

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for a recessed meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 beginning at 4:30 PM 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  
Harold C. Smith  
Vancine Sturdivant  
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager  
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board  
Mary Beck, Economic Development Director

Chairman Baucom called the recessed meeting to **Order**. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to go into closed session for personal, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Motion carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, Commissioner Smith mentioned the discussion last night regarding the animal shelter and asked if the county was totally responsible for that bill and if we could put it out to the towns for funds. County Manager Gatewood stated that we could make the request with Vice Chair Streater feeling we could always try. County Manager Gatewood shared that today we received a \$10,000 check from Carolinas Healthcare System. Commissioner Smith noted that we would be picking up stray dogs all over the county and felt the towns should participate in the effort. Chairman Baucom agreed. County Manager Gatewood stated that all the citizens pay taxes and that is one level of participation but if we could get the various towns, including McFarlan, to give us some specified amount toward this effort that would be most helpful. County Manager Gatewood added that it would be nice if it was on an annual basis and made a part of their ongoing budgeting process. County Manager Gatewood stated that he if had to make the pleas to the various councils he would be more than happy to do this. Chairman Baucom feels we should give them an opportunity to participate. County Manager Gatewood added that he heard the request regarding Randy Gullledge and that contract.

Chairman Baucom asked board members if they still wanted to hold the retreat on the 18<sup>th</sup> with the County Manager suggesting we cancel and stick with the March planning retreat.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 1 hr. 30 min.