

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

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

Staff members present: Megan M. Garner, County Manager  
Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC Clerk to the Board  
Rita James, Data Processing  
Tiffany Randall, CPA, Finance Officer  
Evonne Burr, Health Department  
Dr. Fred Thompson, Health Director

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

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. For the **Invocation**, Chairman Baucom read the following: We gather a prayer to begin a meeting. We gather together here today intent on doing good work. We seek to represent fairly and well those who have given us this task. May our efforts be blessed with insight, guided by understanding and wisdom. We seek to serve with respect for all. May our personal faith give us strength to act honestly and well in all matters before us. Chairman Baucom shared that this was copyrighted by Abby Willowroot 2008.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** The clerk asked that they add the monthly animal shelter report under Administrative Matters. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she had a personnel matter for closed session. Vice Chair Streater stated that he had a Commissioner Concern regarding trash on Ratliff Gin Road. Chairman Baucom asked if there were any other additions or changes to the agenda. Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Policy and asked if there was a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant:** Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Public Hearing, County Manager Garner stated that Bill Lester of LKC Engineering, was scheduled to speak to this issue but she did not see him in the audience. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Attorney if they could close the Public Hearing and open it back up when he comes with County Attorney Forbes answering yes but to make sure in the motion they say they are going to close it and open it back up for more evidence. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to close this Public Hearing and reopen upon entry of the party involved. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Appearances:**

**Truett Wright** again stated that we need deputies to patrol the county and issue speeding tickets. Mr. Wright asked board members to give the Sheriff the funds he needs to protect the group of people in Anson County. Mr. Wright feels the Civic Center needs a lot of rethinking. Mr. Wright stated that the present plan calls for office space and conference room. Mr. Wright noted that other counties have facilities to handle meetings and we need something to bring the county in line with tourist and money spending people. Mr. Wright felt a facility could be built that would offer craft shows, indoor gun and knife shows, antique cars or tractor pulls that would bring people. Mr. Wright referred to Hoke County where private investors invested \$100,000 and it is still growing. Mr. Wright added that this gets jobs, people to the area and money spent. Mr. Wright also mentioned the Cabarrus Arena and Event Center saying that in February at 9:30 on a Saturday morning the front parking lot, which is about five acres, was 90% full. Mr. Wright felt this is what Anson County needs and not an office space and conference center. Mr. Wright shared that Norwood got liquor by the drink and it did not bring any new business. Mr. Wright felt we already had enough drunks, drug addicts, meth labs and law breakers and if Sheriff Reid had three times the number of deputies he could still not keep up with the crime wave. Mr. Wright stated that the commissioners voted to make Anson a dumping site for toxic waste and asked that they reverse the vote and save the county. Mr. Wright stated that once coal ash is located on trucks or trains then Duke Power is not responsible and when dumped in a landfill it is the landfill's problem. Mr. Wright stated that when Waste Management dissolves the company Anson County is totally responsible for the coal ash until the end of time. Mr. Wright stated that not only will our water be contaminated but the counties down stream of us and if we contaminate their water they will be coming back to Anson County to look for some benefits. Mr. Wright listed among his concerns were the animal shelter, coal ash, speeding problems, meth problems, zoning issues and the departments not being able to hire the manpower they need to keep our county in line. Mr. Wright felt we needed to start small and get one day events and people coming and they maybe restaurants and motels would take interest in setting up business here.

Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Wright to tell her when the board voted to allow coal ash in this county with Mr. Wright saying he did not have the exact date. Chairman Baucom then asked the clerk if we had any minutes to that affect with the clerk answering no. Vice Chair Streater asked Mr. Wright if he was present when they voted on something like that with Mr. Wright saying in past meetings the question was asked when was coal ash coming to Anson County and Chairman Baucom's reply was to call and ask Duke Power. Mr. Wright added that they were already looking to bring it to Anson County. Mr. Wright then asked if the board voted to bring it in with Chairman Baucom saying they did not. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not understand about the Civic Center, adding that she believes the plan includes space for events and horse shows. Mr. Wright felt a civic center in the future would be a good idea but right now we have problems that need to be taken care of and then we can move forward. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Wright if he was saying we should not look to the future and try to build a civic center with Mr. Wright answering that we need to fix the problems we have and then start looking to the future in bringing something to Anson County. Chairman Baucom then asked Mr. Wright what he thought they needed to bring to Anson County with Mr. Wright saying we need something that interest people. Mr. Wright felt we needed something to bring people to the county rather than just building a building and hoping they take notice. Commissioner Sims stated that in a few days they are going to have an announcement that he thinks will make him very happy and the people in Anson County will be pleased. Commissioner Sims agrees there are things we need to do and things we should do. Commissioner Sims said that he was 110% opposed to any coal ash coming to Anson County. Commissioner Sims added that to his knowledge not one drop of coal ash has come into this county. Commissioner Sims stated that he asked Mr. Gatewood to put people at the landfill to check periodically the trucks to make sure no coal ash was coming in. Commissioner Sims stated that he has not heard anybody on this board ever say anything about wanting to bring coal ash into this county. Mr. Wright stated that he has heard it said that the state regulates where the coal ash goes with board members answering that was correct. Mr. Wright stated that if the state wants to regulate it they own thousands of acres between the highways so we need to dig up the mediums between the highways and bury the coal ash there and not stick Anson County with a problem of the whole state. Vice Chair Streater stated that he would like to support the Sheriff's office and more deputies but if he is not mistaken, just a couple months back Mr. Wright was here wanting the board to cut his taxes and asked how they could cut taxes and do these things. Mr. Wright stated that he was not against paying taxes; he will pay his fair share. Mr. Wright added that in the northern part of the county, a one acre site with house not included was \$13,500 and the rest of the county is \$10,500. Mr. Wright feels if we even it up a little bit, even if he has to pay more taxes and they paid more taxes, we could do something for the sheriff's department and others. Mr. Wright stated that it was not about getting his taxes cut but it was making sure everybody pays a fair and equal amount.

**Denise Lee:** Ms. Lee thanked board members for allowing her to come here tonight. Ms. Lee then read the following statement: Whenever I hear the term "Host Community" in regards to a for-profit dump company in our county it makes my stomach turn. We are not a host community, we are a victim community. The information, obtained from Duke Energy's Riverbend and Sutton power plant coal ash excavation plans, states that "In the event the structural fill options are not available in Lee or Chatham County, the Anson County Landfill, a permitted solid waste landfill, has been identified as the alternate location." The plan indicates that coal ash would be transported from the power plants to the landfill by rail. When the contract for the landfill was originally debated, and approved by the commissioners, we were told that the landfill company had no plans to use the railroad. All along, citizens concerned about the truth of that statement are now faced with the reality that our suspicions were correct. It also states that no radioactive material can be disposed of in this landfill. The catch here is "If you don't look for it, it doesn't exist". There are several reasons why this is alarming: 1.) Waste Connections already has had violations for the leachate from solid waste, 2.) Coal ash is very toxic and can be radioactive and 3.) The current method to determine toxicity is the TCLP test. EPA recommends using more accurate methods to test the coal ash for toxicity other than the "Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure" (TCLP) but it is not required by the state. Ms. Lee wondered if it was because we have a Republican Governor who also worked for Duke. If you don't look for it, it isn't there. Cary Rodgers and I met with Anna Baucom and expressed our concerns about the leachate. With documentation in hand we informed her of the dangers of the leachate from coal ash. Our concerns were that since violations have already occurred with the leachate from Waste Connections how on earth could they safely treat or handle leachate from coal ash. Ms. Baucom later told me that Waste Connections would not send the leachate to our waste water treatment plant. Instead they would store the leachate in a pit, on site. Problem solved? No, far from it. Ammonia is a major pollutant in the coal ash leachate. Residents living near a landfill where coal ash leachate is stored in a lagoon reported very serious odor problems, probably from high ammonia levels and volatile bacterial degradation products from the leachate. This was undoubtedly an unbearable situation for those nearby residents. The major pollutant, ammonia, is also causing odor, breathing and other health problems for people living around the open lagoon where the leachate is stored. There is an increasing belief among solid waste experts that unless further steps are taken to detoxify landfilled materials, today's society will be placing a burden on upcoming generations to address future landfill impacts. It is widely recognized that even the best-installed plastic liner will succumb to deterioration and eventually will allow leachate to be created and released. However, this may not happen within the required 30 years of post-closure groundwater monitoring. Moreover, it may not be detected during the time the landfill operators are actively involved and financially obligated. Ms. Lee noted that one problem with the landfill is that they have monitoring wells placed around the landfill but if you have two wells that are 100 feet apart and the leak is in between the two monitoring wells, you will miss it. While coal has been known to contain high levels of radiation for years, a new study shows coal ash is up to 10 times

more radioactive than unburned coal. This is particularly startling because coal ash is the second most common type of waste in the US. The focus in explorations of the hazards of coal waste in regions where it is produced in the United States has previously centered on the heavy metals and toxins that are contained by the ash, but now there is another peril to add to the list, according to researchers at Duke University. *"Until now, metals and contaminants such as selenium and arsenic have been the major known contaminants of concern in coal ash,"* according to Avner Vengosh, professor of geochemistry and water quality at Duke and co-author of the study. He went on to say, in a statement. *"This study raises the possibility we should also be looking for radioactive elements, such as radium isotopes and lead-210, and including them in our monitoring efforts."* According to a recent study, radioactive contaminants are found in coal ash at rates of up to five times higher than in normal soil, and up to 10 times higher than in its parent coal because of the way that radioactivity is concentrated during combustion. Radium isotopes and lead-210 naturally occur in coal, but during combustion *"the radium isotopes become concentrated in the coal ash residues, and the lead-210 becomes chemically volatile and reattaches itself to tiny particles of fly ash,"* Ms. Lee stated that if fly ash becomes airborne this radiation is attached to it. Ms. Lee asked if they could imagine living near the landfill and the ash becomes blowing. Fly ash particles make up the majority of the waste that goes into holding pools and landfills, according to Nancy Lauer, a Ph.D. student in Vengosh's lab who was lead author of the study. Anson County should not be the dumping ground for any of Duke's 150 million tons of coal ash. Why does Duke Energy want to send the coal ash off site? Because then it limits their liability. This is not a legacy we should shoulder on our future generations. It is a well-known fact that all landfills will eventually leak. Even EPA has admitted this. The liner system they use is about the thickness of two credit cards. How well is this landfill monitored? The state may average a visit to the site about once every year. Whose data do they depend on to determine if they are within regulations? The landfills. Now let's look at the transportation risks: According to the National Transportation Safety Bureau, about every 115 minutes, a person or vehicle is hit by a train in the U.S. Rail accidents and/or incidents include the following scenarios: Derailment, Train-train collisions, Train-car collisions, Train-person collisions and Damage to property. Approximately 1,000 people die in train accidents every year. Further, United States train and railroad accident statistics estimate that almost every two weeks a train derailment leads to a chemical spill. Some of these spills are so serious that they require the evacuation. We cannot afford environmentally or monetarily to be victims of both Waste Connections and Duke Energy. We call instead for solidifying coal ash with concrete and storing it in aboveground vaults on power plant property -- the "saltstone" disposal approach originally developed by the U.S. government for storing hazardous radioactive waste. We ask our commissioners to take a bold stand and pass a resolution which prevents this unnecessary burden on our water, air, land and lives. If Waste Connections is serious about being a good neighbor then we ask them to endorse this resolution. Ms. Lee added that in the permit Waste Connections has it says they cannot bring in any radioactive material. Ms. Lee said again how we will know they will even look for it. Ms. Lee said they will get paid a lot

more money to take coal ash than they are solid waste. Ms. Lee stated that this landfill was set up to take care of Anson County's needs for solid waste. Ms. Lee asked what will happen if they end up filling that landfill full of coal ash and there is no room for our solid waste. Ms. Lee stated that municipal waste water treatment plants were designed for organic material not coal ash leachate which is highly toxic. Mr. Lee stated that if the commissioners allow coal ash to come into the county they have failed their duty to protect the citizens of the county and they have burden our children with something that Duke Energy should have to take care of themselves. Commissioner Sims shared that Lee and Chatham counties were vigorously fighting this and have been for a couple of years. Commissioner Sims stated that they were determined to not let coal ash come into their counties. Commissioner Sikes noted there was a meeting in Gastonia tonight about this. Ms. Lee stated that the state would be having Public Hearings and she thinks there is one in Salisbury on March 22 and that would be a good time for people to go to the state and let them know what you think about their plan. Ms. Lee stated again that the coal ash does not have to be moved but Duke Energy does not want to spend the money.

**Justin Lee** stated that coal ash was bad stuff and we don't want it. Mr. Lee stated that he plans to enter the Marine Corp as soon as he graduates high school and he hopes to be in Special Forces. Mr. Lee stated that he doesn't know if his family will live on base or stay here but if they stay here he wants them to be able to drink the water from the faucet. Mr. Lee stated that he wants them to be able to breathe the air and not have to pay for water bottles. Chairman Baucom noted that they want the same thing. Commissioner Sikes stated that at one time they had a radiation detector at the landfill but they took it down. Chairman Baucom stated that they would talk with them about putting it back up.

Chairman Baucom then called on Bill Lester to walk them through the CDBG grant. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to reopen the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the **Public Hearing**, Mr. Lester noted this was a generic first Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant program. Mr. Lester stated that it used to cover anything that came through the CDBG program, which are funds distributed from HUD through the state. Mr. Lester explained that currently our CDBG funds were split into infrastructure money that is at the Department of Environmental Quality that used to be DENHR and there are some monies at Commerce that are Economic Development related. Mr. Lester noted that these funds were used for infrastructure, to expand business, building reuse and other Economic Development activities. Mr. Lester again noted this first Public Hearing was generic and for any project the board might wish to apply for in the next twelve months in that program. Mr. Lester explained that if we identify a specific project we will hold a second Public Hearing and name exactly what you plan to do, what you plan to apply for and go forward. Mr. Lester noted this first Public Hearing was just to announce the availability, our interest that we would go

forward if a project arises and gather any citizen comments regarding any type funding and any projects they think are in the community. Chairman Baucom asked if there was a time limit of the availability of the grants with Mr. Lester answering that most of the Economic Development and building reuse are open window grants. Mr. Lester noted that as a business or economic opportunity arises we would apply for it as it is determined to be eligible and we know we need the funds. Mr. Lester added that businesses have to meet certain standards such as job creation, tax investment and things like that. Chairman Baucom asked if these funds were related to the two billion dollar bond issue with Mr. Lester answering no. Mr. Lester explained that since the early 80's the Community Development Block Grant program was established in North Carolina and each year they determine how they will distribute the funds. Mr. Lester added they primarily distribute most of the CDBG money in the state towards infrastructure at this time. Mr. Lester added that there used to be a major housing component that has been severely downsized. Vice Chair Streater asked if that means we could not use this money to repair houses with Mr. Lester answering no we could not. Mr. Lester stated that CDBG was that program that a lot of people think about and that has been an aspect over the years. Mr. Lester stated that the housing piece has been eliminated over the last two years because the money has been put into infrastructure and administered through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, which is the old NCDENHR. Vice Chair Streater asked if we would have to create jobs with this money with Mr. Lester answering that this money was all about Economic Development. Mr. Lester again said that it was generic at this point tonight and they would love to think that every month going forward we would have a new project and we would be doing a second Public Hearing. Mr. Lester stated that it can stand for 12 months and any projects we have in the next 12 months can be stated in a second advertised Public Hearing and at that time we would state exactly what we are applying for. Vice Chair Streater asked how much could the grants award with Mr. Lester answering that he used to be able to ramble off numbers but things have changed and it is on a project by project basis. Mr. Lester stated that we could usually apply for up to \$750,000 or one million dollars but they've had projects get a little more. Vice Chair Streater asked about the matching amount with Mr. Lester saying for the most distressed counties it would be zero unless the total project amount exceeds what the eligible grant is. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that in working with some of the housing authority areas she has noticed that tree roots are out of the ground or the tree looks like it would blow over easily and asked if there was a program we could apply for that would handle landscaping and remove the dangerous trees. Mr. Lester stated that this project would not do that and he's not sure he's familiar with anything that would directly do this but he would be glad to take a look and see. Chairman Baucom called for comments from the public. Mr. Kane asked if it would also be for waste water, noting in Anson County we have a lot of Triassic basin soils, rock and they will never get a permit for waste water and wondered if we could use the grant for the magic pipe. Mr. Lester said this would do waste water improvements and this particular Public Hearing is for a CDBG program that is with North Carolina Commerce Department and those are Economic Development type activities. Mr. Lester

said if it was a new business, job creation, or tax investment and if one of the things they need is public sewer that is what this can help with. Mr. Boothby asked if we might be able to get a million or more for the Agri-Civic center and the waterline we're talking about with Mr. Lester answering that these were the type of funds for projects like this. Vice Chair Streater asked if we could use any of this money towards the project we are looking at with Mr. Lester thinking we were looking at several projects that hopefully this will help. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sikes commented that several years ago Waste Connections came before the board asking to increase the tonnage per day and we had to agree and vote on it. Commissioner Sikes stated that with coal ash that will be more tonnage and asked if we had a say so in that since we had it back then. Chairman Baucom then asked the County Attorney who said he would review this and let board members know. Chairman Baucom stated that it is our understanding that it is not a done deal that it is coming here. Chairman Baucom shared that the last word she had on this with Duke Energy and the landfill folks was there is nothing that says it is coming. Vice Chair Streater stated that he understands coal ash has been ruled to not be hazardous waste with Chairman Baucom thinking the state General Assembly ruled that it was not hazardous. Ms. Lee stated that if they actually used the test that the EPA wants them to use to determine the toxicity of the coal ash, it would not be able to go into a solid waste landfill. Vice Chair Streater asked if she was saying there is something they are not testing for with Ms. Lee answering yes. Ms. Lee added that when the landfill company came before the board asking for an expansion, at that time they were not even taking the amount of waste they were permitted for. Ms. Lee stated that they knew they had something up their sleeve. Ms. Lee feels there is something the county can do to protect our water, our air and the people living around the railroad tracks and the landfill.

**Public Addresses to the Board:** Chairman Baucom stated that this was the part of the meeting where people have signed up to address the board. Chairman Baucom noted that the board would take no action but would listen and take it under advisement. Ms. Lee pointed out that Carey Rogers was supposed to speak under appearance regarding the coal ash.

**Carey Rogers** stated that he hopes he can give the board a solution, knowing the County Attorney will have to review to see what they can legally do. Mr. Rogers then presented the following Resolution for board members to consider:

RESOLUTION FOR A MORATORIUM ON COAL ASH TRANSFER TO MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL  
OR CLAY MINES IN ANSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, coal combustion waste contains toxicants such as arsenic, lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium and selenium and the toxicants in coal combustion waste are linked to cancer and neurological damage in humans, as well as harm to wildlife, especially water-dwelling species; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2014 thousands of tons of coal combustion waste and millions of gallons of contaminated water spilled into the Dan River and the Dan River Power Station near the city of Eden; and

WHEREAS, coal ash is a special waste not fit for municipal solid waste landfills and should be put in a protected structure on Duke Energy property, thereby preventing the transfer of liability from private to public entities; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2014 the United States Department of Justice lodged a consent decree with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia that requires the US Environmental Protection Agency to publish a final rule addressing the disposal of coal ash by Dec. 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, leachate from coal ash is very toxic and current regulations do not adequately protect against the potential contamination of surface and ground waters from toxic heavy metals, no leachate from coal ash shall be treated at the Anson County Waste Water Treatment Plant or stored in leachate basins/holding ponds or sludge from coal ash ponds deposited in Anson County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that no coal combustion waste be placed in any solid waste landfills or open clay mines within Anson County's borders, before the United States Environmental Protection Agency shall have published in the federal register the final coal combustion residuals rule.

BE IT KNOWN that the Anson County Board of Commissioners members were present on this day of \_\_\_\_\_, and the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by a vote of the members and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the board minutes and is in full force and effect.

Mr. Rogers then asked about the Citizens Advisory Board concerning the landfill and if it was still active. Mr. Rogers feels that we cannot depend on the State or the EPA to protect us. County Manager Garner answered that she thought the Citizens Advisory Board had a meeting two or three weeks ago. Mr. Rogers asked if it was possible to get a list of the members with County Manager Garner answering yes.

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

**Janet Dyson** stated that a lot of her questions were answered by listening to Ms. Lee and Mr. Rogers. Ms. Dyson then asked if the board could say that absolutely no coal ash, thinking that will solve community concerns. Ms. Dyson stated that if the board would say they would fight tooth and nail, absolutely not or if there is any way they could make us take it regardless of what the board says. Ms. Dyson felt the Civic Center was needed. Ms. Dyson added that when people are showing horses they don't care if there is an audience because the horse show people pay for the rent of the facility. Chairman Baucom thought people came to see a horse show with Ms. Dyson saying a few people come. Chairman Baucom then asked why they were showing the horses if no one came with Ms. Dyson answering because it is for points and money within the association. Ms. Dyson added that horse show people pay to rent the facility. Ms. Dyson added that showing horses is not based on who comes to watch. Chairman Baucom stated that at least they would buy a pack of crackers and a Pepsi and feels it is an Economic Development catalyst.

Chairman Baucom then asked Ms. Rywak to tell what kind of events and things that will take place at the Agri-Civic Center. Ms. Rywak shared that she has already had a call from a gentleman from South Carolina with the Dixie Gun and Knife Show wanting to know when it will be built. Vice Chair Streater asked Ms. Rywak to tell those present how often the Union County facility is being used. Ms. Rywak stated that if you are wanting to use the center in Union County on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday you

cannot get in there for a year and a half. Ms. Rywak stated that if you have a meeting during the day or at night in the conference center Monday through Thursday you can get in if you can be flexible. Chairman Baucom stated that those who have worked on developing this facility envision our high school students being able to have their proms and graduation in the auditorium. Chairman Baucom stated that we see this as a step forward.

**Earl Williams** shared that he has returned to Anson County to be a part of building our community. Mr. Williams shared that he attended Anson County schools as an under student and a student athlete and after middle school he moved to Charlotte. Mr. Williams stated that after a year of college pursuing elementary education he joined the Army. Mr. Williams shared that since returning to Anson County he has tutored students at Wadesboro Elementary, Wadesboro Primary, Anson Middle and HOLLA. Mr. Williams stated that he is currently a district volunteer with Anson County schools and asked if there were any other volunteer services available. Mr. Williams added that he could be reached through Ms. Priscilla Nunn. Vice Chair Streater asked if he was already helping Leon Gatewood with Mr. Williams answering yes. Chairman Baucom welcomed Mr. Williams home and asked for his contact information.

**Ian Newberry:** Mr. Newberry stated that he was here representing Todd Johnson. Mr. Newberry shared that Mr. Johnson was born in Anson County and raised in Wadesboro. Mr. Newberry pointed out that his father, Richard, still lives here and was here with him tonight. Mr. Newberry announced that Todd Johnson was looking to run for Congress and asked him to be here tonight to speak to this. Mr. Newberry stated that Mr. Johnson was running out of his love for his home. Mr. Newberry shared that there was a new district with a new look and with the upcoming primary in June because of the new redistricting he feels now is the time that God has put before him to run and represent his home. Mr. Newberry asked for the Republicans in the audience to support Todd in June and for the Democrats they need their support in November. Chairman Baucom asked what he was running for with Mr. Newberry answering 9<sup>th</sup> District Congressional seat. Commissioner Sims voiced that he knew Todd as a student and he was a good student and will make us a great representative. Mr. Newberry feels the quality of the man is what looms large in this election because we are in shaky times and we need to get back to the values we hold dear and Todd is the perfect idea of a representative of the 9<sup>th</sup> district. Vice Chair Streater asked Mr. Newberry if he knew what the new district would look like with Mr. Newberry answering that right now it is mostly eastern portion of Mecklenburg like Ballantyne and Matthews and out to the southern portion of Fayetteville. Chairman Baucom asked if his opponent would be Pittenger with Mr. Ian answering yes. Chairman Baucom commented that Mr. Pittenger wrote her a letter. Mr. Newberry stated that he showed up in person. Commissioner Sims told Mr. Newberry to tell Mr. Johnson he has his vote. Chairman Baucom shared that she knew him when he was a county commissioner in Union County and he was very pleasant. Chairman Baucom stated that Union County actually had two commissioners who were Anson County gentlemen.

Chairman Baucom added that we have a young women running for Lt. Governor whose roots are in Anson County – Holly Jones. Chairman Baucom stated that Thomas Mills was running for Congress in this district but they made the rule that you have to live here to run in a particular district. Chairman Baucom voiced that they wish Mr. Johnson all kinds of luck. As his father was leaving he commented that he would see that they get a letter from him.

Chairman Baucom then called for a short break stating that after the break they would finish up the agenda.

After the break, **Administrative Matters** was the next topic of discussion.

**Report from the Animal Shelter Committee:** County Manager Garner stated that they had their first meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> and spent the majority of the meeting just trying to get an understanding of daily operations of the shelter and some of the concerns that the volunteers have seen. County Manager Garner stated that they got a list of recommendations and have been working with Dr. Thompson on ways to improve some of the operations. County Manager Garner added that Dr. Thompson has been helpful and has heard their suggestions and given feedback. Chairman Baucom added that she and the County Manager will meet with Dr. Thompson again this week. Chairman Baucom stated that they are following up as there is a lot to do there. Chairman Baucom added that they are determined to see improvements in the operation.

**Amended Contract for 2014/2015 Audit:** County Manager Garner stated that our Finance Officer came back to work yesterday and she has been working to review the audit. County Manager Garner stated that she did find one document that the auditors were required to complete called the Annual Financial Information Report (AFIR) which they have not yet done. County Manager Garner recommended the board hold approval of the amended contract until they provide that document to us. Chairman Baucom was of the opinion that we entered into a three year contract with the company with County Attorney Forbes saying we entered into a one year contract and the RFQ alluded that we were intending to do a two year contract but it would be renegotiated between us. County Attorney Forbes stated that we were not bound by anything in the future like that. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to bring them in and have a conversation. Chairman Baucom stated that that was based on the audit being late and their excuses were not truthful which gives her concern. Commissioner Sims wondered why we needed to meet thinking they should just go ahead and act. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to do this to make sure we have what we are supposed to have to close out the one they just did. Chairman Baucom stated then we'll put out request and go through the process but we need to get what we are supposed to have from this audit.

**Reschedule the Joint Meeting with the Board of Education:** Chairman Baucom stated that her notes say they want to reschedule from April 7<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. The clerk explained that they apologized but April 7<sup>th</sup> was not a good day for them and that is why they are asking for Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Baucom stated that she would rather meet on Monday than Thursday and asked the board's preference. After discussion, board members selected Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> as the meeting date. Chairman Baucom asked everyone to try to be there as we need to have a good conversation with the school board. Chairman Baucom asked if it was usually 5:00 P.M. with the clerk stating that it starts at 6:00 P.M.

**Discussion of Possibly Rescheduling Retreat:** Chairman Baucom mentioned that board members said we needed to reschedule the retreat and asked if that was still the case. Several members answered yes. Chairman Baucom asked for a date. Chairman Baucom asked about March 26<sup>th</sup> with Commissioner Woodburn saying that was Easter weekend but it would only be one-half day. Chairman Baucom commented that they would get everyone out in time to go to church Sunday morning. Board members agreed on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Sturdivant asked for a time with Chairman Baucom saying 8:30 A.M.

#### **Old Business:**

**Countywide Zoning:** Chairman Baucom asked to hold this for the retreat and she thinks Mr. Newton was going to make recommendations or observations.

**Minimum Housing Code for Rental Property:** Chairman Baucom stated that they have copies of the current standard and asked for samples for the retreat of where some standards need to be increased. Chairman Baucom stated that she was looking for something that would give them the legal ability to make the homes being rented be in good repair.

**Interlocal Agreements for Utilities:** Chairman Baucom shared that our County Manager has met with the County Manager in Union County and felt they needed to set up a schedule to go around and talk with all of them. Chairman Baucom stated that she mentioned a contract or agreement to the Wadesboro Town Manager and he seemed resistant. Chairman Baucom wants to meet with each of the entities that we sell water to and have a script and go visit. Chairman Baucom added that if anyone else would like to go that would be great too.

**Courthouse Security:** The Clerk noted that this was to be part of the budget discussion. Chairman Baucom stated that she would like for the board to think about going ahead and getting photo ID's for all the people that work in the courthouse. Chairman Baucom stated that she doesn't know if they already have these or not but we should be able to afford that. Sheriff Reid stated that there was a photo ID system at the courthouse with Chairman Baucom asking if they wear the tags with Sheriff Reid

thinking they don't all wear them but he thinks they have them. Chairman Baucom thinks that should be the first step and then you know they work there and are supposed to be there. Sheriff Reid shared that one of his biggest problems in the courthouse is the fact that the attorney's all have keys and access to the building. Sheriff Reid feels this is a problem. Chairman Baucom felt they should also set up a system where visitors have to sign in and wear something that indicates they are a visitor. Sheriff Reid stated that he would meet with Mr. Hammonds to see what they have in place. Chairman Baucom felt we also needed to see if there was any court facilities money that we could use towards this end. Sheriff Reid stated that once he gets the additional officers to work the courthouse, as soon as people come in the door they will go through the metal detector. Sheriff Reid noted that the U.S. Marshal Service gave them the x-ray machine and they also have a metal detector and it's just a matter of putting it in the right place with the right security. County Attorney Forbes offered that the Emergency Services Center has the authority to make the identification badges.

**Plans for Updating the County Website:** Chairman Baucom was hopeful that if the school board would let them talk she would like to bring up the concept of having some of their students to do a contest to design a website for the county. Commissioner Sturdivant felt they could do this. Chairman Baucom felt it would be good to get them involved and also if the college is doing that kind of program we could get them involved.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Baucom stated that our County Manager has been on the job for two months and we are all encouraged. Chairman Baucom stated that it has been a pleasure to work with her and she appreciates all she's done and she has high hopes for all she will do. Chairman Baucom noted that we took a long time to find a County Manager but she thinks Ms. Garner is well worth the time and effort we put into getting her here. Chairman Baucom feels the County Manager will find the Agri-Civic center to be an exciting project. Commissioner Sims added that everybody speaks well of her. Chairman Baucom stated that hopefully they have a meeting this week with the engineering firm that is doing the phase one environmental. Chairman Baucom explained that this is where they take soil samples to see if there is any contamination. Chairman Baucom stated that there was some money left over in the grant and it can be used for remediation but she doesn't think they found any properties that need anything done to them. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to do the hospital property and asked if there were any others. Mr. Boothby offered to help identify rural sites in the county that would make good business/industry locations. Chairman Baucom felt we also needed to determine in the turning over of that property to the county did it include the parking lot on Ashe Street with County Attorney Forbes saying he would have to look at the map. Commissioner Woodburn felt it did include the parking lot. Chairman Baucom then asked Dr. Thompson if he knew with Dr. Thompson answering that originally it did not but when they sold the nursing home he

believes they transferred it to the county. Chairman Baucom felt if we own it we should start trying to market it.

**Consent Agenda:** Vice Chair Streater asked why there were so many write-off with Ms. James answering probably because we were not doing all that we could do to get those collected. Commissioner Sims asked why did that happen with Ms. James saying by not sending out past due notices every quarter, our tax collection rate was lower so when you don't collect them you have that many more left in receivables. Commissioner Sims asked if the board should act on that in some way with Ms. James saying this is on the legacy system. Commissioner Sims said he was talking about the people responsible with Ms. James saying they could try but these are bills from 2012 and this is 2016 and they had a lot of return mail. Commissioner Woodburn wondered what could be done going forward so that it doesn't get this bad with Ms. James again saying these are on the legacy system and there is very little left after this one. Commissioner Woodburn commented that it was more or less a cleanup. Vice Chair Streater asked if it was worth giving to a collection agency on a percentage basis with Ms. James saying we could certainly get Joe to look at that. Ms. James stated that as far as the auditors are concerned they have a schedule whereby if the receivables are not collected when they get so old they actually say they are uncollectable and therefore as far as the books are concerned they write them off. Chairman Baucom asked if the money was still owed with Ms. James answering yes. Ms. James stated that last year the 2015 write-offs for vehicles was \$62,800. Chairman Baucom asked the amount this year with Ms. James answering \$82,700. Commissioner Woodburn asked when they started paying taxes to get tags with Ms. James answering about two and half years ago and this is rolling off the older bills and getting it to where the legacy system will be out. Ms. James said just because we write them off doesn't mean they cannot be collect as they can still be collected but in the month of January he only had about five vehicle payments in the entire month and for February we had thirteen. Chairman Baucom felt we ought to look into a collection agency and make a decision with Ms. James saying they could certainly have a conversation with Joe on that. Mr. Gullidge mentioned the debt setoff used by health and EMS and said that would be something good to use here. Vice Chair Streater mentioned the long range plan submitted by the school and asked if this was something to discuss at the retreat. Commissioner Woodburn agreed. Chairman Baucom noted that it was a facilities plan for the Anson County public schools. Chairman Baucom added that it is what they need or what they have determined that they need and it goes to the Department of Public Instruction. Chairman Baucom stated that without any interaction with the school board we don't know what it means. Chairman Baucom shared that she noted that the facilities that they have are nowhere near capacity so far as number of student utilization. Vice Chair Streater voiced that he would like the school board to explain this. Vice Chair Streater asked Ms. James if they had to have this back before we meet with them with Commissioner Sims saying they will have a date they have to send it in. Commissioner Sturdivant noted that a school board members was in the audience and asked Mr. Johnson to explain. Mr. Johnson stated that he didn't think a month delay

would make much difference because it was pretty hard to get a response from anyone these days. Commissioner Woodburn expects this to be part of their presentation and agrees with Vice Chair Streater that we need to hold onto this until we know more about it. Commissioner Sims voiced that he was in agreement to hold on to it. Commissioner Sims voiced that usually what happens is we ask for a great deal and the Board of Commissioners get caught up in it and the money is not there so it's better that we know about what is being asked for. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, that we remove Item g from the consent agenda until we meet with the school board. Commissioner Sims felt we could anticipate that they will ask for more than they need, adding that he doesn't ever remember doing one of these that he didn't ask for more than he needed and then when they cut he had enough. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he interprets it to be a form from the Department of Public Instruction and each school system fills in the blanks but he would like to have someone from the school board or school administration staff explain it to him. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the Consent Agenda without Item G that was just removed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** approved minutes dated February 2, 2016.

**Tax Releases:** approved as follows:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments						
03/01/2016 for February Month End						
				Real Taxes	Releases	
			\$ -			
			\$ -			
			-	****		
<b>Tax &amp; Tag Together Refunds</b>						
19490767	Altman of Whiteville Inc		162.15	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
19967916	Altman of Whiteville Inc		30.54	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
21179247	Barbee James D		21.37	Adjustment	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
19209187	Bennett Jasmine		34.72	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
14092530	Buckingham Thomas W		50.99	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
19209332	C & A Home Furnishings		36.64	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
21363627	Crump Anita		14.10	Situs	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
19684489	Gaddy Frances		3.48	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
26406932	Hanna Amanda		16.01	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
21303946	Hargett Anita K		31.39	Situs	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
19204818	Hildreth Linda		7.02	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
14085118	Jim Hill Sand & Gravel		14.61	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
26479267	Johnston Clayton		14.93	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
21362394	Maske Alissa		9.40	Situs	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
8650921	Mccormick Catherine		56.57	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
26300716	Moore Mieesa		4.30	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
21179246	Mull Grace		3.48	Situs	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
29283882	Sweatt Nathaniel		131.45	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund
14086941	White Julian		2.67	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	
			\$ 645.82	****		

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

# Real Property Taxes

**FY 2015-2016      Current Year Ad Valorem - 2015**  
**February 29, 2016**

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Year 2015	125,891.33	1,432,820.37	1,280,633.24	747,790.07	2,012,016.84	8,868,948.85	248,408.65	716,505.43
Year 2014	153,640.24	1,882,078.48	792,701.58	692,263.47	1,705,171.82	7,948,195.47	370,053.62	357,819.90
Year 2013	62,285.51	1,345,310.70	916,100.29	800,689.88	1,026,213.73	8,867,344.01	303,777.73	411,460.82
Year 2012	139,879.76	1,330,911.40	863,307.89	662,140.94	1,545,771.18	8,245,555.45	591,530.54	394,773.55
Year 2011	78,897.91	1,033,340.38	1,114,236.77	724,932.68	1,057,582.02	8,676,118.24	273,110.53	759,834.02
Year 2010	64,025.06	698,291.83	1,078,301.02	727,146.32	1,834,033.24	8,467,126.13	313,652.81	740,139.07
Year 2009	75,012.59	562,659.35	1,317,720.88	681,923.36	1,487,890.82	8,128,729.39	307,485.71	379,919.02
<b>Of Total Collections</b>								
<b>County Taxes &amp; Late List</b>								
Year 2015	82,896.07	1,133,740.35	1,058,796.26	600,879.32	1,608,294.62	7,306,535.25	194,347.99	546,925.63
Year 2014	115,026.22	1,475,428.46	656,910.38	564,856.89	1,379,948.94	6,666,713.31	286,653.45	276,307.11
Year 2013	44,283.99	1,078,657.83	757,121.45	652,575.87	847,994.08	7,496,040.03	238,884.70	321,251.68
Year 2012	106,855.68	1,100,182.13	716,431.79	548,716.84	1,246,234.94	6,965,653.63	474,125.82	311,770.51
Year 2011	53,935.78	840,543.63	921,545.62	603,338.68	865,688.02	7,272,885.47	222,718.59	623,556.83
Year 2010	47,746.47	560,283.83	894,518.98	605,605.64	1,479,716.19	7,135,832.26	256,020.32	571,966.13
Year 2009	52,118.13	460,019.34	1,104,190.36	561,891.76	1,192,815.02	6,849,076.69	255,249.25	299,943.51
<b>Current Year (2015) Ad Valorem Collections %</b>								
Year 2015	N/A	9.95%	19.21%	20.23%	32.28%	87.29%	88.62%	92.22%
Year 2014		13.93%	20.03%	21.00%	31.94%	85.20%	87.23%	89.15%
Year 2013		10.02%	16.86%	18.95%	25.52%	85.89%	87.53%	89.84%
Year 2012		10.76%	14.37%	18.46%	28.32%	84.88%	88.50%	90.66%
Year 2011		7.87%	13.92%	18.51%	24.84%	84.15%	85.77%	90.48%
Year 2010		4.90%	13.35%	15.95%	27.10%	84.77%	86.61%	90.64%
Year 2009		4.47%	12.81%	17.03%	26.88%	84.98%	87.03%	89.23%
Year 2008		12.88%	15.53%	20.18%	29.04%	85.89%	89.03%	91.28%
Year 2007		12.95%	16.08%	19.69%	25.78%	79.39%	90.58%	92.71%
Year 2006		9.72%	15.87%	20.69%	30.37%	84.55%	89.67%	91.88%
<b>Current Year (2015) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties</b>								
Year 2015	17,979.25	9,856,920.19	8,844,786.09	10,484,596.90	8,902,579.70	1,673,108.72	1,497,555.15	1,023,815.29
Year 2014	10,287,030.03	8,920,787.68	8,289,002.31	9,767,584.90	8,429,004.05	1,835,844.56	1,582,856.61	1,345,562.54
Year 2013	19,880.54	9,290,290.35	8,585,188.08	10,002,458.80	9,209,218.73	1,743,978.92	1,540,704.41	1,255,224.74
Year 2012	44,734.04	9,226,756.70	10,479,738.36	9,979,652.70	8,777,582.71	1,851,666.78	1,408,474.10	1,143,229.63
<b>History of Past Due Mailings</b>								
	01/09/13		04/09/13		05/01/15		02/01/16	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	5,543	4,420,774.02	3,360	3,308,737.72	3,729	4,334,411.25	4,971	5,195,083.07
<b>Tax Scroll Billings</b>								
	Tax Rate	Taxed Value	County Tax	Late List	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed	
Year 2015	0.801	1,359,925,855	10,893,015.61	19,159.56	1,839,301.39	769,154.92	13,520,631.48	
Year 2014	0.767	1,337,826,323	10,261,136.82	25,913.00	1,817,440.08	543,719.23	12,648,209.13	
Year 2013	0.767	1,337,123,638	10,255,747.03	38,016.08	1,646,610.96	506,563.47	12,446,937.54	
Year 2012	0.767	1,329,890,486	10,200,268.80	14,665.91	1,635,582.81	504,013.76	12,354,531.28	
Year 2011	0.767	1,323,056,075	10,147,848.87	13,689.32	1,639,958.48	499,585.19	12,301,081.86	
Year 2010	0.894	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	
<b>Utilities</b>								
	County Tax	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed				
Year 2015	2,194,701.64	105,825.79	188,443.47	2,488,970.90				
Year 2014	1,986,444.95	98,421.89	129,157.90	2,214,024.74				
Year 2013	2,006,288.46	87,240.23	120,629.50	2,214,158.19				
Year 2012	1,912,391.52	95,646.61	113,513.96	2,121,552.09				
Year 2011	1,903,727.55	96,335.67	112,271.30	2,112,334.52				
Year 2010	1,909,334.87	96,146.67	110,638.22	2,116,119.76				
Year 2009	1,997,433.34	93,637.75	102,680.57	2,193,751.66				
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>								
	Nov 2015		Dec 2015		Jan 2016		Feb 2016	
	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	123	53,155.45	119	51,907.86	122	54,698.44	208	95,433.00
Accts with Agreements	29	9,875.36	29	9,872.03	28	9,798.33	26	8,796.37
Accts in Foreclosure	287	141,355.37	284	141,113.64	284	141,438.19	281	141,202.99
Bankruptcies	64	43,131.14	50	36,131.00	50	36,238.92	54	38,419.92
Remaining Accts Collectible	10,397	3,305,130.91	10,231	3,262,867.93	10,188	3,225,321.13	9,709	3,082,486.47
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	12,598	10,833,373.59	5,371	2,078,709.55	5,008	1,898,071.68	3,574	1,304,909.42
**Red = AR Dollars	23,498	14,386,021.82	16,084	5,580,602.01	15,680	5,365,566.69	13,852	4,671,248.17
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	13	3,993.05	8	3,177.24	3	1,515.46	6	3,391.96
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		92,431.10		90,083.48		89,664.66		88,810.86
<b>One Year Ago</b>								
	Nov 2014		Dec 2014		Jan 2015		Feb 2015	
	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	137	56,699.13	137	57,252.93	137	57,448.75	135	57,447.52
Accts with Agreements	38	10,709.67	38	10,762.61	38	10,815.55	38	10,868.49
Accts in Foreclosure	284	126,725.03	280	125,132.62	270	118,877.13	270	119,382.48
Bankruptcies	84	49,523.13	84	49,713.49	84	49,911.91	84	49,994.11
Remaining Accts Collectible	10,219	3,138,674.40	10,044	3,119,842.57	9,959	3,052,338.73	9,849	3,010,606.91
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	12,633	10,116,105.89	5,727	2,274,382.40	5,144	2,002,416.23	4,515	1,718,525.45
**Red = AR Dollars	23,395	13,498,437.25	16,310	5,637,086.62	15,632	5,291,808.30	14,891	4,966,824.96
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	1	205.82	6	2,999.11	11	7,207.67	2	198.45
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		178,176.06		175,691.44		176,106.96		176,403.69



**Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update:** approved as follows:

<b>Fund Balance Calculation</b>					
	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>Two Months</i>	<i>Last</i>		
<b>As of 02-29-16</b>	<b>Same Month</b>	<b>Ago</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Now</b>	
	As of 02/28/15	As of 12/31/15	As of 01/31/16	As of 02/29/16	
<b>Available Fund Balance</b>					
Cash & Investments (General)	\$ 12,761,846	\$ 13,308,636	\$ 14,972,262	\$ 14,596,903	
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)	\$ 22,401	\$ 24,913	\$ 25,169	\$ 25,424	
Less Cash from General (other funds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)	\$ 130,960	\$ 117,603	\$ 124,748	\$ 113,082	
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)	\$ (46,235)	\$ (16,779)	\$ (16,779)	\$ (16,779)	
Less Encumbrances	\$ (232,930)	\$ (184,413)	\$ (200,200)	\$ (229,796)	
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$ 12,636,042</b>	<b>\$ 13,249,960</b>	<b>\$ 14,905,200</b>	<b>\$ 14,488,835</b>	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)	\$ 28,852,503	\$ 28,574,937	\$ 28,574,937	\$ 28,574,937	
<b>Total Available for Appropriation</b>					
Total Available	\$ 12,636,042	\$ 13,249,960	\$ 14,905,200	\$ 14,488,835	
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,852,503	\$ 28,574,937	\$ 28,574,937	\$ 28,574,937	
<b>Total % Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>43.80%</b>	<b>46.37%</b>	<b>52.16%</b>	<b>50.70%</b>	
<b>Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	
	<b>\$2,308,200</b>	<b>\$2,285,995</b>	<b>\$2,285,995</b>	<b>\$2,285,995</b>	
<b>% Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	<b>35.80%</b>	<b>38.37%</b>	<b>44.16%</b>	<b>42.70%</b>	
	<b>\$ 10,327,842</b>	<b>\$ 10,963,965</b>	<b>\$ 12,619,205</b>	<b>\$ 12,202,840</b>	

**Electronic Transaction Report:** approved as follows:

02/29/16

## February 2016 Report - Board Meeting of 03/01/2016

## Utilities Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	9,257.27	240	22	22
Aug 2015	9,231.86	222	19	21
Sep 2015	11,410.83	258	20	21
Oct 2015	10,214.59	237	22	22
Nov 2015	8,065.55	231	18	18
Dec 2015	9,921.50	248	21	21
Jan 2016	8,596.42	241	17	19
Feb 2016	11,051.03	263	21	21
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	<b>77,749.05</b>	<b>1,940</b>		

## Utilities Dept -Draft Records &amp; Unpaid Accts with Phone reminders

Month	Total \$\$ Draft Records	# Accounts Pd	Tot \$\$ Unpaid w/Phone calls	# Accts Reminded
Jul 2015	34,663.23	1,025	26,761.68	402
Aug 2015	40,673.22	1,034	38,545.29	444
Sep 2015	35,905.69	1,033	91,810.57	449
Oct 2015	35,832.17	1,037	43,604.22	436
Nov 2015	29,806.94	1,032	27,601.78	349
Dec 2015	27,513.45	1,037	67,591.40	458
Jan 2016	26,849.78	1,045	64,206.31	452
Feb 2016	28,797.33	1,046	23,960.47	397
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	<b>260,041.81</b>	<b>8,289</b>	<b>384,081.72</b>	<b>3,387</b>

## Tax Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	7,592.91	33	8	22
Aug 2015	15,009.86	53	14	21
Sep 2015	4,025.84	19	10	21
Oct 2015	6,062.44	30	10	22
Nov 2015	1,990.57	9	6	18
Dec 2015	23,329.04	60	16	21
Jan 2016	17,846.38	43	11	19
Feb 2016	23,856.41	65	17	21
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	<b>99,713.45</b>	<b>312</b>		

## Health Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	1,047.96	20	13	22
Aug 2015	1,300.81	28	14	21

	<b>99,713.45</b>	<b>312</b>		
<b>Health Department Electronic Transactions</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Total \$\$</b>	<b># Accounts Pd</b>	<b># Days Electronic Pyt Used</b>	<b># Working Days</b>
Jul 2015	1,047.96	20	13	22
Aug 2015	1,300.81	28	14	21
Sep 2015	584.55	17	7	21
Oct 2015	915.80	21	14	22
Nov 2015	945.16	21	13	18
Dec 2015	1,425.35	26	13	21
Jan 2016	900.10	18	10	19
Feb 2016	1,726.53	28	15	21
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	<b>8,846.26</b>	<b>179</b>		

**Vehicle Tax & Water Bill Write-Offs:** Vehicle write-off totaled \$82,811.54, water write-offs totaled \$5,966.15 and sewer write-offs totaled \$314.50.

**Commissioner Concerns:**

**Vice Chair Streater** stated that he received a call from Ms. Huntley on Ratliff Gin Road about trash. Vice Chair Streater noted that it was not just her road but all roads in the county. Vice Chair Streater stated that he hasn't seen any trash pickup in at least four months and asked if other board members had seen any. Commissioner Sims pointed to Ms. Burr noting she has picked up more trash than anyone in the room and their road is a clean road. Commissioner Sikes stated that last week on highway 52 he saw a bus load of prisoners picking up trash and it was the first he had seen in a long time. Commissioner Woodburn added that Robinson Bridge Road was clean within the last month and he didn't know if citizens did it or not but they have signs there and it looks better. Mr. Boothby stated that after the last meeting when it was brought up he noticed three different prison crews out cleaning up that next week so there was an initial boost in their presence. Commissioner Sims mentioned the road next to Walmart and how awful it looks. Chairman Baucom stated that they drove to Florida recently and she noticed that the roads they were on were pristine. Chairman Baucom added that they did not see bottles or anything and then she saw the sign and she figured out why. Chairman Baucom noted that the penalty for littering in Florida is \$1,000. Commissioner Sims voiced that all you have to do is enforce it and it won't go out the window. Chairman Baucom stated that it certainly got her attention and feels it will take something like that to improve littering here. The Clerk stated that after Ms. Nunn and Ms. Tillman appeared before the board with this issue, she spoke with Mr. Albritton with the prison and he informed her that the way they get their road list now is from DOT. The clerk stated that you call DOT and give them your road name and they give it to the prison. Chairman Baucom feels we should list every road we have. Chairman Baucom noted that they were down toward Gulledege the other Sunday afternoon and it

is beautiful countryside but trash is everywhere. Commissioner Sims commented that McDonalds doesn't need any trash cans as we provide roadsides. Ms. Rywak asked why they could not make it a \$1,000 penalty here in Anson County. Chairman Baucom asked the County Attorney if we were limited to a \$30 or \$50 fine to anything with County Attorney Forbes thinking that it is \$250 according to the state. County Attorney Forbes was not sure if that was superseded by our ability to add to that. County Attorney Forbes stated that it used to be that if they wanted to have a law with a low penalty and we wanted it higher we could do it but he will check and see if we can pass an Ordinance. County Attorney Forbes added that he would like to see us be able to take their license but he knows we can't but he will look into raising the fine to \$1,000. Board members agreed we need to get serious about it. Vice Chair Streater felt the Anson Record should make a headline out of this.

Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go into closed session for personnel, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to recess until Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 2 hr. 30 mins.

