

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday June 3, 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
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
Rita James, Data Processing
Tiffany Randall, CPA, Finance Officer

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to Order, welcoming those present. In the absence of a minister, Chairman Baucom called for a moment of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to do the business of Anson County.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their ethics policy and to notify the board if they have a conflict or a perceived conflict with any of the items on the Agenda. Chairman Baucom noted the first appearance, Freddie Paxton and Milton Pegram has been removed. Chairman Baucom asked to add a closed session after Appearances. Commissioner Sims asked to add an item under Commissioner Concerns. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she too had an item for Commissioner Concerns. Commissioner Woodburn asked to add two items under Commissioner Concerns with Commissioner Sikes saying he may have something depending on how the meeting goes. Chairman Baucom stated that she has the concerns from Commissioner Woodburn noting they were speed limit on Capel Dairy Road and traffic at the Memorial Day celebration. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom noted the absence of Vice Chair Streater saying he was attending the graduation of his niece from Princeton.

Appearance:

Travis Goodwin: Mr. Goodwin was present to ask permission for fireworks again this year at the Circle G Area rodeo. Chairman Baucom noted that was July 11 and 12. Chairman Baucom asked if they were done both nights with Mr. Goodwin

answering yes. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Ted Alexander – Preservation North Carolina: Jimmy Dennis, Chair of the Historic Properties Commission, introduced Mr. Alexander, Western Regional Director with Preservation North Carolina and his summer intern, Emily Sloan, a rising senior at Kidmore College. Mr. Dennis stated that they would be addressing the board about historic preservation. Mr. Alexander stated that he was here at the request of the Historic Properties Commission to address the board on the idea of him assisting with the possibility of the preservation and rehabilitation of the former hospital buildings. Mr. Alexander shared that Preservation North Carolina has been around for 75 years and they have been actively involved with helping municipalities, communities and counties protect and preserve historic properties and finding uses and putting them back on the tax role. Mr. Alexander stated that they work with communities all over North Carolina to help provide Economic Development opportunities for the problematic type of buildings. Mr. Alexander stated that they did a cursory examination of the buildings here in Anson County and feels there is enough merit that if the board would like they will help put these buildings to good use. Mr. Alexander stated that it takes times for these projects to be done and to look for a developer and plans to preserve both buildings. Mr. Alexander then did a short power point showing properties they have worked with. Mr. Alexander shared a copy of their magazine with board members and a book with the County Manager that walks through the process they use. Mr. Alexander again stated that they were available and would be happy to help and feels the buildings merit development abilities. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Alexander for his time, saying that as long as this process has been going on that two or three times a week she gets calls or runs into someone that says they did not know they were going to be torn down. Chairman Baucom feels there has not been much outcry from the community but feels there is some sentiment from the community to save the buildings. Chairman Baucom stated that the board has voted to have them torn down and doesn't know if there is anything that can be done to change that but she appreciates the interest and that of the Historical Properties Commission. Mr. Alexander stated that if the county would like to revisit the process he would be willing to put the word out again as there are people looking specifically for these types of projects.

Closed Session: Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go into closed session to consult with the county attorney pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) to consider and give instructions concerning a potential or actual claim, administrative procedure or judicial action. Motion carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, the next item was **Public Addresses to the Board.**

Steve Deberry explained to board members that he applied for a conditional use permit with the Town of Morven and feels the process has not gone forward based on the zoning guidelines. Mr. Deberry shared a copy of the minutes from the April 7th meeting of the town council but as of today he has not heard anything from them. Mr. Deberry said that after a year he found out they were not able to get a quorum for whatever reason and they directed the issue back to the Town. Mr. Deberry said that as of today he has not heard anything and in talking with Pastor Tillman she said there was an issue with the check he gave to the town. Mr. Deberry stated that according to Pastor Tillman the check has not been submitted by the Town of Morven to the bank and there is nothing he can do about this. County Attorney Forbes offered to handle this even though it does not appear to be in our jurisdiction.

Brenda Broadway stated that she has moved back to Wadesboro and about three weeks ago she was awakened by a loud noise in her backyard. Ms. Broadway stated that she saw lights flashing with a block of cement around it and found it to be a septic tank. Ms. Broadway said she was told by Mr. Hildreth that it was full and needed to be cleaned out. Ms. Broadway said she left home for Mr. Hildreth to do the repairs and asked board members why she was paying a sewer bill to the Town of Wadesboro with a septic tank in her yard. Ms. Broadway added that she lives on Shannon Drive. Ms. Broadway stated that she asked at the water place about this but that was three weeks ago and she has not heard anything. County Attorney Forbes offered to help with this issue.

Administrative Matters:

Strata Solar Farm- Findings of Fact Deliberation: Chairman Baucom stated that we were going to do this right and turned it over to the County Attorney. County Attorney Forbes noted that a Writ of Certiorari was served about sixty days ago that had us conduct a hearing in front of Judge McGee two weeks ago. County Attorney Forbes stated that Judge McGee issued an order subject to the Writ of Certiorari after the hearing and read the order into the record at this time:

This matter came on for hearing upon petitioner Strata Solar Development LLC's motion for hearing on the record pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-393 (j) and was heard at the regularly scheduled term of Civil Superior Court on Monday, May 19, 2014 in courtroom 1 before the Honorable Martin B. McGee, Superior Court Judge presiding.

AND IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that the petitioner appeared at the hearing and was represented by Suzanne Todd and Marty White of Johnston, Allison and Hord, PA, and Respondent Anson County appeared at the hearing and was represented by Scott Forbes, County Attorney for Anson County, counsel for the parties agreeing that this Order may be signed by presiding Judge, out of term, out of session, out of county and out of district. After hearing the arguments of counsel, reviewing materials

presented to the court by counsel, including Memoranda of Law and the record as established in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 160A-393 (i) ("record"), and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT as follows:

1. On or about August 29, 2013 and in accordance with the Anson County North Carolina Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance"), petitioner Strata Solar Development, LLC, submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit (the "Permit") to construct and operate a utility scale solar electric power plant facility ("Solar Farm") on approximately 38 acres of real property, said acreage being a portion of a larger tract owned by George and Elizabeth Draper, and having a PIN number of 647513144110 and being located at 1641 Carver Street, Wadesboro, Anson County, North Carolina.

2. That on or about September 23, 2013 the planning board for Anson County unanimously recommended approval of the permit subject to the following changes:

a) That the Conditional Use zoning be applied to 59.418 acres of county property presently zoned R-20, that the property in the county not zoned to be grandfathered in as the same Conditional Use Zoning when zoning is applied to the county,

b) That the City of Wadesboro area, 7.65 acres, be subdivided and removed from the site,

c) The solar panel height be raised to ten feet with sufficient height at lower end to permit a riding lawnmower with its passenger to pass, to assure proper maintenance of the site,

d) Height of parameter fence to be eight feet and barbed wire on top of the entrance gate to be secured and of type to keep people/children out,

e) If security lights are installed at any time they must be shielded to prevent spillover of lightening into residential areas and

f) There be an agreement to dismantle the site if it is abandoned.

3. That a Public Hearing to consider the permit was properly noticed and held on October 7, 2013 (the "Public Hearing") before the Board of Commissioners of Anson County, North Carolina (hereinafter "board"), during its regular monthly meeting.

4. When considering applications for approval of conditional use permits, Articles 3 and 9 of the Ordinance, North Carolina General Statutes section 160A-393 require that the Board sit in a quasi-judicial capacity.

5. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing the board deferred its deliberations and decisions on the requested permit to its November 5, 2013 regular monthly meeting.

6. During its November 5, 2013 meeting the board deferred its deliberations and decision on the permit to its December 3, 2013 regular monthly meeting. However,

during its November 5, 2013 meeting the board heard from a representative of the opponents of the permit.

7. The board again deferred its deliberations and decision on the requested permit from its December 3, 2013 meeting to its January 7, 2014 regular monthly meeting.

8. At its January 7, 2014 meeting the board unanimously voted to deny the requested Permit but failed to reduce its decision to a writing that reflected the board's determination of contested facts and the application to the applicable standards.

9. That the applicable standards to which the board is required to make findings are set forth in the Ordinance as follows: County Attorney Forbes noted this was subsection 9, page 2 of the Ordinance:

- a. that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located according to the plan submitted and approved
- b. that the use meets all required conditions and specifications
- c. that the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property or that the use is a public necessity and
- d. that the location and character of the use if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Anson County Land Use Plan.

10. Petitioner timely filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari on February 5, 2014 and the Anson County Clerk of Court issued a Writ of Certiorari on February 5, 2014.

11. On March 3, 2014 counsel for Petitioner received a letter from the Anson County Attorney officially notifying Petitioner in writing of the Anson County Board of Commissioners' "decision to deny Strata Solar Development, LLC's Petition for a Conditional Use Permit which was subject of the quasi-judicial hearing of October 7, 2013 and several conversations following."

12. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 160A-393(i) the parties settled the record and it was filed with this court on April 10, 2014.

13. On May 2, 2014, Petitioner timely noticed its Motion for Hearing on the Record pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 160A-393(j) for hearing in Anson County Superior Court on May 19, 2014.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE COURT CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW, that the Board of County Commissioners for respondent Anson County, failed to comply with the statutory requirement set forth in North Carolina General Statutes section 160A-388(e2)(1) that "each quasi-judicial decision shall be reduced to writing and

reflect the board's determination of contested facts and their application to the applicable standards."

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

A. This matter is remanded to the Board with instructions that the Board comply with the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes Section 16A-388(e2)(1) by reducing its decision regarding Petitioner's Permit request to writing and that said written decision reflect the Board's determination of contested facts and their application to the applicable standards.

B. The Court finds the Record raises serious concerns whether the Board failed to apply the proper standard when it denied Petitioner's requested permit. The board is therefore directed to reconsider its prior decision to deny Petitioner's requested permit after considering the competent, material and substantial evidence in the record of the Public Hearing and applying the facts of the case to the applicable standards.

C. In considering Petitioner's Permit request, the Board shall sit in a quasi-judicial capacity and establish facts based solely upon a competent, material and substantial evidence contained in the Record of the Public Hearing. County Attorney Forbes asked to note for the record that those were handed out to board members during closed session. County Attorney Forbes noted that was the exact photo copy that was issued to the court in our record set forth and agreed upon by the petitioner.

D. The Board's decision regarding Petitioner's Permit request shall be based upon competent, material and substantial evidence in the record of the Public Hearing. No additional hearings shall be conducted.

The Board shall apply the facts established to the following applicable standards:

- a. That the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety, if located according to the plan submitted and approved;
- b. That the use meets all required conditions and specifications;
- c. That the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, (or that the use is a public necessity); and
- d. That the location and character of the use, if developed according to the plans as submitted and approved will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Anson County Land Use Plan.

Speculative assertions, mere expressions of opinion and generalized fear about the possible effects of granting a permit, are insufficient to support the findings of a quasi-judicial body. In other words, the denial of a conditional use permit may not be based on conclusions which are speculative, sentimental, personal, vague or merely an

excuse to prohibit the requested use. Blair Investments LLC v. Roanoke Rapids City Counsel, N.C. App., 752 S.E. 2d 524 (2013).

The board's written decision regarding Petitioner's permit request shall be signed by chair or other duly authorized member of the board.

The board's written decision shall be filed by the Zoning Officer in his/her office within 30 days after the next scheduled meeting of the board following the entry of this Order, with copies of the written decision being sent to counsel for Applicant and the undersigned within the aforementioned time frame.

The undersigned Judge retains jurisdiction of this matter and to hear any and all future proceedings.

This 3rd of June, 2014.

County Attorney Forbes stated that this is what the board has been charged to do and at this time he recommended in compliance with the Judge's order that we deliberate and make findings of fact that will later be applied to the four standards set forth on page 4 (e) of the aforementioned Order. Ms. Todd asked if the affidavits had also been provided to the board with County Attorney Forbes answering they are in the record and offered to answer any questions and to provide a copy of the entire record to anyone. County Attorney Forbes noted there were Affidavits from the experts that testified and they have been made reference to in the handout given each board member. County Attorney Forbes stated that in the findings of fact the board may want to consider that those experts have submitted Affidavits and you may want to consider making that a finding of fact. Chairman Baucom asked County Attorney Forbes if he read all this with County Attorney Forbes answering yes as this was a joint effort to compile this record that was submitted to the Judge. Ms. Todd added that all Affidavits are sworn and notarized. Chairman Baucom stated for the benefit of those in attendance that the meeting in question was five days after conditional use permitting went into law and the board had absolutely no clue. County Attorney Forbes advised the board to deliberate and make some findings of fact that will later be applied to the four questions. Chairman Baucom asked County Attorney Forbes if he was going to guide the board with County Attorney Forbes answering that if someone would like to make assertions of fact and deliberations of the fact of what they believe to be true that is how he will give them. Commissioner Smith stated that Dr. Rommel, being a medical doctor, made a statement that is part of the record that this could be detrimental to little children and grownups and everybody that surrounds this area. Chairman Baucom stated that starting with item a, that the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety with County Attorney Forbes saying to make just findings of fact at this point. County Attorney Forbes asked Commissioner Smith if he wanted to make a finding of fact that Dr. Rommel said there will be health concerns with Commissioner Smith answering yes. Chairman Baucom felt another fact was that she believes that Dr.

Rommel was being sarcastic when she said she was not expert. Chairman Baucom noted she was not an expert on solar panels but she certainly is an expert in healthcare. Chairman Baucom added that she believes the article she was reading was based on expert opinion. Commissioner Woodburn stated that to support that Dr. Rommel is duly licensed and credentialed in the State of North Carolina. Commissioner Sims commented on item c on page 3 of the Order that the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, adding that the word substantially tells him that we are not talking about whether it will injure the value of the property we are questioning how much it will injure the value of the property. Commissioner Sims stated that to him it is not a question of will it injure; it is a question of how much. County Attorney Forbes asked Commissioner Sims if he would like to reduce that to a finding of fact that he believes something would or would not affect the value and give his reasoning. Chairman Baucom felt to support the comment by Commissioner Sims take for instance the barb wire on top of the fence feeling that was not warm and fuzzy and she believes it will not enhance the livability of a piece of property. Chairman Baucom believes this is what would injure the value of those properties. Commissioner Smith stated that we have a residential area and the folks living there have children and he believes it will be unsafe for the children. Commissioner Smith stated that they don't have anywhere else to live and nowhere else to go and he does not want those children's lives endangered by climbing the fence. Commissioner Sims supported the statement by Commissioner Smith by saying as an educator for three decades and working with children from first grade through high school he can assure that children are very curious and they will check the fence out and in his opinion they will check out the solar panels. Commissioner Sims felt the children may be injured and there might be damage to the solar panels and to the fence and it might lead to other people being able to enter the property and do various nefarious things. Commissioner Sims felt if the children find a way into the property it is not beyond belief that someone that wants to do something nefarious would also find access to this isolated property with nobody on site. Chairman Baucom understands the panels will be ten feet off the ground with County Attorney Forbes saying he was not sure but felt that was the recommendation of the board. Commissioner Sikes stated that the lower side will be high enough to allow a mower with a rider to pass sufficiently. Chairman Baucom noted the ten feet and the eight feet were in the minutes. Commissioner Sims asked the acreage with Commissioner Woodburn answering 59.418. Chairman Baucom noted 59.418 was in the county and a little over 7.5 acres in the town and will be carved out from the site. Chairman Baucom called for any other comments, observations or facts. Commissioner Smith asked if a person could get electrocuted fooling around solar with Chairman Baucom thinking you would have to work hard to get electrocuted but it was possible. County Attorney Forbes asked if there were any facts revolving around the testimony received from the engineering experts and the land value experts. Chairman Baucom commented that some of the experts were so far over her head that she doesn't know what they were talking about and at some point it seemed to her they were all saying the same thing. Chairman Baucom felt there wasn't anything she could point to and say it was right or wrong. Commissioner Sims believed the fact that there

may be a considerable amount of lighting on the property that it could be that it will attract a variety of insects and despite any type of shields the light could even impair a person's comfort at night that is close to the area. County Attorney Forbes asked Commissioner Sims what he was basing that finding on with Commissioner Sims saying the front end of his car was full of bugs right now and from observations since he was three years old to now that light attracts bugs and insects. Commissioner Sims stated that it also has been used as torture over the years to put people in a lighted room and never cut the light off. County Attorney Forbes asked if he would call as a finding of fact that increased lighting caused by this will hinder other people's sleep patterns with Commissioner Sims answering that he finds it a point of fact that it would hinder their comfort but as to what extent he could not say. Commissioner Smith asked the board's jurisdiction that the City of Wadesboro's 7.65 acres be subdivided and removed from the site and should that be directed by us with County Attorney Forbes answering he was not sure about the 7.65 acres. Commissioner Smith asked if this property was considered in the city or the county with Commissioner Sikes saying the 7.65 acres was in the city and taken out. Chairman Baucom commented that Mr. Iannone stated that solar panels are dark at night but that doesn't tell us they will not reflect and glare during the day. County Attorney Forbes stated that of the evidence presented at the hearing and the evidence the board has, making finding of facts on things you know or you believe from the evidence presented is our task. Chairman Baucom believes there would be reflected light during the day. Chairman Baucom mentioned electrode magnetic field saying the expert stated that it was a lower electrode magnetic field strength than high voltage transmission lines or substation. Chairman Baucom stated that you have transmission lines there and she doesn't know but was concerned if you put that together what would the effects of that be. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned that Mr. Cantor, who was an expert witness, commented that he takes his kids to visit these farms and he thinks that is a finding of fact that he doesn't live near one and feels this is evidence to say that the health concerns are addressed. Commissioner Woodburn stated that based on the article read by Dr. Rommel that came out of a periodical there was a concern about leukemia that it had not addressed and those findings have not been confirmed as of yet. Commissioner Sikes stated that based on mental status, anything that actively worries or bothers your mind that it is dangerous is a hazard to your health. County Attorney Forbes asked board members if they found it to be a valid journal based on the testimony given by Dr. Rommel with Chairman Baucom feeling she took the time to look at it and felt that was a yes. Chairman Baucom feels we will find concerns about the appropriateness of it for that community given the barbed wire, the eight foot fence and the panels starting off ten feet above the ground, the possible health hazard and the unresolved questions about potential health problems. County Attorney Forbes asked if there were any more findings of fact. Commissioner Smith asked County Attorney Forbes if he knew the requirements for how far away this should be located from a residential community with County Attorney Forbes saying he did not know and asked Commissioner Smith if he wanted to make a finding of fact that it was not far enough. Commissioner Smith stated that the 7.65 acres from the Town of Wadesboro is not shown on the diagram.

County Attorney Forbes asked Commissioner Smith if one of his findings of fact would be that the site does not have a sufficient buffer zone or is not located far enough away from a residential area with Commissioner Smith answering that is correct.

Commissioner Smith added that it doesn't say where the 7.65 acres is in the jurisdiction of Wadesboro in accordance with Carver Street where the residential section is located. Chairman Baucom was of the opinion the buffer was three hundred plus feet from the nearest residence. Chairman Baucom called for any other comments. Commissioner Sims believes it is a proven fact that it has never been proven whether a person who is close to an electrode magnetic field over a long period of time whether or not it is deleterious to that person's health. Commissioner Sims does not believe it has been proven beyond a scientific doubt. County Attorney Forbes asked Commissioner Sims if he would like to rephrase that to say something along the lines that he finds that being exposed to these electrode magnetic waves or the solar farm would be deleterious to someone's health with Commissioner Sims saying over a period of time it would be deleterious. Hearing no other comments, Chairman Baucom asked the County Attorney to lead the board in the findings of fact.

County Attorney Forbes stated that the question proposed by the Judge McGee is 1) will the proposed use materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to the plan. Chairman Baucom was of the opinion it would and asked County Attorney Forbes if he needed individual answers with County Attorney Forbes thinking it would be prudent for everyone to comment. County Attorney Forbes felt after that it would be appropriate for a motion to come through and we will vote on that individually. County Attorney Forbes stated that first standard by which they need to apply is letter E on page 4 of the Order adding that he would go directly from the Order from the Judge.

The Board shall apply the facts established to the following applicable standards:
a) That the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located according to the plan submitted and approved. County Attorney Forbes proctored this as Will the proposed use materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed.

Commissioner Smith: yes

Commissioner Sturdivant: yes, public health and safety

Chairman Baucom: yes

Commissioner Sims: yes, based on the testimony of a very well-known medical doctor who has researched some of these diseases and went to an expert journal and sought the following findings that it might cause childhood leukemia.

Commissioner Sikes: yes

Commissioner Woodburn: yes

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, that it will materially endanger the public health and safety of the community. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Forbes asked if the proposed use meets all required conditions and specifications. Commissioner Sims believes there is still considerable concern about the use of barbed wire. Commissioner Sims based this on the fact that numerous people have been injured greatly by being around barbed wire. Chairman Baucom did not agree thinking it probably does meet required conditions and specifications and asked for a project like this do we know the conditions and specifications. Chairman Baucom stated that we know there are some inherent dangers. Commissioner Woodburn stated that based on the input from the Planning Board it meets the required conditions and specifications of the Ordinance. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, that it meets all required conditions and specifications based on the recommendation of the Planning Board. Motion passed 4 to 2 with Commissioner Sims and Commissioner Smith opposed.

County Attorney Forbes noted the third standard by which the board is to apply the finding of fact is: will the proposed use substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, unless the use is a public necessity. County Attorney Forbes was of the opinion a certificate of public necessity was issued but that would be a finding of fact whether the board believes it is a finding of fact or not. Commissioner Sims was still of the opinion that substantially was a dubious word and he would not put his faith in that word. County Attorney Forbes was looking for the certificate when Ms. Todd offered that it was attached to one of the affidavits. County Attorney Forbes thought the affidavits said they had been issued the certificate and felt the question would be whether they had been issued a public necessity and if you believe they have, you would have to consider if there was any contradictory evidence to that and then would the proposed use substantially injure the value of the adjoining or abutting property. Commissioner Sims felt that particular form of electricity for this county was not a public necessity, necessity meaning we must have it or we need it badly. Commissioner Sims felt it was not a necessity as we have lights on now and doing fine. Chairman Baucom was of the opinion that some bureaucrat somewhere issues these certificates of necessity and you just don't go to Wal-Mart and get one with County Attorney Forbes answering yes. Chairman Baucom felt someone determined that this was necessary and it doesn't matter what anybody thinks. Commissioner Sikes stated that in talking about the value of the land, if the people that live there now are scared of it and don't like it no one else will move there so to him it is a deterioration of the land value. Chairman Baucom stated that it sounds like the board is finding that it will injure the value of adjoining or abutting property and it does have a certificate as a public necessity. Chairman Baucom stated that she was trying to convey that these are two conditions and they find one to be yes, the use will substantially injure the value of adjoining property and we have to believe that yes it is not a public necessity. Chairman Baucom stated that if someone has issued the certificate then she believes it

is. County Attorney Forbes deferred to Section E, subsection c on Page 4, that the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity. County Attorney Forbes reads that if it is a public necessity then it doesn't matter if it substantially injures the value of adjoining or abutting property. Commissioner Smith stated that we know it is not a public necessity as there is already power in that area. County Attorney Forbes was of the belief that someone has been issued a certificate of public necessity so that is a decision that has already been made, if that is what the board finds but if they find they've not been and it is not a public necessity then they would have to make that finding of fact. Commissioner Sims stated that we all agree that it will endanger the value of the property but if I'm hearing correctly someone has issued a certificate of necessity that it is a public necessity and if it is a public necessity then that overrules whether or not we think it is going to give value. Chairman Baucom feels with the use of or and the clause being in parentheses she feels having the certificate trumps hurting the value of the property. County Attorney Forbes then asked Ms. Todd to show her the affidavit. Commissioner Smith asked the Chairman if c and d go together with Chairman Baucom thinking they had to deal with a, b, c and d. County Attorney Forbes stated that they would deal with each one individually and at the end he would ask for a motion whether it was denied or accepted. Commissioner Woodburn asked if the certificate was issued by the state with County Attorney Forbes answering by an entity of the state. Commissioner Woodburn asked if we had a means to know what the requirements are with County Attorney Forbes saying that was not covered at the hearing. Chairman Baucom asked to deal with item d, that the location and character of the use if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Anson County Land Use Plan. Chairman Baucom noted her answer was no with Commissioner Sims in agreement. Commissioner Woodburn felt it met all that except it was not in harmony with the area. Commissioner Sikes stated that this was a residential area and this does not fit in with that. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that it does not. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Forbes stated that the permit was discussed by Mr. Iannone and he testified under Oath that he did have a permit. Commissioner Smith added that he did not present it. County Attorney Forbes stated that he did not see it presented but he did testify under Oath that he had it and that would be an issue for the board to determine as a finding of fact. Commissioner Smith stated that he was not aware of it being presented and asked if it was available now. County Attorney Forbes saying it would be inappropriate to take it now. Chairman Baucom asked Commissioner Smith if his vote on #3 was yes it would injure the value of adjoining property with Commissioner Smith answering correct. Commissioner Sturdivant stated her answer was yes. Chairman Baucom called for a motion. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, that it will injure the adjoining and abutting property and that the use of public necessity permit was not presented to my recollection. Motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Forbes asked for

clarification if Commissioner Smith was saying his finding does not have a certificate of public necessity with Commissioner Smith answering yes. Chairman Baucom noted it was not presented with County Attorney Forbes saying they need to make a decision on whether it is a public necessity or it is not a public necessity based on the evidence presented. Commissioner Smith took the position it was not a public necessity. Motion by Commissioner Smith that it is not a public necessity for it to be located here in this community on Carver Street. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant and passed unanimously.

County Attorney Forbes asked the Chairman to remind him of the board vote on #4, will the location and character of the proposed use if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved be in harmony with the area with Chairman Baucom saying the answer was no.

County Attorney Forbes asked the Chairman to solicit a motion whether the permit is accepted or denied. Chairman Baucom called for a motion. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, that the permit to place this solar in the Carver Street community be denied. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Forbes stated that this concludes the deliberations on the permit. County Attorney Forbes stated that we are ordered to write this and he would be glad to take this up for the board to write a decision and have the Chair or designee sign, adding that he prefers the Chair to sign on behalf of the board and he will submit to the proper authorities and follow the Judge's order on this.

Commissioner Smith commented that what has taken place in this subject just discussed that if this is granted it will be solely at the discretion of the Judge and not this board. Commissioner Smith then asked the County Attorney if that was right with County Attorney Forbes answering that the Judge does have the authority to order the board to issue the permit, he has the authority also to accept the board's decision and that will be based on what we submit to him from tonight.

Anson Rescue Squad Agreement: County Manager Gatewood explained that on June 4, 2013 Anson County entered into a contract with Anson Rescue Squad for ambulance service in the county. County Manager Gatewood asked to present three things about that particular contract: 1) Anson Rescue Squad shall provide the county with weekly ambulance service 24/7 responding to approximately every third call; 2) the agreement shall terminate on June 4, 2014 and will require the approval of the Anson County Board of Commissioners to be extended beyond that point and 3) in your packet I've pointed out the revenues from ambulance service to Anson EMS. County Manager Gatewood stated that in fiscal year 10/11 the actual revenues were \$841,321. County Manager Gatewood stated that the following year \$908,574 and in fiscal year 12/13 \$896,961 and in the current year we are projecting \$700,000 in total Anson EMS revenues. County Manager Gatewood stated that the only thing that has changed since

that time is the fact that we entered into the contract with Anson Rescue Squad. County Manager Gatewood stated that it was up to the board to decide whether they would like to continue the contract for another year or whether they would like to do something different. Chairman Baucom asked if there has been a corresponding decrease in expenses on the part of EMS with County Manager Gatewood answering no. Chairman Baucom asked why with County Manager Gatewood answering because it takes a certain number of manpower and man hours to operate the system. County Manager Gatewood stated that just because we are not accepting every third call and Anson Rescue Squad is, we still have to maintain the equipment and the labor force. Commissioner Sikes commented that this issue has been coming up ever since Andy Lucas was here and we've always decided there is no way this county can do without Anson Rescue. Commissioner Sikes stated that they have one full time ambulance, two back up ambulances, a service truck with all the equipment to evacuate people out of wrecks and they have a service truck with two boats to rescue people. Commissioner Sikes stated that the county was not paying them to do this but they were paying them \$24,000 for the rescue part. Commissioner Sikes felt if Anson Rescue was not doing the 24 hour ambulance then EMS would have to add another ambulance to cover the calls and that will cost more than we are losing here. Commissioner Smith asked that this matter be tabled until the next meeting noting that Vice Chair Streater told him that he would like to be in on this discussion. Commissioner Smith stated that Vice Chair Streater was upstate at this time and he wants to be in on this discussion. Chairman Baucom noted that the board would meet again on the 19th for the budget hearing and we could certainly take it up then. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn to table this matter until June 19th. County Attorney Forbes pointed out that the contract ends June 4, 2014 was he was not sure what provisions that would be as we would be operating without a contract if you don't handle it tonight. Motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Sikes felt that with the amount of training and the cost of equipment they needed more than a one year contract because they don't know how to plan for the future. Commissioner Sikes felt a one year contract was not right since the equipment they use is so expensive. County Manager Gatewood stated that last year this time he recommended a two year contract but the board decided one year was sufficient and we would reassess the situation. Commissioner Woodburn asked the impact of the lost revenue to EMS with County Manager Gatewood answering approximately \$200,000 a year based on our experiences over the last twelve months. Commissioner Woodburn then asked what was not going to happen because of the lost revenue with County Manager Gatewood saying the county will have to pick up the slack or the difference which to operate that unit is about \$200,000 more than \$700,000. County Manager Gatewood added that this would be borne by Anson County taxpayers. Commissioner Sikes again stated that if Anson Rescue was not operating, sooner or later EMS would want to add another ambulance which will cost more than \$200,000. Chairman Baucom stated that she was not inclined to discontinue the contract. Chairman Baucom voiced that she had serious issues and concerns about EMS and its management and she feels confident in the Anson Rescue Squad. Chairman Baucom feels they can do things EMS cannot do and doesn't have the

equipment to do. Chairman Baucom noted they were highly trained and she doesn't want to end the contract. Commissioner Sims stated that he likes having both and feels before we starting these contracts all we had was arguments and fussing and thinks Rescue does a good job. Commissioner Sims also believes that the County Manager is correct and it will cost us money. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would contend that Anson EMS employees are well trained, highly qualified, passionate and dedicated to the service they provide to the citizens of this county 24/7 twelve months out of the year. County Manager Gatewood wanted the record to reflect his strong views in that regard, which he added, are different than those of Madame Chairman. Chairman Baucom stated that she has the utmost confidence in the EMS personnel but she does have concerns about management. County Manager Gatewood stated that they differ on the management but agree on the staff and they do their job extremely well. Commissioner Sikes felt the reason EMS's revenue was coming up, Anson Rescue used to have a five minute delay period to respond. Commissioner Sikes stated that that was done away with and we put ambulances in three parts of the county and that cut all their revenue away from them so they could not exist because EMS was getting all the wreck calls. Commissioner Sikes noted that was one big reason we put the ambulance on 24 hours so they could stay alive and operate. Commissioner Sikes stated that they were losing the revenue that EMS was gaining and if the truck in Morven wasn't there they would be running one-third of the calls instead of half the calls. Commissioner Sikes is of the opinion there aren't enough calls in Morven to justify the truck. Commissioner Sikes feels if it was here in Wadesboro EMS would be getting two calls to three instead of one-half. County Manager Gatewood felt Mr. Teal, Director of EMS, was probably better qualified to answer this specific question as he has all the data and unfortunately he is not here tonight to respond to this question. County Manager Gatewood added that he could be at a subsequent meeting if needed. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if the contract goes dead tomorrow with County Manager Gatewood saying it expires on the 4th of June. Chairman Baucom asked if we could give it a 30 day extension with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. County Attorney Forbes stated that as long as the other party is amenable then that is fine but we can't just unilaterally force them into a 30 day extension. County Attorney Forbes added that he doesn't see how they could not say we have unfair bargaining power as a board but he doesn't see how they could refuse. Chairman Baucom asked two members of the audience, T. C. Murdock and Zana Lambert if they could speak for Rescue and they answered yes. Chairman Baucom asked if they would accept a 30 day extension while we continue to work on this with Mr. Murdock answering that he would discuss it with the chief and assistant chief and let them know. Mr. Murdock, captain with Anson Rescue, and also an employee of Anson EMS, stated that by working with EMS he knows there is a lower call volume in the Morven area. Mr. Murdock suggested getting statistics for that truck and base in upon other areas such as Lilesville and Gulledge and maybe reposition that truck in another area. Mr. Murdock explained that when the base 1 truck goes on a transfer it is usually out of the county three to four hours or longer and because of that Anson Rescue ends up running more calls here in town. Mr. Murdock felt one reason we're losing money is because we are paying staff

to sit at the Morven site that is not really bringing in revenue. Mr. Murdock added that we may not be getting as much back on insurance either so that could be another reason for the drop. Mr. Murdock said he would speak to Chief Rodney Diggs and Assistant Chief Wes Steagall and let them know you want to extend the contract for thirty days and reconsider. County Attorney Forbes asked for clarification if Mr. Murdock was captain with Mr. Murdock saying he was captain with Anson Rescue Squad and also a paramedic at Anson EMS. County Manager Gatewood noted for the record that Mr. Diggs was also our Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal and also Chief of Anson Rescue Squad. County Manager Gatewood stated that Mr. Murdock, Mr. Diggs and all the other employees of Anson EMS are passionate and well qualified to do their job. Commissioner Woodburn stated that what he was hearing a few minutes ago EMS can't do everything that needs to be done if Rescue is not around. County Manager Gatewood explained that before we entered into this agreement Anson Rescue Squad was accepting approximately every third call from the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. County Manager Gatewood noted the answer to the question on whether Anson EMS is qualified and has the staff and equipment to manage the county he believes is yes. County Manager Gatewood again felt Ryan Teal was the person closer to the situation and needed to speak for Anson EMS and not the County Manager. Commissioner Sikes stated that they have no equipment for getting people out of wrecked cars with County Manager Gatewood asking to clarify that he meant ambulance service. Commissioner Woodburn said he was talking about the whole realm with County Manager Gatewood saying as far as wrecks no, Anson EMS is not qualified. Commissioner Sikes explained that this came about because Anson Rescue was not going to be able to survive if they did not have that twenty-four hour ambulance and if they close the doors we would have nothing. Commissioner Smith asked if the revenue for rescue comes from the third ambulance with Commissioner Sikes answering that Anson Rescue runs their own ambulance and what revenue they get from it they get and use it. Commissioner Sikes added again that the county does not pay them to run the ambulance. Commissioner Smith asked if there were any figures for rescue with Commissioner Sikes answering no. Commissioner Woodburn asked the ramification of approving another one year contract with County Manager Gatewood feeling it was up to the board. County Manager Gatewood feels next year this time we'll be in a similar situation where we've lost \$200,000 annual revenue and he'll be coming forward asking for another decision on whether to continue or not. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he knows it is \$200,000 lost revenue but he doesn't remember hearing what is the actual impact on Anson EMS losing that \$200,000. County Manager Gatewood feels the impact is more on county taxpayers having to fund that \$200,000. Commissioner Woodburn asked what was happening before they were making that much with County Manager Gatewood answering that Anson Rescue was responding to every third call between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 8:30 P.M. and our revenues were approximately \$200,000 higher than what they are projected to be at the end of this fiscal year. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if they were to cut Anson Rescue Squad off and there was a severe wreck what would happen with County Manager Gatewood saying he was not recommending we cut Anson

Rescue Squad off. County Manager Gatewood stated that they are highly qualified and skilled to respond to wrecks and Anson EMS is not. Commissioner Sikes voiced that what they are saying is if they don't have the twenty-four hour revenue they will have to close the door because they don't have any revenue to exist. Commissioner Sikes said that with three ambulances from EMS stationed around the county they naturally will be first to the wreck and get the patient and that is what Anson Rescue formally lived off of was wreck calls. Commissioner Sikes stated that when we took that away from them they had to have some other way to sustain themselves and we are getting an ambulance from them that doesn't cost the county anything. Commissioner Sikes said yes they were getting revenue but if they weren't there sooner or later EMS would have to run another ambulance which will cost the county more than this \$200,000. Commissioner Sikes feels the money they were gaining was coming from Anson Rescue losing their revenue from wrecks because Anson EMS was stationed everywhere picking up the wreck calls. Commissioner Smith asked for clarification that Anson Rescue receives their revenue from wrecks with Commissioner Sikes saying they used to and still do what wrecks they run and they receive revenue from the twenty-four hour ambulance. Commissioner Smith asked who they bill for the twenty-four hour ambulance with Commissioner Sikes saying the patients they transport. Commissioner Sikes added that the county pays nothing for that and they serve all districts. Chairman Baucom asked if they respond to wrecks all over the county with Mr. Murdock answering yes with the exception of Burnsville and Ansonville area. Mr. Murdock explained that they provide ambulance service for the entire county. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Murdock if he was speaking as a Rescue Squad member or EMS with Mr. Murdock saying Rescue, adding that there was management to speak for EMS. Mr. Murdock referred to funding saying they bill the patient and the money they receive keeps fuel and supplies in the truck. Mr. Murdock stated that the cost of running some of these calls is a lot more than they get back from insurance and a lot of time they are in the hole. Mr. Murdock added that there are months they've worked in the hole paying the staff and then there are month where they get ahead. Mr. Murdock added that you are not in the EMS agency for profit and if you are breaking even you're doing good. Chairman Baucom felt the county was not in it to make money as it is a public service. Chairman Baucom recalls from years ago that three hundred to one-half million dollars of county revenues went into emergency services so this is a lot better. Chairman Baucom feels it has been shown that the Rescue Squad could probably not survive without the revenue that they are getting and they may be able to adjust or cut back or whatever they can work out with EMS but she is not in favor of doing what would shut them down. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to extent the contract for another year. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom voiced she was sorry with County Manager Gatewood saying there was no need to be sorry as Anson EMS was not in this business to make money. County Manager Gatewood added that we hope to break even as we are here to serve the customers. Chairman Baucom stated that obviously she did not in any way try to cast burdens on the staff at EMS but everything can be improved.

Chairman Baucom asked for a ten minute break.

After the break, the next items was the **Sale of 107 Ashe Street Building:** County Manager Gatewood stated that he was pleased to report that the county received an offer of \$225,000 from SanStone to purchase the building located at 107 Ashe Street that currently houses building inspections, environmental health and our 911 call center. Concerning the county property at 107 E. Ashe Street in Wadesboro, County Manager Gatewood reported that the offer was published on May 21, 2014 in the Anson Record, that the upset bid period expired on June 2, 2014 and no upset bids were received by the county clerk. County Manager Gatewood stated that the agreement includes a voluntary commitment by SanStone to invest at least \$200,000 in building a kitchen, storage and laundry facility to support the residents of Lillie Bennett. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to accept the offer from SanStone and to authorize the County Manager to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom stated that she recalls that they are not a non-profit therefore we will get tax revenue with County Manager Gatewood saying that was his understanding. County Manager Gatewood shared that SanStone would like to lease the Anson Community Hospital kitchen to provide meals to the Lillie Bennett residents until their kitchen is built. County Manager Gatewood explained that they would like to enter into this agreement in the middle of July 2014 when the hospital is scheduled to vacate the property and have agreed in writing to be responsible for the utilities, for the hospital building, security and building and grounds maintenance. County Manager Gatewood stated they will also pay the county \$1,000 per month for the lease. County Manager Gatewood stated that he and the County Attorney would execute the contract. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the lease. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood stated that Dr. Rommel has requested the continuation of her lease until October 1 and he agreed as long as she pays all utilities and upkeep of the maintenance and grounds around her office. County Manager Gatewood stated that this would allow Dr. Rommel to continue practicing medicine and serve her patients. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would work with the County Attorney to finalize the lease. County Manager Gatewood also shared that the Carolinas Healthcare System employee parking lot at the corner of Ashe and Morven Road has been granted to the county. County Manager Gatewood noted there were 47 parking spaces and thanked Carolinas Healthcare System and Dr. Thompson. Chairman Baucom asked what would we do with it with County Manager Gatewood saying we will maintain it and it will become part of the property we have available at the hospital. Commissioner Sims feels it will make the property a lot more valuable with County Manager Gatewood saying it could offer the opportunity to build a DSS facility now with more parking spaces. Chairman Baucom stated that she would have a problem with that saying she wasn't ready to articulate why she doesn't like it.

Result of Timber Sale – Airport: County Manager Gatewood reported only one bid was received and that was from Troy Lumber Company in the amount of \$96,826. Commissioner Sims asked why it was so low with County Manager Gatewood saying it was young timber, some areas had been cut not too long ago and most is pine. Commissioner Sikes asked the number of acres with County Manager Gatewood saying he wasn't sure because they had to work around a branch and a cemetery. Commissioner Sikes wondered if we should let it grow some more with County Manager Gatewood recommending selling. Commissioner Sims asked for the record to reflect that he thought the price was low but he made the motion to sell. Commissioner Woodburn seconded the motion. Commissioner Woodburn asked if we knew an approximate number of acres feeling we needed to know the number of acres to determine the value of the timber. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would have to get the estimate of acreage from Mr. Johnson. Several board members expressed that they knew very little about selling timber with County Manager Gatewood saying that is why they recommended hiring a consultant to help and guide us. County Manager Gatewood stated that on the timber sold on high school road we received four bids and the one we accepted was \$288,000 and change. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Sikes opposed.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget: County Manager Gatewood noted the budget in a nut shell was very tight but Anson County is certainly not destitute. County Manager Gatewood thanked county departments that participated in the development of the budget, especially Ms. Rita James, Ms. Bonnie Huntley and Ms. Tiffany Randall for the many hours they put into the development of the budget document that was presented to you over the weekend. County Manager Gatewood stated that the recommended budget requires 28.5 million dollars in total funding and includes several onetime revenue streams. County Manager Gatewood noted the first was the sale of the 107 Ashe Street Building and we've already received the deposit check of \$11,250 so we will have \$213,750 in the coming year's budget as proceeds from the sale. County Manager Gatewood stated the next was the possible sale of the Anson Community Hospital land on Morven Road once the buildings have been demolished. County Manager Gatewood stated that we will have approximately five acres and based on the best estimates he can get we should realize as much as \$35,000 an acre and maybe more which would net us \$175,000. County Manager Gatewood stated that next was the possible sale of other county property, for example, the county owns 126 acres off High School Road and recommends that if we do not have any future plans for this property that we carve out a portion and proceed to sale it once we declare it surplus. Commissioner Sims voiced a concern that sooner or later they will need a new high school and a lot of area and this is close by. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would work with Mr. Freeman and the school board to carve out an area they may need for the future and Anson County Government may have a need for some of this property as well. County Manager Gatewood stated that if we were to sell 60% of that property, which would be 75 acres, he estimates we should command at least \$6,000 an acre because of its close proximity to highway 74.

Commissioner Sims added that it was also close to the hospital. County Manager Gatewood stated that he has also explored the possibility of selling some of the property near the airport but so far the feedback is that apparently the land we own in this area is not sellable because it was purchased with federal dollars. Chairman Baucom felt this was right. County Manager Gatewood stated that the budget requires 28.5 million dollars in total funding which is 7.5% less than the 29.8 million requested by county departments and various agencies that we support. County Manager Gatewood also stated that the 28.5 million dollars is about 2.8% more than this current year's fiscal budget which was 27.7 million dollars. County Manager Gatewood stated that the recommended budget is based on no change in the property tax rate and the goal of maintaining five million dollars in our fund balance and this has been our goal for several years now. County Manager Gatewood stated that fortunately our fund balance is healthy and we want to keep it healthy. County Manager Gatewood stated that the proposed budget includes county paid BCBS health insurance. County Manager Gatewood shared that in fiscal year 2012 we were paying \$640 per month per employee, in fiscal 2013 it was \$602, in fiscal 2014 we are paying now \$610 per employee per month and in fiscal year 2015 we will pay \$693 for the same insurance for a 13.5% increase. County Manager Gatewood stated that we've had some significant and large claims across our entire population, in younger employees and older employees, male, female, black or white. County Manager Gatewood shared that the Affordable Care Act has added taxes, fees and mandated benefits for the first time. County Manager Gatewood stated that the Affordable Care Act has added about 3 to 3.5% to our total premium cost. County Manager Gatewood reported that we need to sign our health insurance renewal by the 16th of this month and asked for the board's approve to sign the contract with BCBS at \$693 per month per employee with the understanding that the County Manager and staff will be looking at ways to contain or cap this particular benefit which is highly valued among employees during the coming fiscal year. Commissioner Sims stated that he always thought one of the great reasons to be a county employee was the benefits with Chairman Baucom adding or a state employee. County Manager Gatewood agreed but noted there comes a time when we have to look out for the wealth of the county and if it continues to escalate we aren't going to be able to afford to pay at 100%. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to be prepared. County Manager Gatewood stated that another avenue is asking employees to contribute to the cost of the coverage or providing emergency coverage as opposed to health insurance coverage. County Manager Gatewood stated that he didn't like that but it was an option. Chairman Baucom stated that you end up paying it in other ways. County Attorney Forbes felt it was still cheaper than adding income. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to authorize the County Manager to sign the contract with BCBS. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Gatewood thanked board members on behalf of all employees. Chairman Baucom felt this was a tremendous benefit in these times and that the North Carolina General Assembly did us all a disservice by refusing Medicaid money which had an impact on the cost of insurance through the affordable care act. Chairman Baucom

stated that we may have to do some sharing of the cost with the employees and we need to be prepared but it would be reluctantly. County Manager Gatewood stated that as far as education is concerned the recommended budget includes level funding for Anson County Schools. County Manager Gatewood stated that they requested a total of \$4,271,627 which is 2.5% over what was appropriated this fiscal year and his recommendation is to provide level funding of \$4,125,632. Commissioner Sims asked the County Manager if he and Mr. Freeman had already had this discussion with County Manager Gatewood answering they have not had that specific discussion but he explained to him the budget this year was very tight and he will have that discussion with him in the coming days. County Manager Gatewood stated that as far as South Piedmont Community College his recommendation is level funding. County Manager Gatewood shared that they requested a total of \$1.4 million to cover administrative cost as well as capital needs and for the last three years we have delivered \$793,879, which includes a special capital appropriation of around \$183,000 and his recommendation is to continue this for another year. County Manager Gatewood shared that as far as Union County Community Action Head Start, again for the second year in a row they've requested \$25,000 and his recommendation is level funding of \$10,000, same as last year. County Manager Gatewood stated that the recommended budget does not include funding for the Fall Festival Taste of the Pee Dee, the Arts Council or the Historical Commission. County Manager Gatewood reported that capital improvements included in the budget include the repair of a methane control system at the former Lilesville landfill. County Manager Gatewood shared the cost estimate is \$110,000 for the work and we need to get started in July. County Manager Gatewood stated that we also want to look into and explore a DSS/Human Services facility which will cost \$20,000. County Manager Gatewood shared that not a week goes by that he doesn't receive a complaint about the state of our DSS facility and we need to act and this is a start. County Manager Gatewood stated that likewise with our ACTS facility he will be meeting with Department of Transportation officials on Monday with Scott Rowell and Rita James. County Manager Gatewood added that the state was coming forward with support for our ACTS facility requirement. County Manager Gatewood stated that we had \$10,000 in the budget and it will cost the county around \$7,500 and the DOT will be fronting close to \$75,000 for the study. Chairman Baucom asked if they would design an adequate facility with County Manager Gatewood answering yes with space and parking requirements from a to z. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members that we made a capital commitment to GrowGreen of \$75,000 and as far as the Agri-Civic Center we have purchased the land and thought in terms of \$350,000 to start the design and engineering phase but backed off and are now recommending we start this in January with \$157,500. County Manager Gatewood is recommending \$35,000 for the contingency fund. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members of the budget hearing on June 19th at 6 PM and the meeting to adopt on June 26th at 6 PM. County Manager Gatewood again stated that the budget was very very tight and we plan to maintain a healthy fund balance but some of our expenses beyond our control are going up in the coming year. Commissioner Sims stated that we

will reach a point where all this extra money we've been bringing in won't be out there anymore.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom shared that she received a letter informing us that the federal government has approved the Monroe Bypass. Chairman Baucom feels this is good news and hopes they will get started and get it done. Chairman Baucom voiced that we are losing population and it is a serious concern and after the past couple of weeks that Mr. Smith and Mr. Leavitt have had they are going rapidly. Chairman Baucom feels everything we can do to improve livability and services we need to do.

Consent Agenda: Chairman Baucom questioned item h – Budget Amendment - Emergency Services Center and item i- Budget Amendment –transfer to ESC project asking if they were the same money with Ms. Randall answering they were the same as they were moving from the expense item in the general fund to the 47 fund. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: approved minutes dated May 12, 2014 and closed session minutes of the same date.

Tax Releases:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments						
				06/03/14		
			-		Real Taxes	Releases
			\$ -			
			-		Real Taxes	Refund
			\$ -			
			-		Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
			\$ -			
			-		Vehicle Taxes	Refund Proration
			\$ -			
			-		Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment
			\$ -			
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Tax & Tag Together Refunds						
191235	Bagby, Charles E	2013	18.30	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
14088255	Clements, James R	2013	19.33	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
5234908	Diggs, Angela K	2013	76.44	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
194582	Edwards, Billy E Jr	2013	32.20	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
9402211	Hamilton, Misty H	2013	50.58	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
5083893	Huntley, David N	2013	198.06	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
5150416	Lee, Thurman H	2013	69.03	2005 Chry Van	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
14087747	Poplin, Douglas E	2013	17.12	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
14089770	Turner, Ruth C	2013	29.93	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
14088937	Watts, Joyce L	2013	40.20	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
5619337	Whittington, Amy M	2013	0.60	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
5619340	Whittington, Amy M	2013	7.09	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
5688494	Willoughby, Shanell	2013	12.84	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
			\$ 571.72	*****		

Tax Collector's Report:

Real Property Taxes

FY 2013-2014 Current Year Ad Valorem - 2013
May 31, 2014

(Total \$\$ Collections)								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Year 2013	800,689.88	1,026,213.73	8,867,344.01	303,777.73	411,460.82	256,681.87	153,925.51	122,514.28
Year 2012	662,140.94	1,545,771.18	8,245,555.45	591,530.54	394,773.55	234,592.51	179,365.23	196,487.21
Year 2011	724,932.68	1,057,582.02	8,676,118.24	273,110.53	759,834.02	326,631.55	153,989.93	109,921.59
Year 2010	727,146.32	1,834,033.24	8,467,126.13	313,652.81	740,139.07	332,344.50	132,854.57	142,607.79
Year 2009	681,923.36	1,487,890.82	8,128,729.39	307,485.71	379,919.02	360,236.26	261,656.33	87,022.22
Year 2008	705,888.42	1,308,422.04	7,772,676.85	477,271.59	361,778.44	243,148.97	131,934.01	145,103.87
Year 2007	539,491.44	912,342.12	7,198,087.81	1,555,214.99	332,904.08	173,894.09	103,614.43	101,440.48
Of Total Collections								
County Taxes & Late List								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Year 2013	652,575.87	847,994.08	7,496,040.03	238,884.70	321,251.68	192,037.08	112,155.68	89,587.40
Year 2012	548,716.84	1,246,234.94	6,965,653.63	474,125.82	311,770.51	186,458.87	132,595.62	139,834.71
Year 2011	603,338.68	865,688.02	7,272,885.47	222,718.59	623,556.83	244,496.75	114,354.72	80,805.60
Year 2010	605,605.64	1,479,716.19	7,135,832.26	256,020.32	571,966.13	256,151.14	101,065.71	104,729.42
Year 2009	561,891.76	1,192,815.02	6,849,076.69	255,249.25	299,943.51	278,799.08	189,446.64	63,406.87
Year 2008	574,997.79	1,046,831.34	6,643,082.02	382,989.15	288,841.07	193,174.13	99,314.46	107,874.15
Year 2007	452,661.26	714,929.80	6,145,385.34	1,301,068.53	270,157.60	133,618.10	78,986.40	72,638.39
Current Year (2013) Ad Valorem Collections %								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Year 2013	18.95%	25.52%	85.89%	87.53%	89.84%	91.02%	91.74%	92.21%
Year 2012	18.46%	28.32%	84.88%	88.50%	90.66%	91.84%	92.68%	93.58%
Year 2011	18.51%	24.84%	84.15%	85.77%	90.48%	92.07%	92.77%	93.20%
Year 2010	15.95%	27.10%	84.77%	86.61%	90.64%	92.35%	92.95%	93.57%
Year 2009	17.03%	26.88%	84.98%	87.03%	89.23%	91.26%	92.70%	93.11%
Year 2008	20.18%	29.04%	85.89%	89.03%	91.28%	92.77%	93.40%	94.15%
Year 2007	19.69%	25.78%	79.39%	90.58%	92.71%	93.76%	94.32%	94.78%
Year 2006	20.69%	30.37%	84.55%	89.67%	91.88%	93.41%	94.53%	95.28%
Year 2005	21.77%	30.22%	84.70%	88.20%	91.88%	93.31%	95.09%	95.85%
Year 2004	16.65%	29.10%	79.55%	86.76%	90.91%	93.00%	94.25%	95.47%
Current Year (2013) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Year 2013	10,002,458.80	9,209,218.73	1,743,978.92	1,540,704.41	1,255,224.74	1,108,960.08	1,019,728.08	961,199.68
Year 2012	9,979,652.70	8,777,582.71	1,851,666.78	1,408,474.10	1,143,229.63	999,483.29	896,470.97	786,437.51
Year 2011	9,872,181.97	9,108,774.55	1,922,422.15	1,726,814.58	1,155,588.56	962,100.93	877,303.12	824,977.42
Year 2010	10,243,265.68	8,883,658.36	1,857,343.24	1,632,751.51	1,141,393.93	933,101.21	859,307.48	784,518.34
History of Past Due Mailings								
	02/14/12		10/01/12		01/09/13		04/09/13	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	4,559	3,637,092.32	2,419	2,362,763.93	5,543	4,420,774.02	3,360	3,308,737.72
Tax Scroll Billings								
	Tax Rate	Taxed Value	County Tax	Late List	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed	
Year 2013	0.767	1,337,123,638	10,255,747.03	38,016.08	1,646,610.96	506,563.47	12,446,937.54	
Year 2012	0.767	1,329,890,486	10,200,268.80	14,665.91	1,635,582.81	504,013.76	12,354,531.28	
Year 2011	0.767	1,323,056,075	10,147,848.87	13,689.32	1,639,958.48	499,585.19	12,301,081.86	
Year 2010	0.767	1,327,866,369	10,184,743.25	15,890.10	1,629,828.36	503,371.31	12,333,833.02	
Year 2009	0.894	1,074,350,757	9,604,696.60	38,844.26	1,596,904.94	419,657.98	11,660,103.78	
Year 2008	0.894	1,067,095,405	9,539,833.35	15,293.61	1,587,401.81	418,342.90	11,560,871.67	
Year 2007	0.894	1,057,504,045	9,454,086.99	36,594.58	1,567,062.65	417,392.35	11,475,136.57	
Utilities								
	County Tax	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed				
Year 2013	2,006,288.46	87,240.23	120,629.50	2,214,158.19				
Year 2012	1,912,391.52	95,646.61	113,513.96	2,121,552.09				
Year 2011	1,903,727.55	96,335.67	112,271.30	2,112,334.52				
Year 2010	1,909,334.87	96,146.67	110,638.22	2,116,119.76				
Year 2009	1,997,433.34	93,637.75	102,680.57	2,193,751.66				
Year 2008	2,036,138.47	80,919.31	104,766.86	2,221,824.64				
Year 2007	1,845,058.15	752,396.25	36,424.77	2,633,879.17				
Accounts Receivable by Type								
	Feb 2014		Mar 2014		Apr 2014		May 2014	
	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	162	65,121.99	161	64,624.53	161	63,375.03	159	62,894.79
Accts with Agreements	42	10,839.08	42	10,894.38	42	10,949.68	42	11,004.98
Accts in Foreclosure	292	121,583.14	323	140,593.02	322	140,536.90	321	138,604.42
Bankruptcies	107	63,622.27	106	63,856.03	105	63,736.58	105	63,720.90
Remaining Accts Collectible	7,674	2,399,727.97	7,514	2,335,487.28	7,462	2,310,627.55	7,392	2,280,383.82
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	4,298	1,569,833.76	3,921	1,463,664.46	3,731	1,356,392.34	3,568	1,289,229.08
**Red = AR Dollars	12,575	4,230,728.21	12,067	4,079,119.70	11,823	3,945,618.08	11,587	3,845,837.99
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	1	11.30	1	100.00	2	1,469.72	2	6,328.67
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	246,568.72	-	247,325.02	-	247,684.16	-	248,117.33
One Year Ago								
	Feb 2013		Mar 2013		Apr 2013		May 2013	
	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	198	81,064.99	195	78,816.13	224	90,074.02	205	80,889.15
Accts with Agreements	51	11,857.45	51	11,921.31	49	11,819.67	45	10,817.16
Accts in Foreclosure	348	153,501.84	347	153,792.36	341	151,923.17	340	151,605.66
Bankruptcies	127	75,063.67	138	82,743.99	137	82,926.61	136	82,984.92
Remaining Accts Collectible	7,289	2,007,167.59	7,179	1,958,766.53	6,933	1,911,891.47	6,158	1,898,447.04
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	3,894	1,432,823.83	3,510	1,298,337.52	3,146	1,166,206.39	2,879	1,024,576.34
**Red = AR Dollars	11,907	3,761,479.37	11,410	3,584,377.84	10,830	3,414,841.33	9,773	3,249,320.27
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	8	23,114.84	7	2,189.54	12	7,542.59	5	4,440.98
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	33	13,347.06	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	299,847.57	-	300,036.29	-	298,413.76	-	297,774.43

Remaining Accts Collectible	7,289	2,007,167.59	7,179	1,958,766.53	6,933	1,911,891.47	6,158	1,898,447.04
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	3,894	1,432,823.83	3,500	1,298,337.52	3,146	1,166,206.39	2,889	1,024,576.34
**Red = AR Dollars	11,907	3,761,479.37	11,410	3,584,377.84	10,830	3,414,841.33	9,773	3,249,320.27
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	8	23,114.84	7	2,189.54	12	7,542.59	5	4,440.98
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	33	13,347.06	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	299,847.57	-	300,036.29	-	298,413.76	-	297,774.43

Vehicle Property Taxes

FY 2013-2014 - Current Ad Valorem Year - 2013

May 31, 2014

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
2013	104,625.58	88,302.95	109,235.93	27,126.09	51,985.91	39,469.49	27,205.25	27,001.85
2012	149,524.62	106,125.39	138,573.66	89,376.66	119,453.71	114,783.12	105,519.59	105,941.17
2011	89,208.44	148,511.21	146,211.62	66,546.71	145,510.44	114,926.78	87,325.91	95,750.68
2010	120,638.72	102,776.37	132,099.43	59,678.19	135,881.82	112,831.03	90,177.13	96,321.49
2009	148,976.92	109,246.46	165,750.40	78,676.31	128,615.80	146,889.60	101,431.08	92,017.58
2008	143,135.63	113,001.20	193,942.28	115,732.30	146,866.80	116,428.33	101,739.99	140,891.81
2007	146,325.19	147,290.59	166,118.52	143,668.15	147,628.44	124,665.05	117,102.74	123,039.32
Of Total Collections								
County Taxes								
2013	84,444.00	71,649.79	87,741.12	20,531.96	37,818.21	28,580.79	20,440.99	19,454.83
2012	119,107.37	85,000.72	112,613.81	70,024.16	91,907.70	90,278.18	83,531.19	84,639.60
2011	70,394.58	118,902.26	117,567.90	53,245.76	112,779.42	90,584.78	69,967.91	77,506.09
2010	96,381.18	83,476.51	107,502.33	47,539.38	105,909.91	87,696.46	71,814.37	77,687.74
2009	121,008.41	89,356.91	134,554.58	62,366.01	102,809.18	116,588.69	81,139.59	76,374.99
2008	116,225.68	90,925.14	155,695.83	91,988.86	117,025.16	93,602.22	82,363.60	114,310.48
2007	118,921.05	118,540.93	134,593.33	113,643.72	118,232.44	99,966.05	94,660.52	99,394.36
Current Year (2013) Ad Valorem Collections %								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
2013	52.40%	52.66%	61.92%	63.03%	65.76%	67.50%	69.74%	72.02%
2012	57.99%	58.87%	64.99%	65.67%	67.83%	69.56%	70.87%	71.43%
2011	56.44%	61.75%	67.89%	66.43%	70.77%	73.38%	73.16%	72.76%
2010	60.46%	61.74%	67.57%	65.98%	69.88%	72.48%	72.77%	72.93%
2009	61.37%	61.15%	69.32%	68.56%	71.75%	76.21%	76.30%	75.90%
2008	61.79%	62.00%	70.89%	72.06%	76.33%	78.07%	78.81%	78.93%
2007	62.74%	66.28%	72.39%	75.42%	78.59%	80.07%	79.35%	79.80%
2006	57.96%	59.93%	66.77%	69.65%	72.51%	76.05%	79.28%	79.28%
2005	70.26%	69.72%	74.22%	74.67%	78.26%	80.75%	79.62%	81.44%
History of Past Due Mailings								
	11/08/11		02/14/12		10/01/12		01/09/13	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	9,681	530,539.81	8,750	487,461.50	8,205	446,932.26	8,998	504,404.62
Total Monthly Veh Billings								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
2013	125,450.95	17,156.42	5,522.15	2,688.17	2,127.06	4,347.01	4,114.98	1,821.35
2012	121,200.21	101,022.19	94,645.38	87,993.27	98,544.78	114,165.80	127,160.05	140,032.98
2011	119,458.27	98,391.58	92,685.42	84,687.32	90,784.66	112,668.32	124,896.31	134,568.21
2010	117,140.95	97,615.33	90,680.69	82,034.34	84,233.87	109,039.61	119,912.86	127,180.60
2009	149,233.48	103,692.98	100,434.86	88,380.58	96,355.94	120,189.92	124,415.00	140,069.44
2008	148,373.75	113,200.10	108,876.07	96,624.23	104,656.71	140,299.87	125,658.12	143,902.71
Accounts Receivable by Type								
	Feb 2014		Mar 2014		Apr 2014		May 2014	
	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	5	361.58	5	363.74	4	282.06	4	283.70
Bankruptcies	23	1,248.18	13	651.73	13	655.62	13	659.51
Remaining Accts Receivable	5,998	322,694.40	4,625	241,688.79	4,530	238,420.44	4,469	236,425.82
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	4,665	291,719.51	4,402	279,025.46	4,136	262,827.39	3,879	245,115.92
**Red = AR Dollars	10,691	616,023.67	9,045	521,729.72	8,683	502,185.51	8,365	482,484.95
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One Year Ago								
	Feb 2013		Mar 2013		Apr 2013		May 2013	
	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	2	61.62	2	62.08	72	5,639.37	20	1,354.85
Bankruptcies	33	8,148.40	24	1,219.24	24	1,226.78	24	1,234.32
Remaining Accts Receivable	4,552	239,680.58	3,231	162,606.94	3,079	155,310.34	2,993	151,498.70
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	5,700	341,807.34	5,892	356,554.15	6,106	371,360.05	6,891	406,375.72
**Red = AR Dollars	10,287	589,697.94	9,149	520,442.41	9,281	533,536.54	9,928	560,463.59
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	-	-	99	7,357.68	-	-
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	-	-	70	5,576.83	-	-

Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update:

Fund Balance Calculation					
		Last Year	Two Months	Last	
	As of 05-31-14	Same Month	Ago	Month	Now
		As of 05/31/13	As of 03/31/14	As of 04/30/14	As of 05/31/14
Available Fund Balance					
Cash & Investments (General)		\$ 9,600,271	\$ 12,378,023	\$ 12,378,023	\$ 12,378,023
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)		\$ 17,133	\$ 19,641	\$ 19,892	\$ 20,143
Less Cash from General (other funds)		\$ (717,792)	\$ (683,509)	\$ (363,352)	\$ (396,668)
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)		\$ 107,750	\$ 113,530	\$ 107,334	\$ 106,183
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)		\$ (40,456)	\$ (46,235)	\$ (46,235)	\$ (46,235)
Less Encumbrances		\$ (61,644)	\$ (383,449)	\$ (247,671)	\$ (351,160)
Total Available		\$ 8,905,261	\$ 11,398,001	\$ 11,847,991	\$ 11,710,287
General Fund Expenditures					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)		\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
Total Available for Appropriation					
Total Available		\$ 8,905,261	\$ 11,398,001	\$ 11,847,991	\$ 11,710,287
Total Expenditures		\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
Total % Available Fund Balance		33.48%	41.03%	42.64%	42.15%
Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC		8% \$2,127,854	8% \$2,222,645	8% \$2,222,645	8% \$2,222,645
% Undesignated Fund Balance		25.48% \$ 6,777,407	33.03% \$ 9,175,356	34.64% \$ 9,625,346	34.15% \$ 9,487,642

Electronic Transaction Report:

06/30/14

Utilities Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days CC Used	# Working Days
Jul 2013	3,086.32	57	18	21
Aug 2013	3,921.95	84	18	22
Sep 2013	3,709.82	79	18	20
Oct 2013	5,438.15	86	18	23
Nov 2013	4,456.00	93	18	20
Dec 2013	3,842.39	101	16	19
Jan 2014	6,331.45	137	17	21
Feb 2014	6,956.60	150	14	17
Mar 2014	6,277.62	138	20	21
Apr 2014	4,290.18	142	19	21
May 2014	6,850.67	159	19	21
Jun 2014	-	-	-	21
	55,161.15	1,226		

Tax Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days CC Used	# Working Days
Jul 2013	618.97	4	3	21
Aug 2013	1,197.97	4	4	22
Sep 2013	535.95	2	1	20
Oct 2013	1,486.70	14	10	23
Nov 2013	35.80	1	1	20
Dec 2013	3,482.17	11	2	19
Jan 2014	10,175.86	36	12	21
Feb 2014	17,183.06	33	8	17
Mar 2014	15,049.10	53	16	21
Apr 2014	4,575.59	25	8	21
May 2014	4,752.85	22	12	21
Jun 2014	-	-	-	21
	59,094.02	205		

Health Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days CC Used	# Working Days
Jul 2013	-	-	-	-
Aug 2013	-	-	-	-
Sep 2013	-	-	-	-
Oct 2013	-	-	-	-
Nov 2013	-	-	-	-
Dec 2013	143.83	4	2	19
Jan 2014	161.03	7	6	21
Feb 2014	586.18	9	7	17

Oct 2013	-	-	-	-
Nov 2013	-	-	-	-
Dec 2013	143.83	4	2	19
Jan 2014	161.03	7	6	21
Feb 2014	586.18	9	7	17
Mar 2014	586.63	16	7	21
Apr 2014	697.11	15	12	21
May 2014	525.07	16	12	21
Jun 2014	-	-	-	21
	2,699.85	67		

Monthly Jail Report: approved as submitted:
ANSON COUNTY JAIL
June 2, 2014

- As of 9:00am (June 2, 2014) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **44** inmates; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **1** inmate in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and **0** inmates awaiting transfer to DOC. **0** Juveniles in state Juvenile Detention.
- The following is a breakdown of the Average Daily Populations:

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

- | <u>2013 Totals</u> | <u>ADP</u> | <u>Total Booked</u> |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| January | 37 | 123 |
| February | 44 | 127 |
| March | 43 | 122 |
| April | 47 | 160 |
| May | 46 | 122 |
| June | 44 | 123 |
| July | 42 | 105 |
| August | 48 | 151 |
| September | 52 | 153 |
| October | 42 | 133 |
| November | 44 | 129 |
| December | 43 | 134 |

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

Budget Amendment – Fire District Vehicle Tax Collections: to adjust fire district vehicle tax collections.

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 19. Fire District Tax Fund

Increase:	Fire District Tax Fund 71-0001	<u>\$ 39,355</u>
Total Increase:		<u>\$ 39,355</u>

Section 20. Fire District Tax Fund

Increase:	Fire District Tax Fund 71-4340	<u>\$ 39,355</u>
Total Increase:		<u>\$ 39,355</u>

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Budget Amendment –Emergency Services Center: to appropriate funds contributed from the General Fund to cover Emergency Services Center Capital Project construction change orders.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Capital Project – Emergency Services Center
Budget Ordinance Amendment

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 3. Expenditures

Increase:	ESC – Construction 47-4400	<u>\$ 3,316</u>
Total Increase:		<u>\$ 3,316</u>

Section 4. Revenues

Increase:	ESC – Contribution from General Fund 47-400	<u>\$ 3,316</u>
Total Increase:		<u>\$ 3,316</u>

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Transfer to ESC Project: to appropriate unused funds for transfer to the Emergency Services Center Capital Project.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 213/14

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>\$ 3,316</u>
Total Increase:		<u>\$ 3,316</u>

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Decrease:	Courthouse Building 11-4166	<u>\$ (3,316)</u>
Total Decrease:		<u>\$ (3,316)</u>

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Budget Amendment – Library Building Improvements: to recognize and appropriate funds contributed by the Library Trust Fund for improvements of the Library 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:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Library 11-6110 \$ 7,000

Total Increase: \$ 7,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase: Library 11-6110 \$ 7,000

Total Increase: \$ 7,000

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Strategic Transportation Corridor (STC) Resolution: adopted as follows:

Resolution for Comments:

**North Carolina's Department of Transportation's Draft
Strategic Transportation Corridors (STC)**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 136-211, enacted July 6, 2000, provide for the establishment of Rural Transportation Planning Organizations to provide rural entities a cooperative and unified voice in project selection and funding, and enhance their involvement in integrated multi-modal transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is the duly recognized transportation decision-making body of the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO); and

WHEREAS, Anson County is a member of RRRPO; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has created a draft Strategic Transportation Corridors (STC) map that removes three critical corridors, Hwy 24-27, US 52 and US 601; and

WHEREAS, RRRPO's TAC and Anson County requests that the STC map should include Hwy 24-27, US 52 and US 601 because of the following reasons:

- o **US 52 starts in a Tier 1 County.**
- o **US 52 has very limited shoulders and lane width.**
- o **US 52 has high truck count in the region.**
- o **US 52 corridor goes through Stanly and Anson Counties and ties into I-85. It is a critical link to an interstate. This is a critical access point for goods and services.**
- o **Hwy 24-27 was scheduled in 2017 and is almost through the *Merger Process*.**
- o **Hwy 24-27 creates connectivity from Montgomery County (Tier-1 County) to the Charlotte region.**
- o **Hwy 24-27 creates connectivity from Stanly County to future I-73/74.**
- o **Hwy 24-27 links to the Uwharrie National Forest which has close to 300,000 visitors a year.**

Hwy 24-27 has very limited shoulders and lane width.

Hwy 24-27 has high truck count in the region.

US 601 is an important link between South Carolina and North Carolina and their respective coasts.

**US 601 provides direct access to the City of Monroe's Industrial districts
US 601 is a primary access to major agricultural operations in southern Union County**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anson County agrees that the Strategic Transportation Corridor map needs to include Hwy 24-27, US 52 and US 601.

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Appointments:

South Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees: Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the re-appointment of Jarvis T. Woodburn to the SPCC Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Centralina Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the appointment of Ms. Pat Adams to the Centralina Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to serve as a delegate or Anson County. This is a three year appointment and the first of a six year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Sturdivant voiced a concern for the loss of population for Anson County. At this time Ms. Lambert shared information with Commissioner Sturdivant. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced that one of the things she wanted the board to take look at and discuss was the conditions of employment. Commissioner Sturdivant then asked Ms. Lambert to explain. Ms. Lambert shared that she relocated to Anson County in 1999. Ms. Lambert stated that she started working at the hospital in 1996, left for a little while and came back and she's been here 15 years. Ms. Lambert stated that her eighteen year old daughter graduated from our local school and while there she completed her EMT basic and is currently in paramedic school in Anson County. Ms. Lambert stated that her daughter wants to live and work in Anson County. Ms. Lambert explained that she was also employed part time with Anson EMS and when her daughter received her EMT basic she wanted to apply there. Ms. Lambert stated that being an immediate family member she stepped down from her part time position so her daughter could work part time with Anson EMS. Ms. Lambert stated that now her daughter wants full time employment but in the last couple of years she met and started dating Mr. Murdock who also works at Anson EMS. Ms. Lambert shared that they want to get married but if they do, her daughter can no longer work with Anson EMS because Mr. Murdock will be her stepfather. Ms. Lambert requested the board to review the policy that immediate family members cannot be in supervision of a family member. Ms. Lambert feels we need keep as many people in the county as we can and she wants her children to stay here and raise their children here. Ms. Lambert asked the board to consider changing the policy and allow them to work together but not on the same shift or under supervision of each other. County Manager Gatewood asked to take the assignment to look into this. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager to look at the whole policy for all employees thinking as long as one does not supervise the other it should be fine. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that they came to her in May and before she brought it to the board she wanted to do some research. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she was employed with the United State Department of Agriculture and their policy is immediate family cannot supervise each other but they could still work. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that the policy states the employment of close relatives within the service of the county within the

same department or unit/section of a department shall be allowed given the following:
a) immediate relatives shall not be permitted to work together during the same time or under the supervision of an immediate relative as defined below. Commissioner Sturdivant felt they didn't have to be on the same shift. Mr. Murdock offered that Union EMS allows married couples to work at the same agency and felt Anson County lost two great paramedics because they could no longer work here. Mr. Murdock was of the opinion that over half of the employees with Anson EMS live in the county and being a family all family members want to work at the same agency. Chairman Baucom voiced that they would do what they could and offered congratulations and good luck.

Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she was crazy about the elderly and the board tries to recognize them. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that there is a young lady in Lilesville named Ms. Dorothy Curtis and she just celebrated her 99th birthday. Commissioner Sturdivant asked the board to consider doing a Resolution in honor of her birthday. Commissioner Sturdivant also asked the board to consider doing Resolutions, not just for Ms. Curtis, but anyone that meets the milestone of one hundred years. Mayor Ingram from Ansonville stated that they have a resident that is 105 years of age. Chairman Baucom stated that if we wait until she turns 100 she might not be here. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to do a resolution honoring Ms. Curtis on her 99th birthday. Motion carried unanimously

Commissioner Woodburn stated that a citizen living on Capel Dairy Road between 109 and 742 called about the posted speed limit of 45 MPH but they indicate it is not followed and people fly through there. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the citizen is asking if the board could help get law enforcement to get the speed limit observed. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he would like the County Manager to look into this to see what options we have or if we can get the state's attention. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager to research and find out what we can and cannot. County Manager Gatewood asked board member what would they like to do with Commissioner Woodburn thinking just law enforcement or state highway patrol presence out there would help. Commissioner Woodburn stated that if the sheriff's office still has the Governor's Highway Safety traffic program that some of the sheriff's traffic people could help. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to be prepared to resist raising the speed limit in this residential area. County Manager Gatewood accepted the assignment.

Commissioner Woodburn noted that at the Memorial Day celebration at the courthouse he had a citizen approach him with a concern for all the traffic going through and the truck traffic in particular. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the citizen thought it was disrespectful and asked if we do it next year if we could reroute the traffic. County Manager Gatewood asked for suggestions on rerouting traffic with Commissioner Woodburn thinking they could turn right at the Methodist Church, left on Washington and down to the light at highway 74. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned that a tractor trailer making a left turn at the Methodist Church to go by the police

department if they don't pay attention it could be an issue so they may need some police direction. Commissioner Woodburn felt the recommendation was worthwhile as the noise was bad during the ceremony. Chairman Baucom voiced that people are aging and they have to dodge the tractor trailer trucks to get across the street.

Commissioner Woodburn shared as a point of information that Ms. Willoughby thanked him Sunday on the situation that came about regarding the trash on Gatewood Station Road. Commissioner Woodburn stated that it has been taken care of and she is real pleased. Chairman Baucom mentioned that the County Manager stepped in on this with County Manager Gatewood saying yes as well as Vice Chair Streater.

Commissioner Sims stated that the Peachland Town Council, Peachland Mayor and Commissioner Sims humbly ask the board to please adopt a resolution for Bobby and Betty Bowers who have run most times the only store in Peachland for sixty-three years and are closing up. Commissioner Sims shared that they are planning a special day for them in Peachland and he would like to present a Resolution from the board. Commissioner Sims stated that if the board will approve Bonnie doing this he will get the information to her. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION HONORING BOB AND BETTY BOWERS

WHEREAS, IT IS THE PLEASURE of the Anson County Board of Commissioners to commend Bob and Betty Bowers for their devotion to the citizens of Anson County by owning and operating Bowers Service Station in the Town of Peachland since the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, let it be known that this is and has been the only service station for this community, serving not only as a place to buy gas but as a fabric of the community providing a gathering place for citizens to come

WHEREAS, Bob and Betty Bowers have been active members of the community with Bob serving on and retiring from the Peachland Fire Department and Betty having been a member of the Peachland Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Bob and Betty Bowers are friends with everyone in the community and have always been there in times of need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the citizens offer their thanks to Bob and Betty for their many years of service and their friendship, and they would like to take one more opportunity to say "fill her up and change the oil".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims Saturday, June 14, 2014 as Bob and Betty Bowers Day in Anson County and further that all citizens are encouraged to join in recognizing their enduring contributions to our community.

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Commissioner Sikes voiced that he was still concerned that no one from Anson County was looking after the landfill. Commissioner Sikes stated that he is gathering

information and feels we need this. Chairman Baucom asked if he was still gathering information and if we could add this after the budget Public Hearing on the 19th with Commissioner Sikes answering yes. Commissioner Sims thought the County Manager had taken care of this with County Manager Gatewood answering that he said we would look into it with part time employees. Commissioner Sims stated that he agrees we need oversight. Commissioner Sims stated that when it started out we were supposed to put an engineer out there to check everything the it went to just a regular person and it has gotten lighter and lighter and feels we need help up there.

Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to recessed until June 19th. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 3 hrs. 30 min.

