internal system. Ms. Whitt stated that it is required that the boards of county commissioners in each county approve this before they request it. Ms. Whitt stated that her board approved this in January and also approved her appearing here tonight to request this. Ms. Whitt explained the areas they want to have control over would be recruitment, selection, advancement and classification/compensation. Ms. Whitt stated that currently they have delegated authority but they have to wait on the state to approve everything before they move forward. Ms. Whitt stated that this gives them flexibility, more control, reduced paperwork and wait time. Ms. Whitt shared that it also gives them the flexibility to control their own human resources. Ms. Whitt then presented a resolution to the board for approval and once approved, they will submit all their policies and procedures to the state for evaluation. Chairman Baucom pointed out that two motions were being requested, one to approve the business plan and the other to approve the Resolution. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the local business plan as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH CAROLINA

ANSON COUNTY

#### RESOLUTION

Sandhills Center Area Authority for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, d/b/a Sandhills Center LME/MCO, is seeking approval from the North Carolina State Human Resources Commission to designate that Sandhills Center has a human resources system equivalent to that of the State of North Carolina:

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute Section 126-11 allows local Area Mental Health Authorities to petition the State Human Resources Commission to allow the authority to establish an internal system that is "substantially equivalent" to the system used by the North Carolina Office of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Sandhills Center may petition the State Human Resources Commission to determine whether any portion of its personnel system meets the requirement of Chapter 126 of the State Human Resources System of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, said Sandhills Center human resources system and any substantial changes to the system shall be approved by the State Human Resources Commission as substantially equivalent to the standards established under G.S. Section 126 for employees of Mental Health Programs; and

WHEREAS, the staff and resources are available to Sandhills Center to maintain a substantially equivalent human resources system in the areas of: **System Portion I - Recruitment, Selection and Advancement**; and **System Portion II - Classification and Compensation**; and

WHEREAS, Sandhills Center seeks a determination of substantial equivalency in the areas of:

*System Portion I - Recruitment, Selection, and Advancement*

*System Portion II - Classification and Compensation*

WHEREAS, upon such determination, Sandhills Center employees shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 126 relating to the approved portions of the Sandhills Center human resources system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS approves and supports this petition from Sandhills Center to the State Human Resources Commission to determine if the Sandhills Center human resources system meets the requirements for substantial equivalency with the State Human Resources Act.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Nancy Bryant and Kyle Eudy –UPFFC:** Mr. Eudy stated that he was one of the newest members of the Upper Pee Dee Farm and Food Council. Mr. Eudy recognized their interim director Nancy Bryant. Mr. Eudy stated that they were pleased to report that they were increasingly making Anson, Montgomery and Stanly county citizens aware of the benefits of food grown locally by our farmers and other producers. Mr. Eudy shared that for every one dollar spent on locally grown food products, that dollar is multiplied seven times within the community, according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Mr. Eudy stated thus far the only staff has been an unpaid interim director which is Nancy Bryant. Mr. Eudy stated that she has filled this position since the birth of the organization in November 2010 and she is retiring at the end of June 2014. Mr. Eudy noted that the council formed two working groups, one being the ad hoc search team and the other being the funding team. Mr. Eudy explained that the search team has to find a part time contract person to be in place by the end of June and the funding team has drafted plans to fund the position. Mr. Eudy stated that the 2012 endorsement of the three counties states that you will encourage in-kind staff participation and resources when possible and available. Mr. Eudy stated that they so appreciate the Anson people and staff that have helped since passing the Resolution and named a few as Lawrence Gatewood, Bonnie Huntley, Dr. Stan Sidor and Derek James. Mr. Eudy was not asking the board to help build a start-up fund to hire a new part time director, assist them in taking the UPFFC through the next steps to champion our local farmers and producers of local food and food products. Mr. Eudy shared that they were asking each county to contribute \$1,000 to the fund by the end of June.

Chairman Baucom stated that the board was having a budget retreat next month and would place this item on the Agenda. Chairman Baucom stated that this would be given serious consideration and they would do the best they could. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for what they are doing.

**Denise Lee – Exploration & Production Waste from Fracking:** Ms. Lee stated that Cary Rodgers would be giving a Power Point presentation and they would do some follow up after the presentation. Mr. Rodgers thanked board members for the five year moratorium on fracking and he would like to see in the future a permanent moratorium on fracking. Mr. Rodgers stated that fracking is known as hydraulic fracturing and Anson County is a large portion of where they want to frack. Mr. Rodgers explained that they actually take a large drill with water and sand and a lot of chemicals and drill into the ground going vertically then horizontally into the shell basin and crack open the rock, then they send the chemicals down to break it up and retrieve the natural gas. Mr. Rodgers shared that millions of gallons of water are used just to frack one well as well as a lot of dangerous chemicals. Mr. Rodgers stated that they use over six hundred dangerous cancer causing chemicals to frack a well. Mr. Rodgers reported that they were finding many cases of deformities in children living close to fracking wells. Mr. Rodgers feels another area of concern is the radioactivity, adding that the fracking industry is exempt from EPA air and water quality laws. Mr. Rodgers noted that injection wells were illegal in North Carolina. Mr. Rodgers cautioned that we need to avoid destroying our ground water. Mr. Rodgers voiced that he had nothing against a landfill but he is against the waste stream and the possibility of dumping the hazardous waste in landfills as E&P waste because it is part of the oil and gas productions waste. Mr. Rodgers stated that the citizens of Anson County do not want to become a major E&P dumping ground. Mr. Rodgers explained that after they frack a well and get the natural gas it comes with a salty type water and they separate this water from the natural gas and call it brine water. Mr. Rodgers stated that the water has high levels of salt and some naturally occurring radioactive material and some states allow this to be put on the roads, some in streams and some actually try to treat the water at water treatment centers. Mr. Rodgers stated that they want to stop the frack attack and presented the following proposal: 1) do not allow the disposal of Exploration and Production-also known as fracking-waste in the Anson County landfill, 2) Fracking wastewater should not be treated or discharged by the Anson County wastewater treatment plant and 3) land application of fracking sludge, liquids or other waste must not be allowed. Chairman Baucom voiced that it was depressing and from the presentation it seems the state and federal government allow this and asked Mr. Rodgers if he was thinking county bodies have the ability or the authority to counter what the state and feds say people can do. Mr. Rodgers replied he hopes so. County Attorney Forbes stated that his theory is that unless they have significantly forbidden us to regulate something they say is not regulated there is no way they could argue it was preempted. County Attorney Forbes felt the only way to preempt something would be that it has to be regulated by the federal government but they have specifically said they are not going to regulate it or they have exempted it from all

laws with Mr. Rodgers saying exactly. County Attorney Forbes asked if there was any evidence that Waste Connections or any other entity has falsely classified material with Mr. Rodgers saying that an intern from Duke University that will be helping them this summer to get answers to questions like this. County Attorney Forbes was of the opinion the contract says no radioactive waste or things of this material from fracking are allowed. Ms. Lee stated that because our county was in the forefront with the moratorium the way the rules are being drafted by the mining commission the state cannot overturn what we have done. Ms. Lee stated that for us to be on the lead before anything is done that says you can't do this, let's get it done so we will be protected. Vice Chair Streater asked if the brine being spread on the highways was coming from these fracking wells with Ms. Lee answering no, but they are saying they could use it. Mr. Rodgers stated that it has been done in New York and could be done here but has not as of now. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager to take this on as a project in conjunction with the County Attorney. Chairman Baucom felt they were confident that the contract does not allow for hazardous waste to be deposited in the landfill and asked if it comes in disguised as something else how would it be detected. Ms. Lee stated that the EPA has exempted it from regulations and they are concerned not only about runoff but about accidents from the trucks and spills. County Attorney Forbes stated that they are not saying it is not hazardous they are just saying they are not going to regulate it like it is hazardous. Commissioner Sikes asked if we had the authority to say where waste can come from to the county with County Attorney Forbes answering that we are authorize to determine what we will allow in our landfill as far as that item being from a different area he was not 100% sure about that. County Attorney Forbes stated that he would have to reread the contract but we still control the contract with the landfill. Commissioner Sims felt we control product rather than the geographical location. Chairman Baucom stated that this was now with the County Manager in consultation with the County Attorney to come back with recommendations and she would also like conversations with Waste Connections. Chairman Baucom felt they needed to be involved. Mr. Rodgers felt this was great but his main concern is what if the company is bought out and he would like something more permanent. Chairman Baucom voiced that she was looking for long term ways to address this as well and not a quick fix but felt they needed to be involved. County Attorney Forbes stated that whoever would buy the company would be subject to our contract with them and the limitations thereof.

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

**Deneal Bennett** presented a brief overview of the audit, noting it was the same format as in the past. Ms. Bennett thanked the board for allowing them to be the auditors for Anson County. Ms. Bennett shared that the auditor's report was a slightly different format this year but it is a clean opinion as in all years and it states that our financial statements are materially correct based on their auditing procedures. Ms. Bennett pointed out that the first two financial statements, exhibits 1 and 2, are the government wide financial statements on the accrual basis. Ms. Bennett stated that it includes all liabilities, all assets including capital assets. Ms. Bennett stated that the

next exhibit on pages 3-13 gives the summary financial statement on the budgetary basis. Ms. Bennett stated that the notes start on page 14 and the detailed statements, showing the budget, actual and variance, on are pages 51-90. Ms. Bennett stated that right before the detailed statements are some required supplementary information on the law enforcement officer's separation allowance and on the post-employment benefit for health insurance. Ms. Bennett stated that pages 91-93 are details on taxes receivable. Ms. Bennett pointed out that the first schedule gives our ten years outstanding, the second schedule is the current year levy or the 2012-2013 levy and the ten largest taxpayers are listed on the third page. Ms. Bennett noted the last page of the table of contents gives us the part dealing with grants. Ms. Bennett stated that they are required to look at the internal controls over our federal and state grants and they also have to look at major federal programs and major state programs to see if we are following the compliance requirements for federal and state grants. Ms. Bennett added that if there are any findings or corrective action plans that relate to their procedures they are listed on pages 99-104. Ms. Bennett noted that at the very back of the financial statement, starting on page 106 is our grant schedule giving details for all our state and federal grants and the local commitment required for those grants. Ms. Bennett stated that the only difference is on exhibit 1 on page 1 which is new terminology. Ms. Bennett pointed out that in the past it said deferred revenues and now it is called deferred inflows of resources. Ms. Bennett stated that in the past it has said net assets and it now says net position. Ms. Bennett added that filed lose in the back is the management letter and a required communication they must have with the board because they govern Anson County. Ms. Bennett felt the three pages stapled together might be more interesting as they are a summary of this document. Ms. Bennett pointed out that at the top is cash for all funds for the county and then they break it down between the general fund and water and wastewater treatment funds. Ms. Bennett stated that the only thing they noticed on the water fund was that last year there is a decrease in cash in the water fund and this year there is an increase. Ms. Bennett stated that this appears to be due to some grant funds that had not been received so the water fund had to front the money for the cost. Ms. Bennett stated that also on the statement they have three years listed and they also have the statewide averages for counties with our population. Ms. Bennett stated that according to the 2012 census the population for Anson County was 26,351 so they have picked up the statewide averages from the LGC for fiscal year 6-30-2012. Ms. Bennett added that the date for 6-30-2013 was not available yet but we can see how Anson County's cash compares to other counties. Vice Chair Streater asked for the page number with Ms. Bennett noting it was on the three pages stapled together in the back and it was shown in the far right column. Ms. Bennett stated that she excluded Dare County because their cash balance is over sixty-five million dollars and she thought that skewed the average. Ms. Bennett stated that for Anson County our cash balance is \$16.6 million as of 6-30-13 and the statewide average is \$19.3 million, if you exclude Dare County. Vice Chair Streater stated that we were still below the statewide average. Ms. Bennett called attention to cash and equivalent to all funds there is a calculation given each year that calculates the fund balance available as the percentage of general fund

expenditures and reminded board members that North Carolina requires this percentage to be eight percent. Ms. Bennett stated that this should cover one month's expenses. Vice Chair Streater asked our percentage with Ms. Bennett answering we are 34.56%, again stating that the state requires 8% and they would like you to have at least 25%. Ms. Bennett noted the statewide average was 27.25%. Chairman Baucom asked if this was at the end of 2012/13 with Ms. Bennett answering yes. Commissioner Sims asked if this was an actual true clean number with Ms. Bennett answering yes that these were based on the audited numbers. Chairman Baucom asked if we have borrowed some money for a new building with Ms. Bennett saying it was included. Vice Chair Streater noted the schools were paid off and felt this was the reason it was like this. Ms. Bennett noted that all school bonds were paid off in the 11/12 year and all our water and sewer bonds were paid off in 11/12. Ms. Bennett stated that there was also a comparison on there for our property tax collect rate for the last three years and it compares us to the statewide average with counties of the same population. Ms. Bennett gave a history of our fund balance by noting that June 30, 2005 our fund balance as a percentage of general fund expenditures was 8.57% and just barely above the legal requirement and we've now raised it to the 34.56%. Ms. Bennett stated that the last page shows the general fund expenditure by function. Ms. Bennett noted a positive swing in the change in fund balance in general fund from the June 30, 2012 fiscal year to the June 30, 2013 fiscal year of around \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million. Ms. Bennett noted two big differences with one being the previous fiscal year there was about \$500,000 in COPS technology grants there were included in the budget and they are not included in the 6-30-13 and also the water/sewer bonds and school bonds were paid off. Ms. Bennett noted there was a modular education unit note that was paid off in 11/12 that did not exist in 12/13 and one of our vehicle installment purchases was paid off in 11/12 and that was the big swing for the change in fund balance from 6-30-12 to 6-30-13. Ms. Bennett asked board members to look at the management letter in the back and read through the financial statements. Ms. Bennett stated that she was always available by phone or email to answer any questions. Chairman Baucom stated that she found a site on one of the state government pages and it was a tremendous spreadsheet for each county and it showed in a way that made sense to her the financial condition of your county. Chairman Baucom stated that she could not find it now and asked Ms. Bennett if she could find it. Ms. Bennett felt it was through the State Treasurer's website and offered to find it and send it to Chairman Baucom. County Manager Gatewood asked in a nut shell how we were doing with Ms. Bennett answering that our cash was up, our general fund balance as a percentage of general fund expenditures was up and we were moving in the right direction. Chairman Baucom felt eight years ago the county had a fund balance of less than 8% and now we have several times more than that and look at what we've done with the resources that we had. Chairman Baucom stated that we paid off school bonds and we've also invested in our facilities, we've improved our participation in the public schools and the college and we've invested in the community. Chairman Baucom voiced that she hopes the board will continue to do that.

**Administrative Matters:**

**Anson County School System Modular Units:** Chairman Baucom stated that they want the title. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve. Vice Chair Streater asked why they want the title with County Attorney Forbes saying it was a manufacturer's title and felt they wanted to have control of the unit so they could move it around if needed. Vice Chair Streater asked if it could be sold with County Attorney Forbes saying they cannot sell it as it has to be used for a public purpose. Commissioner Sims added that if all of a sudden they needed a unit at another school they could move it without having to come before this board or do any other regulations they could just move it. Chairman Baucom asked if we owned any other school property with County Manager Gatewood answering no. Motion carried unanimously.

**Revised Meeting Schedule for 2014:** Chairman Baucom stated that when setting the yearly meeting schedule we did not realize May 6 was the primary and asked board members if they wanted to change this meeting from May 6 to May 12. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to change the date of the May meeting from May 6 to Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

**Time Sale Report:** County Manager Gatewood stated that we were prepared to sell timber off of approximately 126 acres on two tracts near Anson High School Road. County Manager Gatewood shared that we received four bids as included in the Agenda packet with the highest bid being from Troy Lumber Company for \$288,333. County Manager Gatewood recommended board members approve the highest bid. Commissioner Sims stated that he was delighted to get this money but thought the timber was originally about 140 plus acres and was divided between the school system and the commissioners and asked what happened. County Manager Gatewood stated all 126 acres was county property on two tracts of land. Commissioner Sims asked if there was another tract owned by the school board with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. Vice Chair Streater stated this was the tract from J. T. McRae as part of the Westwood Hills settlement. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to accept the County Manager's recommendation. Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Sikes his thoughts with Commissioner Sikes saying he has not seen the timber and asked if it was cruised. County Manager Gatewood stated that Mr. Johnson cruised the timber and estimated the value to be \$282,000 and change and the lowest bid was \$277,000 and the highest \$288,000. Bids received are as follows:

Williams Forest Products, Gaffney, SC	\$ 277,500
Jordan Lumber Company, Mount Gilead, NC	\$ 282,688
HW Culp Lumber Company, New London, NC	\$ 283,363
Troy Lumber Company, Troy, NC	\$ 288,333

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom called for a ten minute break.

After the break, Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for the break and called the meeting back to Order.

**Manager's Report:** County Manager Gatewood shared with board members the five key budget priorities he will be proposing at our March retreat and later in the year with the June budget. County Manager Gatewood noted the first was no change in the property tax rate. County Manager Gatewood stated that it is 76.7 cents per one hundred dollar evaluation and that has not changed in the last four, five or six years. Commissioner Sims felt this was amazing particularly in hard economic times and to do a lot of remarkable things in the five years. Commissioner Sikes stated that we actually dropped it from 88 back to this. Chairman Baucom asked if we dropped it when we did reval with County Manager Gatewood saying it was adjusted. County Manager Gatewood stated that the second was to maintain a healthy fund balance. County Manager Gatewood stated that the unrestricted fund balance that is available for us to use per the board's permission is a little over 6.2 million dollars. County Manager Gatewood stated that we plan to maintain a minimum of twenty percent of our general fund budget as fund balance. County Manager Gatewood stated that employees really appreciate the county paid health insurance and he plans to continue in the next fiscal year. County Manager Gatewood stated that they are estimating somewhere between a five and seven percent increase in premiums, primarily because we've had some larger claims in this past fiscal year. County Manager Gatewood stated that we will be meeting with our insurance company next month and they have promised to have new rates by the first week in April. County Manager Gatewood stated that we also plan to propose another 2.5% cost of living increase for all full time employees and we plan to continue the 3% contribution toward the 401K program. County Manager Gatewood stated that as far as capital priorities are concerned he plans to recommend we purchase another new remounted ambulance at a cost of \$110,000 and complete a facilities requirement, how much space we need, how many acres we need and what sort of configuration we need for a new ACTS base. County Manager Gatewood shared that our current ACTS lease expires June 30, 2016 and on July 1, 2016 we need to be prepared to move into our own facility. County Manager Gatewood feels it will not be that expensive as right now the will state contribute 90% of the cost of construction so on a \$400,000 facility that means we are responsible for \$400,000 plus the acquisition of the land. Commissioner Sims asked the square footage with County Manager Gatewood thinking around 3,000. Vice Chair Streater asked why we would buy land when we have land with County Manager Gatewood saying we may not have to purchase land if we have it in the right location. Vice Chair Streater asked about the high school location with County Manager Gatewood thinking that is prominent land that will only grow in value and feels we need to keep it intact for now. County Manager Gatewood feels it might be more valuable to an investor intact as opposed to piece milling it. Chairman Baucom felt the County Manager had done a pretty thorough job of inventorying county property with the County Manager answering yes and they have not found any suitable location. County Manager Gatewood felt if we needed ten acres of land we could probably purchase the land for \$50,000 to \$100,000. County

Manager Gatewood stated that they plan to complete a facilities program again, space requirements, acreage needed, cost estimate for a DSS/Elderly/Health facility. County Manager Gatewood feels with parking requirements this will take a minimum of ten acres and we are probably better off with fifteen acres. County Manager Gatewood commented that the DSS building was pitiful and mentioned a call from a citizen this week complaining about how awful it is. County Manager Gatewood stated that they will put a new roof on this building next month but he doesn't want to invest another penny in this facility. County Manager Gatewood noted that the Elderly facility was also in need of upgrading and the health department has been well maintained but it is too small for our needs. County Manager Gatewood estimated the cost of this study to be around \$20,000 and he has already gone to Steve Allen and he gave the same estimation to complete the study. County Manager Gatewood stated that if we get approval to start July 1 we will have the results by Thanksgiving and his process will include all of the occupants of the facility. County Manager Gatewood stated that we've already undertaken a fund raising campaign for our Agri-Civic Center and the recommended budget will include right at \$315,000 to begin an architectural design of that facility. County Manager Gatewood stated that we were talking about a ten million dollar facility and you look at a 7% architect fee we are looking at \$700,000 in total to design the facility and we want to get started with half of that amount in this next fiscal year. Commissioner Sims felt with the next fiscal year we will not gain as much money as we have this past year. County Manager Gatewood agreed unless we decide to monetize some of our land. Chairman Baucom asked if we needed to expand the scope of the facilities study to include looking at our needs ten years out with County Manager Gatewood saying he's done that informally and he thinks once we get the DSS/Health/Elderly services taken care of as well as ACTS we will be in great shape. County Manager Gatewood noted that another item on the capital consideration list will be the consideration of a new HVAC unit for the government center. County Manager Gatewood stated that when we moved in here in 2009 we had problems with the unit and we've had them continuously and he asked Ms. Randall and Ms. James to put together a tally of how much we've spent since moving in and it comes to \$43,000 in services calls and repairs. County Manager Gatewood stated that they were going to look into the cost to repair it, get a warranty and start from new. Vice Chair Streater felt the unit was new with County Manager Gatewood of the understanding it was not. Commissioner Sikes was also of the opinion that they said the unit was not very old but they changed their minds and said put a new one in. Commissioner Woodburn remembered talking about it but felt the final decision was to keep the current system. County Manager Gatewood reported on the open house for the new Emergency Services Center last Sunday and it was well attended. County Manager Gatewood noted that EMS has already moved into the facility and the 911 call center will become operational in April of 2014. County Manager Gatewood again stated that Mosely Architects did an excellent job for the county as well as Messer Construction. County Manager Gatewood stated that he was tough on vendors but he would rehire both of them. County Manager Gatewood reported no equipment loss during construction and there were no headlines in the Anson Record or the Charlotte Observer about the

construction process. County Manager Gatewood then shared a copy of the program with each board member. County Manager Gatewood reported that thanks to Dr. Fred Thompson and his colleagues we have occupied 402 Morven Road nine months to one year ahead of schedule. County Manager Gatewood shared that we are making some repairs and plan to resurface the parking lot and mark it when the weather breaks. County Manager Gatewood shared that the open house will take place in March or April. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that they had their first meeting there last week and it is beautiful with every room occupied. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced appreciation to Mr. Gullege for connecting all the computers. County Manager Gatewood stated that we closed on the property for the animal shelter last Friday and we are advertising for an animal services director as well as an animal control officer. County Manager Gatewood stated that the interview committee will begin interviews around the fifteenth of February and we plan to open the shelter in April 2014. County Manager Gatewood stated that he has applications for volunteers as well as applications for board membership on the Friends of the Animal Shelter board so if anyone is interested he has extras. County Manager Gatewood stated that we closed on the 41.06 acres for the Agri-Civic center on January 24<sup>th</sup> so the property now belongs to the county with the stipulation that we will construct an Agri-Civic center on that property and if that does not happen we will have to renegotiate a sale back to Wade Manufacturing. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if there was a date by which the building has to be constructed with County Manager Gatewood answering according to the contract we have five years to start construction. County Manager Gatewood stated that the sixth priority is that after reviewing the county's cash position he is pleased to report that we have added \$250,000 to our money market account at Uwharrie bank so now our total is a \$300,016,601. County Manager Gatewood commented that we started this process three years ago and it has grown and we plan to continue to invest locally here in our local bank. Vice Chair Streater commented that it was not local anymore was it with Chairman Baucom saying it was the closest thing to a local bank that we have.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Baucom shared that she would be out of town February 21-25 on Grandma duty in Morrisville with two teenage granddaughters. Chairman Baucom reported on a meeting with Dr. Sidor to discuss concerns about utilization of the Polkton campus. Chairman Baucom shared that after the meeting she feels better about it. Chairman Baucom reported that we have 400 – 500 students attending the Polkton campus. Chairman Baucom noted their enrollment was down significantly with Commissioner Sims asking why and if that meant Union County was down significantly. Chairman Baucom felt considering their population probably not with Commissioner Sims voicing that they could not have a college without us. Chairman Baucom shared that Dr. Sidor has the data in front of him showing the facility is underutilized and he is working hard to try to improve. Chairman Baucom stated that among the community colleges there is an agreement that you do not recruit students from outside your service area and Dr. Sidor has heard and understands that one of our neighboring community colleges gives their recruiters a bonus for recruiting from Anson County. Chairman Baucom stated that she plans to follow up with him by the end of

this semester. Chairman Baucom stated that he has the number of students going to our neighboring community colleges and most of them who are in community colleges and not attending SPCC are at Richmond. Commissioner Sturdivant asked out of the 400 at SPCC are any taking online classes with Chairman Baucom thinking about all take one or more online course but the courses are in person classes but some are only online. Commissioner Sims asked about the facilities with Chairman Baucom saying she was relieved to see they look very good but that doesn't say anything about any significant maintenance they need to do. Chairman Baucom stated that they calculated counties participation by population or student count and by population it is about \$23 per capita that Anson County is putting in and something like \$7 per capita that Union is putting in. Chairman Baucom stated that last month she attended a chairman's class at the School of Government in Chapel Hill and she learned that we need to review our Rules of Procedure and they need to be updated. Chairman Baucom also feels the board needs to look at time limits on some of the sections of the Agenda. Chairman Baucom favored a definitive announced time limit with Vice Chair Streater wondering how you would cut off someone like Ms. Whitt who brought something from the state that she had to have tonight. Chairman Baucom noted the point was well taken but we could establish a time limit. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that when they call to be placed on the agenda the clerk could let them know the amount of time that would be given to them for their presentation. Chairman Baucom felt the board should have a time keeper and suggested the County Manager or the County Attorney. Chairman Baucom shared that she attended the birthday party for Ms. Spencer and presented the Resolution on behalf of the board.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Commissioner Sikes asked for clarification on the 911 money. Ms. Randall explained that we provide a report to the North Carolina 911 board every year in September for expenditures made during 2012/2013 and from that report they tell us if any funds spent were not allowed and they disallowed three items on the report. Ms. Randall noted those were a reverse 911 notification system for \$11,400. Vice Chair Streater questioned the reverse 911 notification system with County Manager Gatewood answering it was a software package. Ms. James explained that it was notification of disasters. Vice Chair Streater asked if we obtained permission first with Ms. Randall saying they provide a list of items they allow the money to be spent on. Ms. Randall noted the money comes from a fee charged on any voice connection. Vice Chair Streater asked if we spent the money without checking first with Ms. Randall answering apparently so and it was the first year the cost was made and they said that they only allow calls that have anything to do with the call taking process. Ms. Randall stated that another cost was for NCIC support and that stands for National Crime Information Center and that relates to search warrants and be on the lookout for and that is also not a part of the call taking process. Ms. Randall noted the last charge was \$1700 that was spent to repair a receiver at the Town of Morven damaged by lightning that was not allowed. Chairman Baucom stated that we did repair it, we got the reverse 911 and thought we had that before. Vice Chair Streater asked where these

payments would come from with County Manager Gatewood answering from the Belk Building expenditures we are not going to do. Vice Chair Streater asked if the advertising fee increase for collections was because we need to increase them or are we doing it to make money with County Manager Gatewood answering this is to cover our cost and not to make money. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Approved meeting minutes dated January 7, 2014, January 8, 2014 and January 16, 2014 and closed session minutes dated January 7, 2014.

**Tax Releases:** approved as follows:

<b>Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments</b>							
				<b>02/04/14</b>			
					Real Taxes	Releases	
			\$ -				
					Real Taxes	Refund	
			\$ -				
20537	Addison, Takila	2013	55.98	1311-000003	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Military Exemption
20538	Addison, Takila	2013	379.27	1305-000016	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Military Exemption
21133	Gatewood, Zatangi	2012	123.70	1301-000602	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21134	Hall, Angela M	2012	60.49	1304-000750	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21132	Threatt, Bernice	2012	23.60	1303-001776	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22605	Wadesboro Home Care	2013	57.75	1310-001874	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
			\$ <b>700.79</b>				
21132	Poulcott, Patricia	2012	12.69	1304-001671	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22603	Williams, Nancy T	2013	10.40	1308-001905	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
			\$ <b>23.09</b>				
					Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	
			\$ -				
			<b>723.88</b>	*****			
<b>Tax &amp; Tag Together Refunds</b>							
2510876	Hildreth Wood Products Inc		150.30	2012 Chev Tk	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
358521	McNeil, Tahri		60.66	2008 Chev NP	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
			\$ <b>210.96</b>	*****			

**Tax Collector's Report:** approved as follows:



<b>Remaining Accts Collectible</b>	7,739	2,151,276.64	8,002	2,111,494.03	7,515	2,107,366.11	7,413	2,046,325.63
<b>Current Year Ad Valorem(All)</b>	15,002	11,912,433.00	13,037	10,431,893.53	5,743	2,243,744.16	4,665	1,741,934.12
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	23,488	<b>14,410,130.70</b>	21,772	<b>12,885,182.86</b>	14,006	<b>4,698,734.18</b>	12,822	<b>4,133,628.11</b>
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
<b>\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo</b>	11	4,689.48	2	1,086.92	10	9,440.21	3	4,092.71
<b># Accts Given to ParaLegal</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Garnishments Executed</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Debt Setoff Letters Mailed</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)</b>		308,994.36		305,601.47		304,639.39	-	304,472.85



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

<b>Fund Balance Calculation</b>					
		<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Two Months</b>	<b>Last</b>	
	<b>As of 01-31-14</b>	<b>Same Month</b>	<b>Ago</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Now</b>
		As of <b>01/31/13</b>	As of <b>11/30/13</b>	As of <b>12/31/13</b>	As of <b>01/31/14</b>
<b>Available Fund Balance</b>					
Cash & Investments (General)		\$ 12,054,794	\$ 7,657,298	\$ 7,657,298	\$ 13,550,083
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)		\$ 16,128	\$ 18,386	\$ 18,890	\$ 19,140
Less Cash from General (other funds)		\$ (77,331)	\$ (113,998)	\$ (205,207)	\$ (206,352)
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)		\$ 105,791	\$ 129,353	\$ 110,981	\$ 115,669
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)		\$ (83,514)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (46,235)	\$ (46,235)
Less Encumbrances		\$ (322,185)	\$ (154,764)	\$ (279,769)	\$ (376,105)
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>\$ 11,693,683</b>	<b>\$ 7,495,820</b>	<b>\$ 7,255,957</b>	<b>\$ 13,056,200</b>
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)		\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
<b>Total Available for Appropriation</b>					
Total Available		\$ 11,693,683	\$ 7,495,820	\$ 7,255,957	\$ 13,056,200
Total Expenditures		\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
<b>Total % Available Fund Balance</b>		<b>43.96%</b>	<b>26.98%</b>	<b>26.12%</b>	<b>46.99%</b>
<b>Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC</b>		<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>
		<b>\$2,127,854</b>	<b>\$2,222,645</b>	<b>\$2,222,645</b>	<b>\$2,222,645</b>
<b>% Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		<b>35.96%</b>	<b>18.98%</b>	<b>18.12%</b>	<b>38.99%</b>
		<b>\$ 9,565,829</b>	<b>\$ 5,273,175</b>	<b>\$ 5,033,312</b>	<b>\$ 10,833,556</b>

**Monthly Jail Report:**

**ANSON COUNTY JAIL  
February 3, 2014**

- As of 9:00am (February 3, 2014) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **39** 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.
- The following is a breakdown of the Average Daily Population beginning in 2003:

<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
<b>2013</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>132</b>

- 2013 Totals**      **ADP**      **Total Booked**  
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

<b>4.</b>	<b><u>2014 Totals</u></b>	<b><u>ADP</u></b>	<b><u>Total Booked</u></b>
	<b>January</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>116</b>

**Budget Amendment- Proceeds from Sale of Property:** to adjust Budget Amendment from November 5, 2013 regarding sale of Hailey's Ferry Road property.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the Fiscal Year 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

**Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:**

Decrease:	Governing Body General Administration 11-4110	<u>\$ (130,100)</u>
Total Decrease:		<u>\$ (130,100)</u>

**Section 2. General Fund Revenues:**

Decrease:	Governing Body General Administration 11-4110	<u>\$ (130,100)</u>
Total Decrease:		<u>\$ (130,100)</u>

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Budget Amendment – Animal Shelter Purchase:** to recognize fund balance necessary for Animal Shelter purchase.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

**Section 1. General Fund Expenditures**

Increase:	Governing Body General Administration 11-4110	<u>\$ 126,240</u>
Total Increase:		<u>\$ 126,240</u>

**Section 2. General Fund Revenues**

Increase:	General Fund Balance Appropriation 11-4110	<u>\$ 126,240</u>
Total Increase:		<u>\$ 126,240</u>

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Budget Amendment – 911 Contract Costs:** to appropriate funds from the Belk Building Renovation to cover unanticipated current year contract costs previously disallowed by the NC 911 Board.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

**Section 1. General Fund Expenditures**

Increase:	911 Services 11-4371	\$ 13,000
	Total increase:	\$ 13,000
<u>Section 2. General Fund Expenditures</u>		
Decrease:	Belk Building 11-4264	\$ 13,000
	Total Decrease:	\$ 13,000

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Budget Amendment – 911 Fund reimbursement:** to appropriate funding needed from General Fund Balance in order to reimburse the 911 Fund for charges disallowed by the NC 911 Board for Fiscal year 2012/2013.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures</u>		
Increase:	911 Services 11-4371	\$ 15,040
	Total Increase:	\$ 15,040
<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues</u>		
Increase:	General Fund Balance Appropriation 11-4110	\$ 15,040
	Total increase:	\$ 15,040

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Budget Amendment – reimbursement from General Fund:** to recognize and appropriate funding received from the General Fund for reimbursement of charges disallowed by the NC 911 Board for FY 2012/2013.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the Fiscal year 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

<u>Section 7. PSAP/Wireline/Wireless Expenditures</u>		
Increase:	PASP/Wireline/Wireless	\$ 15,040
	Total Increase:	\$ 15,040
<u>Section 8. PSAP/Wireline/Wireless Revenue</u>		
Increase:	Transfer from General Fund	\$ 15,040
	Total Increase:	\$ 15,040

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Budget Amendment- Animal Shelter Building:** to appropriate fund balance to create a budget for the new animal shelter building.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the Fiscal year 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures</u>		
Increase:	Animal Shelter Building 11-4375	\$ 24,250
	Total Increase:	\$ 24,050
<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues</u>		
Increase:	General Fund Balance Appropriation 11-4110	\$ 24,050
	Total Increase:	\$ 24,050

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Budget Amendment – Animal Shelter Department:** to appropriate fund balance to create a budget for the new Animal Shelter department.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Animal Shelter 11-4380 \$ 76,395

Total Increase: \$ 76,395

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: General Fund Balance Appropriation 11-4110 \$ 76,395

Total Increase: \$ 76,395

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Budget Amendment – North Carolina Department of Commerce:** to recognize and appropriate funding from the North Carolina Department of Commerce to be paid to North Carolina's Southeast Partnership.

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Economic Development Commission 11-4920 \$ 24,000

Total increase: \$ 24,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase; Economic Development Commission 11-4920 \$ 24,000

Total Increase: \$ 24,000

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**North Carolina DOT Needs Assessment:** approved sending a letter to North Carolina DOT-PTD requesting a needs assessment study for a new transit facility for Anson County Transportation system (ACTS).

**Increase in Advertising Fees:** North Carolina General Statutes mandate that all delinquent taxes be advertised by the Governing Body. Currently this fee is \$10 per advertised property. Based on previous year's data, this fee does not cover the cost of printing. Board approved the request of Mr. Dutton to increase this fee to \$20 per advertised property.

**Resolution Declaring Surplus Property/Sealed Bids:** to declare the property and two old hospital buildings surplus and authorize the sale of the property by sealed bids.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SEALED BID PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, Anson County is the owner of a certain parcel of real property comprising approximately 1.71 acres and two old hospital buildings located on Morven Road in Wadesboro, North Carolina (the "Surplus Property") and known as a portion of tax Parcel 647416725555, Anson County Tax Maps; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statutes 160A-268 permits the county to sell real property by advertisement and sealed bids;

**THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ANSON COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby declares this property surplus and authorizes the sale of the following described property by sealed bid:

Property is located at 510 Morven Road, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

2. The county will accept sealed bids for the property until 9:55 A.M., Friday, March 28, 2014. Bids shall be delivered to the office of the County Manager, Suite 203, Anson County Government Center, 101 S. Greene Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

3. At 10:00 A.M., Friday, March 28, 2014 all bids received shall be opened in public and the amount of each bid recorded. The record of bids shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

4. The Board of Commissioners has established a minimum acceptable bid of \$294,030 and will award the bid at its meeting on April 1, 2014. Bids will remain open and subject to acceptance until the Board of Commissioners awards the bid.

5. To be responsible a bid must be accompanied by a bid deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. A bid deposit may take the form of a cashier's check, a certified check or surety bond. The deposit of the bidder to whom the award is made will be held until sale of the property is closed; if that bidder refuses at any time to close the sale, the deposit will be forfeited to the county. The deposits of other bidders will be returned at the time the Board of Commissioners awards the property to the highest responsible bidder.

6. In addition, to be responsible, a bidder must be current on payment of all property taxes owed to the county.

7. The county reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time and the right to reject all bids.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

**Appointment:**

**Tourism Development Authority:** Chairman Baucom stated that the recommendation was to appoint Denise Beachum, representing business and voluntarism and Ann Covington Leary, representing Uptown Wadesboro to the Tourism Development Board. Vice Chair Streater asked if the TDA board made this recommendation with the Clerk answering that Lynn Horton brought it to her from the TDA board. Commissioner Sikes questioned if they were replacing members or adding additional members with the clerk stating that Ms. Horton did not say but she assumes they are adding members. Chairman Baucom was of the opinion they did not have a full slate or if they have ever had a full slate of board members. Commissioner Sikes stated that he was asked questions that he could not answer like what they do, when they meet, if they work with the Chamber of Commerce and how they spend their money. Commissioner Sikes asked if they report to the board with County Attorney Forbes saying that because of the makeup required by statute of the board we may want to inquire as to what capacity they will be filling on the board. County Manager Gatewood shared that Lewis Evans has expressed an interest in serving on this board. County Manager Gatewood felt he would make an excellent board member the next time we have an opportunity. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to add Lewis Evans to this board in addition to Denise Beachum

and Ann Covington Leary. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager to have someone come to the next meeting and give a report to the board. Vice Chair Streater asked if they've used any of their money with County Manager Gatewood answering yes, very sparingly and he believes their fund balance is around \$95,000. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced with that kind of money aren't they doing anything with County Manager Gatewood saying they've spent some but not a lot. County Attorney Forbes voiced that there are restrictions on how they can spend this money.

**Commissioner Concerns:**

**Vice Chair Streater** asked for a report on the IT contract and if board members could have a copy. County Manager Gatewood then shared a copy with each board member. County Manager Gatewood asked if the board would like time to review before he makes comments with board members answering yes and would be prepared to discuss the next time they come together.

**Commissioner Sturdivant** reported on a phone call from Steve Lear on the condition of two roads at the river where they are building houses. Commissioner Sturdivant said the roads were near The Crossings and were Pansy and Daisy roads and Mr. Lear felt the land would sell faster if the county paved these roads. County Manager Gatewood stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Lear and in fact he dispatched one of our utility workers to Daisy road to inspect it. County Manager Gatewood reported there was about 2.5 miles of unpaved road here and this was really the responsibility of DOT. County Manager Gatewood stated that he gave Mr. Lear the information and referred him to DOT.

Commissioner Sturdivant mentioned a road behind Firetower Road where Ms. Bertha Parker, Janelle Gatewood and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rorie live. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that the road is horrible and Ms. Parker said that before Mr. Spencer passed away they were working on the road. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she called the Clerk today and she contacted someone about this. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that the lady at the end of the road has nurses come every day and some have refused because they get stuck and EMS has been unable to get in there for her. Commissioner Sturdivant asked what could be done to help these people. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she tried to get in there and could not so she parked and walked. County Manager Gatewood asked if there was a name to the road with Commissioner Sturdivant answering no. Commissioner Woodburn shared that some years back he was asked to come down there and he thinks that whoever did this was supposed to have done something with the road and they did not. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the state was not responsible for this and it was a catch all situation. Commissioner Woodburn stated that you can repair the road but it won't stay that way and feels until the citizens try to get someone involved it will stay this way. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Ms. Parker said DOT came down there and they signed some type paper with Commissioner Woodburn feeling it was a petition. County

Manager Gatewood offered to look into this situation and report back to the board at the next meeting. Commissioner Woodburn stated that they mentioned something about the road was to be connected with Firetower Road on the other end and they didn't and just walked away. Commissioner Woodburn feels everyone was fine until the road started deteriorating over the years and they turn wherever they can get help. Commissioner Woodburn feels that apparently the state has not seen a need to get involved.

**Commissioner Sims** stated that his concern had already been resolved.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, 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.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she attended the Lilesville Town Council meeting last night and she had already met with their fire chief. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that the fire chief told her about the wonderful things they have done in Lilesville such as they have three attending the firefighters class, eight graduating from hazmat class, three graduating from EMT-basis class and certified for heavy and medium rescue. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Ansonville and Lilesville were the only two certified areas for heavy rescue and by the end of the month Lilesville will be certified for another program. Commissioner Sturdivant noted that they have 25 on the roster and 11 are technical rescue qualified. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she was looking at something showing Ansonville gets \$10,000, Burnsville get \$10,000 and Anson Rescue gets \$24,000. Commissioner Sikes explained that this was for ambulance service and fire departments gets taxes. Vice Chair Streater stated that for the fire departments we rotate and give them \$5,000. Commissioner Sturdivant asked how you find out who gets it each year with County Manager Gatewood saying he could get that information for her. Commissioner Sikes stated that each fire department gets a percentage of all taxes collected in their area. County Manager Gatewood asked if they were asking for more consideration with Commissioner Sturdivant saying she was just wondering as she believes in helping people that really do outstanding things. Commissioner Sikes shared that he has been fighting for a year to get Anson Rescue the training they need. Commissioner Sikes added they don't have enough qualified members and we are working on it. County Manager Gatewood noted that we had a meeting with Bobby Usrey, Rodney Diggs and Scott Rivers and he believes we have a plan worked out. Chairman Baucom mentioned the dedication of the new Gulledege Fire Department noting they have done a beautiful job. Chairman Baucom felt this was the last of the volunteer fire departments to be

upgraded with Vice Chair Streater feeling everyone had new ones now. Commissioner Sikes noted that Ansonville did not have a new one but they have a nice one.

Vice Chair Streater asked the County Manager if there were any other contracts entered into without coming before the board with County Manager Gatewood saying not of a three year duration that he was familiar with. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Manager if he would enter into a contract with this amount of money with County Manager Gatewood answering that the contract was entered into by Vance Gullede and he would certainly have it reviewed by the County Attorney. County Manager Gatewood also stated that during open session Rita James will be able to address your concerns relative to the cost of equipment we are purchasing through his company and how it compares to the state rates and also she will be in a position to give a little background about Randy and what went into this contract. Commissioner Sikes wondered if the problems we're having was him or our employees noting they were all the time complaining about the GIS system and even the public coming in can't look it up like they want. Vice Chair Streater stated that DSS has problems with their computers. Vice Chair Streater said that he hears whatever he sold them will not work. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Manager to check into this.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Meeting time: 3 hrs.