

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present: Anna Baucom, Chair
Ross Streater, Vice Chair
Bobby Sikes
Dr. Jim Sims
Harold Smith
Vancine Sturdivant
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Megan Garner, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Gary Fincher, Airport

Others: Scott Forbes, County Attorney
Janine Rywak, Extension Director

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom noted that it was nice to see so many people present. Chairman Baucom noted that we did not have anyone to do the Invocation with Vice Chair Streater saying Reverend Johnson was here. At this time, Reverend Bernice Johnson delivered the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Commissioner Sturdivant asked to add an item under closed session for a personnel issue. The Clerk noted that the paper work for the tax releases was given each board member prior to the start of the meeting and asked that they be added to the consent agenda. Chairman Baucom asked everyone present to join in welcoming our new County Manager, Megan Garner. Chairman Baucom stated that she feels like a free woman and was delighted to have Megan here. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

Thomasina Rivers – drainage Issue: Ms. Rivers was not present.

Dr. Sidor – South Piedmont Community College: Dr. Sidor stated with the board's permission he would like to ask Michelle Brock to join him. Dr. Sidor stated that they were here to talk about the deferred maintenance at the Polkton and Lockhart-

Taylor campuses of SPCC. Ms. Brock gave each board member a copy of the presentation he made to the Board of Trustees in October 2015. They also shared photos with estimated costs of what they are trying to deal with. Dr. Sidor shared that they have kicked the can very successfully at South Piedmont for many many years and they are at the point where they need to start looking at how they pick up the can and do something with it. Dr. Sidor stated that they have significant deferred maintenance at both Lockhart-Taylor and Polkton, specifically the Polkton campus, with those cost exceeding two million dollars. Dr. Sidor added that of that, a number of those repairs are priority A shut down type repairs. Dr. Sidor stated that South Piedmont Community College is funded both by county funds for operations and maintenance and by FTE funds that they derive and some funds they earn privately. Dr. Sidor noted that the county was responsible for facilities operation, maintenance and building facilities. Dr. Sidor shared that Anson County's contribution per resident was slightly above the state average but one of their challenges is that they have two very old facilities that require increasingly higher levels of maintenance. Dr. Sidor referred to the handout showing the county funding disparity. Dr. Sidor commented that Anson County with its limited resources has been very generous. Dr. Sidor mentioned that the other challenge was when they received the Lockhart-Taylor center they did not receive a corresponding increase in operational funding and it is grand old building but it is a grand old building with some significant repair issues that they have managed to stay on top of over the last few years. Dr. Sidor added that unfortunately they've done that at the expense of the Polkton campus. Dr. Sidor stated that they could only spend a dollar in one place and they decided to take care of the leaky roofs, parking lot issues at Lockhart-Taylor Center at the expense of a 40 year old air handler, HVAC systems and collapsed walls.

*Commissioner Smith joined the meeting at this point.

Chairman Baucom asked if this was the new library on the Polkton campus with Dr. Sidor answering yes. Dr. Sidor stated that since 2006 they have spent about \$950,000 in operations support and \$500,000 in capital outlay at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. Dr. Sidor said if they had put that funding into the Polkton campus they probably would not be having this discussion today. Dr. Sidor stated that currently they are looking aggressively at some partnerships to rent and lease additional space to generate additional revenue to offset the operational cost and they are making some progress. Dr. Sidor stated that they are hopeful they can partner with the county to find a use for more of the operational space. Dr. Sidor stated that they are hopeful the Connect NC bond issue that we all will have an opportunity to vote on in March will yield some additional funds. Dr. Sidor shared that South Piedmont was scheduled to receive 3.1 million dollars of funding if the bond is approved and out of that 30% will automatically be allocated to Anson County because of its Tier 1 status. Dr. Sidor stated that the one million dollars would help but they could bury a million dollars in improvements that the community would not even see. Dr. Sidor noted that the air handler in the Garibaldi building was \$400,000 and forty years old. Dr. Sidor added that it was obsolete and when it fails they lose use of the building and they will have to replace it. Dr. Sidor

stated that the air conditioning system in the Early College building was very old and was undersized. Dr. Sidor shared that they were not able to afford to upgrade the air conditioning system when they increased the usage so they have some challenges there and that is \$250,000. Dr. Sidor mentioned they have windows that are worn out and he could go on for another hour but their thumbnail sketch is that they have successfully kicked the can down the road as an institution for a very long time. Dr. Sidor stated that they have some opportunities on the horizon if they receive the bond and they are looking at partnerships but they are also asking the commissioners to consider some additional funding to help with their capital needs, especially at the Polkton campus. Dr. Sidor shared that enrollment at South Piedmont Community College has dropped college wide about eight percent since the height of the recession. Dr. Sidor noted that they grew over 22% at that time so if you go back and look at their enrollment they are up over 12% in enrollment since 2008. Dr. Sidor added that the difference in enrollment or you could say apparent enrollment is today more of their students are online than they were in 2008, when online education first started. Dr. Sidor stated that today 30% of their students are participating completely online. Dr. Sidor stated that they have the same number of students now attending in Anson County but 30% of them are sitting in their pajamas and slippers at home drinking coffee rather than coming to a classroom. Dr. Sidor added that that helps reduce the wear and tear on the classrooms but it creates challenges in scheduling courses because it is difficult for face to face online courses. Dr. Sidor shared that a question he receives on an annual basis from both the Anson County Board of Commissioners and the Union County Board of Commissioners is does county commission money cross county lines and the answer emphatically is no. Dr. Sidor stated that any money provided them from Anson County stays in Anson County and the same is true for Union County. Chairman Baucom referred to the bond with \$3,000,000 available for South Piedmont Community College and questioned the allocation of only 30% for the Anson campus. Dr. Sidor stated that the bond statute specifies 30% of the funds raised go to a Tier 1 county. Dr. Sidor stated that there was a match requirement on top of that but they believe that the county's annual allocation will extinguish a significant portion of that match requirement. Chairman Baucom asked where the other 60% goes with Dr. Sidor answering to Union County where he is dealing with more than \$40,000,000 of facilities and maintenance issues. Dr. Sidor stated that until they receive the bond they have not had a chance to have a discussion about how they would allocate those funds and ultimately it will be the Board of Trustees that make the decision. Commissioner Smith asked if the bond would be voted on by Anson and Union counties with Chairman Baucom saying it was a statewide bond issue. Chairman Baucom thanked Dr. Sidor for the information, adding that we don't have a solution right this minute and they would have to figure something out.

Denise Whitley – Advisory Committee for Animal Shelter: Ms. Whitley stated that at the last meeting she asked the board to appoint an ad hoc committee to write a new animal control Ordinance and noticed on the agenda she was listed as an advisory committee for the animal shelter and was not sure that was what they should

be called. Ms. Whitley stated that the board delegated to her to bring back names for the committee. Ms. Whitley stated that she contacted Reece Saunders, our District Attorney, about having someone on the committee. Ms. Whitley stated that he wanted her to relay to the board that he could not be here tonight but once this Ordinance is written he will review it before it comes to the board for approval to make sure the letter of the law is followed and we would have 100% of his cooperation in enforcing the Ordinance if it comes before him. Ms. Whitley stated that the Ordinance would be enforced by the animal control officers and by the Sheriff's office. Ms. Whitley recommended the following as members of the Advisory Committee for Animal Shelter/Anson County Animal Control Ordinance: Chief Bobby Gallimore, Lilesville Policy Chief and certified Animal Cruelty Officer; Mark Panky, Anson County Animal Shelter and a certified Animal Cruelty Officer; Ben Kane, Anson County Health Department-oversees the Anson County Animal Shelter; Detective Steve Erdmanczyk, Anson County Sheriff's office and Denise Whitley. Ms. Whitley stated that once approved they will have an organizational meeting and begin work on the Ordinance. Ms. Whitley stated that the current Ordinance covers rabies and was not a true Ordinance like other counties have. Ms. Whitley stated that the North Carolina General Statutes needed to be referenced in the Ordinance. Ms. Whitley stated that she made contact with Kelly Gerber who is Professor of Animal Law at a Law School in Chapel Hill. Ms. Whitley added that Ms. Gerber stated that she was willing to review the Ordinance for a fee and she had a volunteer offer to pay that fee. Ms. Whitley shared that Ms. Gerber also has Gerber Animal Law firm and is one of the top animal abuse experts in North Carolina and she also said that once we get this in place she would be willing to come down at no cost to the county to educate our animal control officers, Sheriff's office and anyone else wanting to attend on the interpretation of the North Carolina General Statutes. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the committee. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Ms. Whitley for the time she has put into this.

Aaron Mehaffey – Library Report: Mr. Mehaffey introduced Jesse Gibson, Director of Libraries for the Sandhills Regional Library System. Mr. Mehaffey stated that he was also thankful to meet Ms. Garner and took the opportunity to introduce himself. Mr. Mehaffey then presented a handout of information to board members and turned it over to Mr. Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated that back in July they were granted a planning grant and updated board members on what's been happening with that. Mr. Gibson stated that the end result of this project will provide the region with a three to five year strategic plan and will let everyone know what the region and the Anson County library specifically are all about, who they are, what their priorities are and what they want to accomplish in the next three to five years. Mr. Gibson noted that the strategic plan will identify a clear and manageable set of goals that have been created specifically to address gaps in core competencies and the identified needs of the community. Mr. Gibson noted that the strategic planning process has three major components, namely the needs assessment, increasing communication and building relationship and setting an articulated vision and a mission statement. Mr. Gibson stated that the tools they

were using were that they are meeting with local government officials, technology professionals, community organizations and the schools. Mr. Gibson noted that they have created focus groups and community forums in all five counties and they have five local steering committees with 10 members each and from those five they have one regional steering committee. Mr. Gibson added that their biggest tool was the general survey and the random survey, which was available in paper and online entry. Mr. Gibson added that 5,000 of those were random. Mr. Gibson stated that to increase participation, the region donated three Apple iPad Minis to be given away to three lucky survey participants and he was pleased to announce that Anson's own Ms. Rebecca Nelson of McFarlan was one of the three winners. Mr. Gibson shared that Ms. Nelson has been a loyal bookmobile patron since 2002 and has checked out over 1,000 books from the library. Mr. Gibson was hopeful he could present it to her tonight but she could not be here and has requested that we deliver it to her via bookmobile. Mr. Gibson stated that they would present the Strategic Plan sometime after its completion date of June 30, 2016. Mr. Gibson thanked board members for support of their library. Mr. Mehaffey stated that they checked out over 20,000 adult books and if you compare that to the estimated retail price of \$30 a book that shows they provided a service of over \$600,000 worth of books they loaned to people free. Mr. Mehaffey stated that they also have their monthly movie and you might spend \$8 to go see a movie at a theater and they are showing them for free so that is \$96 worth of service. Mr. Mehaffey stated that they provided an estimated service of over \$1,000,000. Mr. Mehaffey stated that the county's investment in the library of \$222,188 had a return of \$5.07 in services to the citizens of Anson County for each one tax dollar spent. Chairman Baucom thanked them for their report.

Public Addresses to the Board:

Jennifer Tillman stated that she had two problems that she would like the boards help on. Ms. Tillman mentioned that trash on McRae Avenue, below El Bethel Baptist Church was being thrown in ditches and her husband and son picked it up but it got dumped there again. Ms. Tillman asked if there was any way the board could help her with this situation. Ms. Tillman added that because the ditches are full of branches and trash the water is standing in the road. Vice Chair Streater suggested calling the prison and getting the inmates to clean it up. Vice Chair Streater felt the person to call was Lawrence Parsons with Commissioner Woodburn thinking it was a different name. Commissioner Sims suggested letting the Clerk contact the prison to see if they can take care of this. Ms. Tillman mentioned another problem was as you turn off highway 74 onto McRae Avenue the speed limit is 35 mph past El Bethel Baptist Church and then it becomes 55 mph. Ms. Tillman shared that cars are traveling so fast that when she turns into her driveway to go home, they are passing her on her left side. Ms. Tillman feels this could cause a wreck. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Ms. Tillman spoke to her about a year ago about this situation and she contacted the Sheriff because the board can't do anything about this. Ms. Tillman stated that she contacted Albemarle and they told her there was nothing they could do because it was not a residential area. Ms. Tillman said she tried to tell them that the area has grown and it was residential

but they did not agree. Chairman Baucom felt the Sheriff's office would need to be involved as the commissioners had no control or authority over speed limits. Ms. Tillman mentioned that she contacted Sheriff Reid and Mr. Spencer but has not gotten anything back. Commissioner Smith asked the number of residents there with Ms. Tillman saying she moved there a year ago today and did not know the number of residents in her area. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the area has been built up over the last two to three years. Commissioner Sims wondered who should be contacted about a speed limit with the clerk thinking it would be DOT.

Priscilla Nunn stated that she had the same problem with trash on Highway 52 and down on Mockingbird Hill. Ms. Nunn stated that there seemed to be a problem with trash in a lot of places throughout Anson County. Ms. Nunn stated that she plans to pick up some of it herself but it continues to be a problem. Commissioner Smith felt if you could recognize a name on there the Sheriff would take care of it. Vice Chair Streater added that most of it was McDonald's bags and things like that. Commissioner Sims was of the opinion we needed some type law or regulation that makes it tough on someone caught throwing out trash. County Attorney Forbes thought the state's ordinance has a \$250 fine. Commissioner Smith said you need to be able to identify who placed the trash. Mr. Bradford asked how we could enforce the Ordinance thinking it was almost impossible to catch someone. Vice Chair Streater agreed this was a problem all over the county. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that the majority of the trash is bags from fast food restaurants. Chairman Baucom felt perhaps we could enlist the services of those at the prison units to help clean it up. Chairman Baucom stated that once a piece of trash goes on the road it is soon followed by another. Chairman Baucom asked who was going to contact the prison with the clerk answering she had a name and would call.

Janine Rywak: Ms. Rywak referred to the state bond, Connect North Carolina, saying there was going to be an information session Wednesday, January 13th in the Ingram Room at SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center. Ms. Rywak noted it starts at 4:30 PM and will last about 2 hours and a meal will be provided. Ms. Rywak shared that the theme is there is a new day in North Carolina so it will breakfast foods. Ms. Rywak stated that the discussion will last about 90 minutes and will end with the meal. Ms. Rywak explained that the college of Ag and Life Sciences was putting this together and asked that a county team be put together that would come to the training, learn about it and be an advocate to share information and get the word out in the community. Ms. Rywak invited board members to attend and asked that they let her know so she can get a head count to the caterer. Ms. Rywak then offered invitations to anyone present. Ms. Rywak shared that the session will explain what the bond is, what it will do and what it will not do as far as the different projects that have been targeted for funding if it passes. Ms. Rywak noted it would be on the March 15th referendum. Commissioner Sims asked Ms. Rywak if she would share the information about the new Agri-Civic center with Ms. Garner. Ms. Rywak offered to set an appointment with Ms. Garner to update her on where they are.

Administrative Matters:

Airport Taxiway Lighting & Signage Project: Gary Fincher asked board members for approval of this in order to proceed with the taxiway lighting and signage project which was approved by the Airport Advisory Board. Mr. Fincher shared that the project consist of full length lighting for the taxiway and new direction and information signs. Mr. Fincher stated that the bid was awarded to Walker and Whiteside Electrical located in Spartanburg, SC with a winning bid of \$379,106.50. Mr. Fincher stated that pending DOT final approval of the grant, it will be funded by State discretionary funds with a 10% county match, which has been allocated. Mr. Fincher noted the total project cost was approximately \$547,000 and the improvement will allow safer operations for aircraft at nighttime at the airport. Mr. Fincher added that the contract has been reviewed by County Attorney Forbes. Motion by Commissioner Smith to approved the request. Commissioner Sims asked if \$547,000 was the total amount that we will pay 10% of with Mr. Fincher answering that this was an approximate figure and it may actually be less. Commissioner Sims then asked if the lights would be on all night every night with Mr. Fincher explaining that the lights are controlled by the aircraft radio. Mr. Fincher stated that on our communication frequency you click the transmit button three times for low intensity, five for middle intensity and seven times for high intensity and they stay on for approximately 15 minutes then they time out and go off. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Fincher if the \$547,000 was construction and everything with Mr. Fincher answering that he understands that is the total cost for the engineering firm and the electrical company. Chairman Baucom asked if that included the installation and equipment with Mr. Fincher answering yes. Mr. Fincher stated that the contract was mostly with the engineers and they work with the electrical company. Mr. Fincher added that when construction starts the engineering firm has a resident supervisor on site to overlook and make sure the project is done correctly. Commissioner Sims commented that if they keep getting grants we are going to have one of the best if not the best small airports in North Carolina. Mr. Fincher agreed that we had a very well equipped airport and better than a lot of the smaller general aviation airports. Chairman Baucom commented that he keeps it in good shape and they appreciate that. County Attorney Forbes added that the county has a relationship with the engineering firm with Mr. Fincher saying they have been employed by the county for over 20 years. Commissioner Woodburn offered a second to the motion and it carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Countywide Zoning: Chairman Baucom told Ms. Garner that this was old business and has been on the table for a long time. Chairman Baucom stated that within the past year or so we've had two very difficult situations where zoning would have made the thing non-existent. Chairman Baucom feels we need to get into this. Chairman Baucom noted that we have a planning board and unless anyone wants to make a motion that we zone the county tonight, we will keep this as old business. Commissioner Sims added that this was a controversial issue. Chairman Baucom stated that is was controversial to do it and it was controversial if we don't do it.

Commissioner Sims shared that people say that they don't want anybody telling them how to use their land and property and what to do with it. Commissioner Sims added that he doesn't have anything against pig farmers but they need to be in certain places and without zoning they could move in next to someone that has nothing to do with his business and then they have a problem and will come to us and we'll say we can't do anything about it.

Minimum Housing Code for Rental Property: Chairman Baucom asked what needed to be done with this and if we have a minimum code. The clerk noted we had one from the late 80's. County Attorney Forbes stated that it applies to property in general. County Attorney Forbes noted there were codes mandated by the state that are renter's protection codes and if someone is renting and they don't like the house or believe it is proper sometimes the only thing it does is allow them to get out of their lease but it doesn't force the landowner to upgrade his property. The Clerk shared that the building inspector inspects issues when called. Chairman Baucom asked if he could make them bring it up to code with no one knowing the answer. Chairman Baucom stated that she would appreciate the clerk and County Manager working on this. Chairman Baucom feels we need to improve the standard of living here to attract more population and this would be a good thing to do.

Interlocal Agreement for Utilities: Chairman Baucom stated that she has not gone to the towns that we sell water and sewer services to. Chairman Baucom voiced that she was looking forward to talking with our new County Manager about this and working out a plan to go and do so. Chairman Baucom feels we need a contract, agreement or a memorandum of understanding that is enforceable with everybody we sell water and sewer to. Chairman Baucom shared that she talked with several people on the Wadesboro Town Council and they don't seem to have a problem with it but its working out the details and what should be included with that.

Fire District Maps: Randy Gulledge shared that he finished the maps and several times he has been told they come back with one problem or another. Mr. Gulledge stated that eight or nine weeks ago he got the actual instructions from the state and he did those. Mr. Gulledge stated that after he did these Mr. Diggs told him there was another problem and Peachland and Polkton should be divided. Mr. Gulledge stated that he knew they were not divided tax wise so he asked Ms. Huntley and Rodney to look up documentation to show him where the lines were because what he had previously was what they call their mutual aid map. Mr. Gulledge shared that it turns out that in 1994 the board approved a line and they have not been using it. Mr. Gulledge stated that before he creates maps that are wrong he is seeking guidance from the board as to whether or not he needs to refer back to the map approved in 1994 and send that to Raleigh. Mr. Gulledge stated that he was waiting for Raleigh to send copies of the maps they have on file which are apparently the mutual aid maps the fire departments adopted on their own. Mr. Gulledge shared that he printed copies of both for board members to see and he could share them now or email them.

Chairman Baucom asked that they be emailed to her. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Gulledge if he knew of any population shifts since 1994 in that area, thinking that might be a consideration for where the line is. Commissioner Sims felt that was very important noting one of the things that is hidden behind the door is insurance. Commissioner Sims stated that the insurance on a person's property depending on where the fire map is drawn, could be tremendously high. Commissioner Sims felt we needed to be careful to protect as many people as we can from what he calls insurance gougers. Mr. Gulledge stated that if they refer the map he sent in the email, Lanesboro was combined as one with two fire departments and giving a six mile route off that. Mr. Gulledge stated that the six mile route would not change much since they are both two miles apart. Mr. Gulledge stated that his next challenge was that the line was drawn in 1994 and the mutual aid map draws virtual lines through properties. Mr. Gulledge stated that he was in a dilemma as to which way to draw the map, wondering if he sticks with what is wrong and re-print it or does he go with the 1994 drawing or wait for the state to send us what they have on file. Mr. Gulledge added that the other six were fine and done and in Raleigh, it is just the Peachland/Polkton area. Vice Chair Streater felt the Fire Chief's should get together and iron this out. Mr. Gulledge stated that what Raleigh has on file are the large paper maps and they will mail those back but it looks like they sent the mutual aid map from years ago, which is nothing like the map approved by the board in 1994. Chairman Baucom commented that what we do not need is for one property owner have to pay the fire tax to two different service providers. Chairman Baucom felt it needed to be straightened out and would be opposed to having it go through someone's property. Chairman Baucom felt it needed to follow the boundaries of the property. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Gulledge if his concern was that someone's driveway was in one fire district and someone's house was in another with Mr. Gulledge saying his problem is what was approved in 1994 is on file here but it does not match what is on file in Raleigh. Mr. Gulledge added that to send the six mile routes to Raleigh now from those two fire districts he needs to know does he use what was approved in 1994 or what the fire departments adopted as their own mutual aid maps. Mr. Gulledge stated that the fire departments adopted it and they think it is real and it appears to be what they've been operating under. Chairman Baucom felt it was not real until adopted by this board. Mr. Gulledge stated that he was stuck in the middle. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if he said he had already printed some copies for the board to look at with Mr. Gulledge answering yes. Mr. Gulledge then shared those copies with board members. Mr. Gulledge explained that the top one was the mutual aid map and the second page was what was adopted in 1994. Chairman Baucom was of the understanding that the way commissioner government works, whatever the board approved last is what is legal with County Attorney Forbes answering yes. Chairman Baucom stated that no offense to the fire chiefs but what the board approved is the way it is. Mr. Gulledge stated that was his belief from day one and thanked the board. Commissioner Woodburn voiced agreement. County Attorney Forbes stated that as far as legal consequences she was absolutely correct. Ms. James asked Mr. Gulledge if the lines from the 1994 adoption follow better than the situation of cutting into property with Mr. Gulledge answering

they were about the same. Mr. Gullledge added that Mr. Diggs told him that sometimes the two departments go on calls together no matter which one is dispatched. Chairman Baucom felt we had to go by what this board approved last. Mr. Gullledge stated that he would do the map that way and give it to Rodney to send to Raleigh. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Gullledge if he would like him to have the chiefs contact him with Mr. Gullledge answering yes. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Gullledge for his work, adding that she knows it has been difficult to deal with. Mr. Gullledge stated that he was glad to have an answer. Commissioner Smith stated that it was the board's duty to make sure all the citizens are protected.

Courthouse Security: Commissioner Sims suggested holding this until the Sheriff was here. Chairman Baucom agreed.

Beer/Wine Sales Referendum: Chairman Baucom was of the opinion that it would not be a good idea to put this on the ballot again this year. Chairman Baucom felt it would be disrespectful to the voters. Chairman Baucom stated that they turned it down last year and she would not be opposed to reconsidering but it's the will of the board and asked their feelings. Vice Chair Streater asked County Attorney Forbes if there was a law about when it could be placed on the ballot again. County Attorney Forbes said if the board wanted to do the exact same ballot it has to be three years. County Attorney Forbes noted that if they want to change the ballot to make it broader it is different. Chairman Baucom noted there was nothing to think about.

Chairman Baucom called for a short break at this time.

After the break, Chairman Baucom called the meeting back to Order.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom shared with board members copies of an email from a citizen about our website being out of date. Chairman Baucom noted that it was terribly out of date and felt we need to come up with a plan. Chairman Baucom stated that she has a list of the things she found and she's already shared it. Chairman Baucom asked for a plan to update or take it down. Chairman Baucom stated the reason she got interested in this is there was an incident with our website that if you went to Economic Development and clicked there it was this beautiful young woman and apparently she was very poor because she would not afford a bra as she certainly did not have one on. Chairman Baucom voiced that she wanted it down and they got it down immediately but apparently the name of that website has been turned over to someone else. Chairman Baucom stated that she has a list and believes this site was set up such that the individuals could update their information for their department and apparently that is not working at all. Mr. Gullledge stated that Evonne does her own updates to the health department site, Steve Adams and the Sheriff's office update theirs. Mr. Gullledge stated that he has had very little participation from others. Vice Chair Streater asked Ms. James if she would send out an email to remind other departments that they need to update theirs with Ms. James saying she would.

Chairman Baucom asked if everyone had a copy of her list. Commissioner Sims stated that there was a lot of interest in our website and the fact that it is obsolete. Chairman Baucom stated that for people who work here she imagines two issues and one is time and the other is understanding of how to do this. Chairman Baucom noted this was our face to the world and we aren't looking too spiffy and she doesn't think anyone is interested in our county budget from 2012/2013. Chairman Baucom stated that she has mentioned this before and with our new County Manager, she thinks we need to do a planning retreat and asked if we could plan to do that. The Clerk asked if it would be ok if she and the County Manager present some dates at the February meeting. Vice Chair Streater stated that they needed Rita and Tiffany at the retreat. The Clerk was of the impression Tiffany would be back March 1. Commissioner Sturdivant told the County Manager that when we talk about a retreat not to go home and pack a suitcase as the retreat will be right here. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she would cook the food. Vice Chair Streater asked the clerk for a new department head list with the clerk saying it was updated today and would be emailed out in the morning. Chairman Baucom referred to the AA building saying that was a big project of Lib Taylor. Chairman Baucom was of the impression our role was maintenance of the building and asked if it was still being used, what condition was it in and what was going on with it. Commissioner Sikes was the understanding it was still being used. Commissioner Sims asked where the alcohol money was going. The clerk explained that we provide insurance coverage for the building and she knows that several years ago we replaced the roof. Commissioner Sims was of the impression that a great deal of money was generated through alcohol revenue that goes somewhere with County Attorney Forbes saying there was a lot of money generated by alcohol revenue. County Attorney Forbes was not sure how it was disbursed. Commissioner Woodburn stated that some goes the state, some to the county and a larger portion goes to the Town of Wadesboro. County Attorney Forbes thought the schools got some. Chairman Baucom stated that the last time she and Mrs. Taylor talked there was concern about the carpet in the building. Chairman Baucom asked if we could pass along to Mr. Waisner and see what our responsibilities are with that building. The clerk stated that she would share a copy of the lease for that building with the County Manager. Chairman Baucom shared that the county flag was lowered to mark the passing of Gail Presslar. Chairman Baucom shared that she was a long time employee of our school system and she brought a lot of money into our community with grants. Chairman Baucom stated that she was directly responsible for a lot of improvements with equipment, etc. Commissioner Sims added that she was one of the most talented writers you would ever find. Chairman Baucom stated that she had been sick for some time and was very active in the Circles Program and they really appreciated her contribution. Chairman Baucom called attention to the Barn Blast noting it was a function of our Smart Start Program. Chairman Baucom noted that she resisted going for years but it is really a lot of fun and encouraged folks to go and see what it is like.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve with the addition. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting minutes: Approved minutes of the regular meeting dated December 1, 2015 and closed session minutes of the same date.

Tax Releases:

Electronic Transaction Report:

Budget Amendment –Sheriff’s Vehicles: to allocate loan proceeds for the purchase of Sheriff’s vehicles along with equipment, title and tags:

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 194,000
Total Increase:		\$ 194,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 194,000
Total Increase:		\$ 194,000

Adopted this 5th day of January 2016.

Budget Amendment – Transportation Grants: to adjust all Transportation Grants to actual Fiscal year 15-16 allocation.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Decrease:	Transportation 11-4521-4523	\$ (5,499)
Total Decrease:		\$ (5,499)

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Decrease:	Transportation – DOT Reimbursement 11-3452	\$ (5,499)
Total Decrease:		\$ (5,499)

Section 1. General fund Expenditures:

Decrease:	Transportation 11-4521-4523	\$ (10,845)
Total Decrease:		\$ (10,845)

Section 2. General fund Revenues:

Decrease:	Transportation-DOT Reimbursement 11-3452	\$ (10,845)
Total Decrease:		\$ (10,845)

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Decrease:	Transportation 11-4521-4523	\$ (7,254)
Total Decrease:		\$ (7,254)

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Decrease:	Transportation-DOT Reimbursement 11-3452	\$ (7,254)
Total Decrease:		\$ (7,254)

Adopted this 5th day of January, 2016.

Appointment:

Anson County Planning Board – District 4: Commissioner Sims stated the reason he’s been a little slow is because he had someone in mind who was

contemplating over a period of time whether or not to do it and finally decided no. Commissioner Sims said he had a number of excellent people in mind and he will keep searching.

Commissioner Concerns: Chairman Baucom noted that Commissioner Sturdivant had an item and asked that it be dealt with in closed session under personnel.

The clerk mentioned that Commissioner Woodburn had one with Commissioner Woodburn saying he talked with Vice Chair Streater and he gave him some information and they would try that route.

Closed Session: Chairman Baucom noted this would be the last item on the Agenda and thanked everyone for coming and listening to them. Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into closed session in reference to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims and carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to extent the days to 90 for the County Manager to relocate to Anson County. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board