

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

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

Staff members present: Megan Garner, County Manager  
Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC Clerk to the Board  
Rita James, IT/Interim Finance Officer  
Joe Dutton, Collector  
Gary Fincher, Airport Manager  
Dr. Fred Thompson, Health Director  
Evonne Burr, Health Department

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

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom stated that we did not have a minister and offered the following to get their minds settled on the job at hand. Chairman Baucom noted this was copyrighted by Abby Willowroot in 2008 and the name is Affirmation of Community:

Daily we live side by side sharing our community. We take each other for granted, living our lives, going through our days, seldom thinking of community, seldom stopping to think of the needs of our neighbors, caught up in living and providing for ourselves and our families. Community is just there and we take it for granted until disaster strikes, hardships come or weather rages then we suddenly and desperately need our community. We need it to help us survive, to keep hope alive, to live. It is community that provides that essential safety net, protecting each of us in the face of loss and tragedy. It is our community that brings out the neighbor in us all. Today let us do something to build our own community making it stronger for all of our neighbors and ourselves.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** Chairman Baucom noted there were two items that need to be added. Chairman Baucom noted that each board member had a Budget Amendment at their place to add and we also need to add Uptown Wadesboro's request for fireworks at their July 1 Summer Jam. Vice Chair Streater shared that under Appearances, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Stebbing were unable to attend tonight because of a death in the family. Commissioner Sims asked to put the quarter-cent sales tax for schools on the Agenda with Commissioner Woodburn saying it was already on the Agenda. Chairman Baucom noted it was item 4f. The Clerk reported that Daniel Weil called and would not be attending tonight. Chairman Baucom asked if there were any other changes to the agenda. Commissioner Smith voiced that he would like to hear from the health department in closed session as he understands there is some discrimination going on over there. Chairman Baucom noted that closed session was already on the agenda. Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Smith if he wanted someone from the health department to join the closed session with Commissioner Smith answering he wanted to talk about it and if they want to have the director join them they will. Chairman Baucom asked if there was anything for Commissioner Concerns. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn to approve the Agenda with the additions.

**Appearances:**

**Eric Locklear:** County Manager Garner stated that Eric Locklear emailed her this morning to say he was sick and would not be here tonight.

**Sarah Germany:** Ms. Germany stated that she has tried to talk with her County Commissioner in private and he said he didn't have time to talk with her so she's here tonight. Ms. Germany said she talked with Commissioner Sturdivant one time and she thought she had her problem solves but she did not. Ms. Germany said she did not know how to handle her problem except to come to the Commissioners. Ms. Germany explained that her son is in jail and she was trying to get him on some medicine because he has bi-polar disease and the Sheriff will not talk with her or take her calls and Mr. Paxton will not solve her problem. Ms. Germany stated that her son finally got to the mental health facility but before he got back to the jail one of his medications was changed. Ms. Germany stated that she talked with DayMark and they said his medications were not supposed to be changed and she doesn't know why they were changed. Ms. Germany said she was told by Mr. Paxton that they talked to a doctor and said they agreed to have them changed but the doctor at DayMark said they were not supposed to be changed. Ms. Germany said that Ms. Liles at the jail was very ugly to her and her son. Ms. Germany said that every facility he's been in before has never said anything about him having his medications and she doesn't understand why he can't have them in this facility. Mr. Paxton stated that he was limited to what he could know about medication because of HIPPA laws but he was told that between medical staff at the jail and medical staff at

DayMark that it was not that the medicine was withheld, the name of the prescription was changed and it was filled and he is receiving the medicine. Commissioner Smith asked what he was incarcerated for with Ms. Germany answering that she did not have that. Sheriff Reid added that this was not only her son but she also has two grandsons in jail. Sheriff Reid said a lawsuit was threatened because of a spider bite while he was in Anson County jail and after researching the incident they found that he was actually in federal lockup in South Carolina during the dates given. Sheriff Reid added that he, along with three deputies, personally took her son and two grandsons to the funeral home for a private visit when her husband passed. Sheriff Reid shared that there are certain things they don't give inmates in jail. Mr. Paxton stated that they have followed all the instructions given them by DayMark and he has upcoming appointments scheduled. Mr. Paxton added that Mr. Germany has seen the in-house nurse and doctor 12 times since December 31, 2015. County Attorney Forbes spoke up advising that the autonomy of the Sheriff's office supersedes this and that this board does not have direct control over the Sheriff's office and there were other venues she needs to seek rather than this. Chairman Baucom explained that the Sheriff was elected and was in charge of law enforcement and jail in Anson County. Chairman Baucom noted that the board was supportive but she has issues that this board can't resolve. Chairman Baucom stated that we were talking about medical issues and legal issues and the board was not equipped, qualified or legally able to fix it. Chairman Baucom added that she was sorry for her son's situation and she knows she is worried but she didn't know of anything this board could do to help her.

**Alex Sewell and Marc Sessions – Wadesboro Fire District Tax:** Mr. Sewell stated that he and Chief Sessions were here on behalf of the Wadesboro Town Council. Mr. Sewell offered thanks to board members for everything they do for them and commended our staff for being so great to work with. Mr. Sewell thanked board members for the previous increase to the fire tax and the support given them. Chief Sessions stated that approximately two years ago he approached the board for the first time since 1985 and expressed a desire to increase their fire tax to make the fire department better for the community. Chief Sessions shared that some of the things they've done with the increase is worked feverishly on their ISO rating which affects homeowners insurance as well as business insurance. Chief Sessions noted that effective June 1<sup>st</sup> he was proud to announce that their homeowners insurance should have a reduction from eight to fifteen percent depending upon each individual homeowner's particular insurance. Chief Session stated that they were here tonight to express a desire to ask for a two-cent fire tax increase. Chief Sessions stated that other things they've done with the funding over the last two years is increase their IT technology, increase their equipment and this additional funding will be used to subsidize funding from the town to build a new fire station. Chief Sessions added that their station was 106 years old with height limitations and a multitude of

other problems. Chief Sessions offered at any time for board members to come and see what they are working with. Chief Sessions ended by saying with the board's support they hope to make Wadesboro a safer and better place. Vice Chair Streater asked if this request has been recommended by the Wadesboro Town Council with Mr. Sewell answering that they asked staff to come to the commissioners to ask for a two cent fire district tax increase. Mr. Sewell added that they have not made a decision to increase city taxes at this time as that is still up for discussion. Chairman Baucom asked if they had any plans for a new fire department and what would they do with the existing building. Mr. Sewell shared that they purchased a new facility on South Rutherford Street that they will renovate and turn into their police department. Mr. Sewell mentioned that for the fire department they have a layout and cost estimates and once they secure funding they will proceed with selecting either an architect or a design-build firm. Mr. Sewell stated that they've been working on this for three years. Mr. Sewell stated that they plan to build the fire station behind the Tollison building. Chairman Baucom asked what they would do with the existing building with Mr. Sewell saying they plan to have a town hall there in the future and would most likely demolish the existing building. Vice Chair Streater asked if this would be for everyone in the fire district or just people outside the city limits with Chief Sessions answering that the fire district tax would be for anyone outside the city limits but within the fire district. Chief Sessions offered at any time to bring them the plans. Chief Sessions felt the town was moving in the right direction but that the most important thing was to be able to lay down at night and know it is about the citizens. Chief Sessions stated that they looked at multiple venues and hope to develop what they think is functional for the long term. Commissioner Smith asked if they could connect with the county building on Country Club Road with Chief Sessions answering that insurance ratings are driven by mileage from entities and moving there would change it significantly. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she toured the facility yesterday and she was able to see the drawing of their future plans. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that in the new facility they have a multicultural meeting room so they can teach fire extinguisher safety. Chairman Baucom voiced that this was very exciting and they would take this up during budget. Chairman Baucom voiced that she admired the foresight.

**Daniel Weil:** Was unable to attend.

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

**Myra Dagleish** stated that she was a Commissioner from the Town of Polkton and she was here tonight on behalf of the citizens of Polkton to say that they do not want coal ash in the Polkton landfill. Ms. Dagleish then asked board members if they had discussed signing the Resolution given them by Cary Rodgers and if not, when would they be discussing it. Chairman Baucom stated

that it was their understanding from Duke Energy that there are no plans to put coal ash here. Chairman Baucom stated that she has concerns about doing a resolution when there are no intentions of putting coal ash here. Commissioner Sims voiced that he did not see how it could hurt. Chairman Baucom stated that this was a part of the meeting where they listen to comment.

**Janet Dyson** mentioned Thomas and Mark at the animal shelter and asked for their job title. County Manager Garner answered they were animal control officers. Ms. Dyson asked if there was a difference in legally and control versus animal cruelty and what they can do on their particular jobs. County Manager Garner was of the opinion there was a separate set of statutes for animal control officers and animal cruelty officers. Ms. Dyson stated there were some hungry horses and she asked about it several months ago and she needed the definitions because she can't ask someone to do something that they are not qualified to do. Ms. Dyson asked if the shelter was on lock down due to kennel cough with Chairman Baucom answering that was their understanding. Ms. Dyson mentioned that at the Dollar General in Polkton there was a sign asking people not to feed the dogs because they are becoming aggressive and asked if during this down time they could help. County Manager Garner stated that our employees were aware of the issue and have been working on it. Ms. Dyson stated that she understands not spaying and neutering everything that comes in the door but before they go out and the adoption papers are done could they be spayed and neutered before they leave. Ms. Dyson stated that she heard talk about someone saying they plan to breed the dog they got at the shelter. County Manager Garner stated that we do have an adoption contract that says that the person adopting the animal is responsible for getting them spayed or neutered and they also receive a voucher for Brown Creek that covers the cost. County Manager Garner added that the adoption contract says if they don't the shelter has the right to take the animal back. Chairman Baucom stated that she adopted a kitten and didn't get anything like that. County Manager Garner asked if she had done her adoption contract with Chairman Baucom saying she signed papers. Ms. Burr from the health department explained that it was because the kitten was so young but when she gets ready to take it to Brown Creek they will have the voucher. Ms. Dyson asked if legally if she reports this horse what should be her expectation. Ms. Dyson asked if they could legally go out and assess the horse and tell the owner they need to feed it and return at a specific time to check. County Manager Garner shared that they have checked into this horse but she didn't have any dates with her.

**Wendy** said she had been to some of the Pee Dee WALL meetings and listened to talk about the coal ash and feels the board needs to sign the Resolution. Wendy said you don't usually wait for the problem to find you if you can head it off before it gets to you. Wendy said a small number of them went around with a petition of how many people would like to keep it out of Anson

County and working around homes, spouses, churches and wherever, they have gotten 810 signatures. Wendy added that the signatures were from every district in the county and asked if any board member was willing to stand behind the people of their district and sign the resolution. Wendy then asked how many signatures would it take to convince them to sign it and stand up with the citizens. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Attorney if he had looked over the resolution with County Attorney Forbes saying he had not. Vice Chair Streater asked the County Attorney to look at it with County Attorney Forbes saying he read over it but would examine it closer.

**Jeff Boothby** presented a TDA update. Mr. Boothby said that have asked and talked about a number of Economic Development and tourism projects about some of the data and what is going on with our numbers and those of our neighbors. Mr. Boothby stated that he and a few business associates have contracted a researcher to do some of this research for them for what he is calling the Anson Region, which is Anson County and two counties out from us in both North and South Carolina. Mr. Boothby hopes that by the end of the month they will have the data in and he can share it with board members to see where we rank with our neighbors in both population and percentage of that in the workforce, money spent on Economic Development both on general Economic Development projects and also on salaries associated with that, lodging facilities and that kind of stuff to give us a good picture of where we stand compared to our neighbors so we can really see a little more of where we need to put our focus. Mr. Boothby stated that he's heard a lot on the education side of the new tax coming into the county and he hopes the board will see the benefit of investing some of that into Economic Development. Mr. Boothby added that if we don't have jobs no matter how great an education we give our children they will probably have to move elsewhere. Mr. Boothby feels a small investment now in some of the projects that the towns and what they've talked about will have amazing impacts on our economy and opportunities for our children. Chairman Baucom asked if he was talking about the state proposal to share tax money with the counties with Mr. Boothby saying yes. Mr. Boothby said it was explained to him that the towns can spend it as they need but the counties can spend it only for education and Economic Development. Mr. Boothby feels we need to put money in our education system but we need to take a substantial percentage of that and put it towards some of the other things we've been talking about and also some upcoming projects. Chairman Baucom stated that they would be better able to make good decisions when they see the money.

**Cary Rodgers** appeared as a follow up to what they talked about last board meeting. Mr. Rodgers stated that he wanted to make it very clear that the landfill here was an official alternative site to coal ash so if other sites fail this would be the next thing. Mr. Rodgers stated that Waste Connections has actually let Duke know they were here and wanted the coal ash. Mr. Rodgers stated that

the last time they showed pictures of the landfill to show they were not capable of taking any kind of hazardous waste and that they need to deal with household garbage in a better manner. Mr. Rodgers stated that last month they had a meeting with Vice Chair Streater and Tyler Fitzgerald and it was a very spirited conversation but they want to make sure you know that Pee Dee Wall and Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, here in Anson County, do not want the coal ash. Mr. Rodgers shared that they also took a brief tour of the landfill and some of the things he saw were actually in the pictures. Mr. Rodgers said he saw erosion, some of the silk fences were down and trash blown all over and even into the pond. Mr. Rodgers feels we need to make sure the landfill is operating correctly. Mr. Rodgers felt we needed the Citizens Advisory Board reinstated and they need to make sure the landfill is doing what it is supposed to do with household trash and keeping coal ash out of the county. Mr. Rodgers noted that he read the article in the *Anson Record* concerning his being a part of Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and one of the main things he does is help communities deal with hazardous things. Mr. Rodgers noted that he does this on a part time basis and they pay him but he did not see what that had to do with anything. Mr. Rodgers stated that it appears to him that they are trying to discredit the messenger of what is happening at the landfill. Chairman Baucom asked if the board had that put in the paper with Mr. Rodgers saying it was online and actually spoken at the board retreat. Commissioner Sturdivant said she spoke it and asked if it was the truth with Mr. Rodgers saying yes. County Attorney Forbes asked if it was not an issue why was he bringing it up with Mr. Rodgers feeling the whole point was to try to discredit what they do. Mr. Rodgers said he was not trying to hide anything and in fact they announced two years ago that he was working with the Blue Ridge Defense League to help other communities to fight against environmental hazards. Mr. Rodgers stated that he was trying to deal with this particular issue and he lives in this community and pays taxes so he has the right to talk about this issue if he gets paid or if he doesn't get paid. Commissioner Sturdivant mentioned the pictures saying the date on them was so old that if everyone present had not seen the date they would have believed he took them recently. Chairman Baucom noted that Mr. Rodgers was in a piece on the agenda with a three minute time limit and she let him go over. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for his talk.

### **Administrative Matters:**

**Debt Set-Off for Collections:** Mr. Dutton noted that they had previously discussed debt set-off as a means to collect delinquent taxes. Mr. Dutton stated that he has made arrangements with the debt set-off clearing house and asked board members to sign the application so he could move forward. Mr. Dutton provide information to them regarding delinquencies on taxes and if anyone wins the lottery or if they receive a tax refund we are allowed to attached that and the money would come to us. Mr. Dutton noted that we would wait our turn in line

and hope the people we would try to collect from are actually employed and receiving a North Carolina tax refund. Mr. Dutton added that there were no guarantees on any of the money we might get. Mr. Dutton stated that it will cost them \$15 per event plus the cost of the software they need to find out social security numbers. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to enter into the agreement for debt set-off. Commissioner Sims voiced that a great majority of counties are doing this. Mr. Dutton noted that EMS and the Health Department use this. Mr. Dutton asked board members to remember that when we turn it to them and a tax refund is taken it's gone and that person is going to be angry and mad but we need to do it. Motion carried unanimously. Before leaving, Mr. Dutton stated that his son plays on the Parks and Recreation baseball team and they have a double header Thursday night and invited board members to come and support the team. Mr. Dutton noted that they play at 6 PM and again at 7:30 and they will be playing a team from Stanly County.

**Transportation Improvement Program:** Chairman Baucom voiced that this was for the Airport and there was a comprehensive list of things to be done. Chairman Baucom asked the source of funding with Mr. Fincher answering that most of the funding will be non-primary entitlement along with discretionary funds with approximately 10% county match. Mr. Fincher stated that the TIP is basically a wish list for the airport for new projects to be done. Mr. Fincher noted that about every four years the Division of Aviation likes to have this updated and he is here to ask for the board's approval of the plan. Mr. Fincher noted it was not necessarily the projects but submitting the plan by the end of May. Mr. Fincher stated that in the future each project will be brought before the board to be voted on but right now it's just to approve a future plan. Chairman Baucom stated that it sounds like fencing of the runway and the wildlife fencing would be the top priorities. Mr. Fincher felt the first thing to do would be the terminal area fencing. Mr. Fincher explained that right now anyone could access the airport and runway and the terminal area fencing would be strategic gates placed along the terminal area to limit access to all the roads into the airport along with some attractive fencing along the terminal area. Commissioner Sims stated that he had no problem with the plan and asked the cost of a hanger. Mr. Fincher said it depends on size and could be from \$35,000 to the sky is the limit. Mr. Fincher shared that they had a hanger built out there recently at a cost of \$90,000. Commissioner Sims stated that he was referring to \$55,000 an acre with Mr. Fincher asking to clarify that. Mr. Fincher said that was a misstatement and it was actually a land purchase and not a hangar purchase. Mr. Fincher explained that it was the wish of the Division of Aviation to eliminate through the fence operations because it is private property that has access to the runway. Mr. Fincher said this project was a wish of the Division of Aviation and not the airport and the way they come up with a value is through appraisals at similar airports. Mr. Fincher noted that purchase was actually for the land that the hangars sit on

and the hangar owners will sign a land lease agreement with the county but they will maintain ownership of the hangars and pay all taxes. Mr. Fincher added that the perimeter fencing was a safety issue and feels sooner or later there will be an aircraft to strike deer. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Commissioner Woodburn felt the key point was this is just a plan and he understands if the money becomes available and you don't have a plan you can't put in for it. Mr. Fincher added that the Division of Aviation has a website called Partner Connect and they want us to have this plan listed on the website by the end of May. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agri-Civic Center:** Ms. Rywak stated that last December the board asked their group to relook the numbers. Ms. Rywak shared that the offices that will be housed in the facility did tweak their numbers and reduced some office space. Ms. Rywak stated that she met again with HH Architecture to see what they could do to give us the lowest bid possible and still work with us on the facility and they have come up with two different proposals. Ms. Rywak noted that both have the same size office space but one has a smaller conference center. Ms. Rywak explained that the smaller conference center has the capacity to seat 500 at round tables, the large one has the capacity to seat 800 at round tables. Ms. Rywak added that chairs theater style only would be 800 people in the smaller version and 1300 in the larger. Ms. Rywak noted the smaller conference center would be 8,000 square feet and the large one would be 12,000 square feet. Ms. Rywak added that the conference center in the Union County facility is 14,000 square feet. Ms. Rywak noted that the Ingram Room was 5,800 square feet with a seating capacity of 263 people at tables and 606 in chairs. Ms. Rywak pointed out that the larger conference room could be subdivided into three separate meeting rooms to allow multiple small meetings at one time. Ms. Rywak stated that the group trying to negotiate the plan and the project wanted to make sure they had all the information necessary to make as educated a decision as possible. Ms. Rywak stated that operation cost would be over and above what the construction loan payback will be. Ms. Rywak stated that they compared the square footage of what we were looking to what it has cost to run the Union County facility and that came to be around \$5.55 a square foot. Ms. Rywak noted that if you put that on the larger center that would be an annual operating cost of \$244,000. Ms. Rywak shared that before Ms. Randall left she pulled the figures on the Emergency Services Center and at their square footage and operating expenses, she said it may cost as much as \$7.09 a square foot which would put it over \$370,000 a year. Ms. Rywak noted other budget considerations to remember is that you are already paying \$28,500 in the annual budget to operate their current building plus rent for Brown Creek Soil and Water. Ms. Rywak added that they are anticipating money coming in from construction of the poultry houses. Ms. Rywak stated that construction permits from 2014/2015 show 101 permits written for new houses. Ms. Rywak stated that based on 21,000 square feet they will assess those about \$1,900 a year for new

construction. Ms. Rywak added that after talking with the County Manager, they feel we are looking at anywhere from \$26,000 to \$154,000 new dollars a year in operating costs. Ms. Rywak then referred to the information on the two options included in the agenda packet, noting that option 1, which is the smaller facility, would be a total of approximately 44,000 square feet at \$189/sq. ft. for construction cost. Ms. Rywak shared that the site development estimated cost is \$1.5 and that is based on a local estimate but HH thinks that is too low. Ms. Rywak noted there were some things still to be negotiated but they are holding off until we know exactly what we are going to do. Ms. Rywak stated that option 2 is a 54,000 square foot facility, noting this is gross square footage, and it drops the price per square footage down to \$186/sq. ft. Ms. Rywak noted the total estimated project cost is \$13.9 million as compared to option 1 which is \$12.3 million. Commissioner Sims asked which one they were leaning towards with Ms. Rywak answering that there are groups that feel in order to be a facility that will bring groups in we need to have the larger facility. Commissioner Sims asked how this compares with the one in Stanly County with Ms. Rywak answering that this is a different type of facility than the one in Stanly. Ms. Rywak explained that Stanly's is an auditorium and we don't really need that since we have the Ansonia and this is a conference center. Ms. Rywak added that the larger facility will hold graduations and some of the larger meetings we have that go to other counties and it will put us in a position to take the overflow from the Union County facility. Commissioner Sims then asked what kind of revenue they expect with Ms. Rywak answering that rent will not pay for the building but it will help to offset some expenses. Commissioner Sims was of the opinion we needed the larger facility but he didn't know if we could afford it. Commissioner Smith felt that was the best deal. Chairman Baucom mentioned that one of the board members talked about issuing bonds and feels that has to be a part of discussion during budget conversations. Chairman Baucom stated that this would be a concerted effort to sell this to the community and it will increase the tax rate. Chairman Baucom felt this was a good investment for our community and with these numbers we can get down to figuring out how we are going to do this. Ms. Rywak shared an updated fact sheet on the capital campaign with board members. Mr. Bradford commented that with the facility being constructed primarily with federal funding he believes it would require that the high school and community college graduation be in this facility with Chairman Baucom commenting that unless we get very lucky she doesn't see any federal funding coming our way. Mr. Boothby felt we needed to keep in mind that we are spending a lot of money but over the life of the facility he thinks we would be making a mistake if we did not build it to not only accommodate our current needs but those in the future. Mr. Boothby added that we only need to do this one time and if the board decides to do the bonds he feels they need to include funds for marketing the bonds. Chairman Baucom asked if they took into the new numbers the possibility in the design to be able to expand the facility with Ms. Rywak stated that was the other thing – it has to be designed so it can be

expanded easily and not look like it was expanded. Vice Chair Streater stated that he would like for the County Manager and Ms. James to get figures on where this would put us.

**Animal Shelter Monthly Report:** Dr. Thompson stated that as they heard earlier they are dealing with an outbreak of canine and feline infectious respiratory disease complexes commonly called kennel cough at the shelter. Dr. Thompson noted that the County Manager would cover that in detail during the County Manager's report. Dr. Thompson publically acknowledged and commended Jeff Waisner and his team for helping them sanitize the shelter, the HVAC system and all the air filters. Dr. Thompson stated that once we get through this immediate issue he thinks their biggest challenge is recruiting a qualified animal services director for the county that would have responsibility for animal control and the animal shelter. Dr. Thompson stated that they have been advertising in multiple venues and they've had maybe one-half dozen applications and they don't feel any of them are qualified so they will continue the search. Dr. Thompson stated that because the shelter is in lock down their numbers are much smaller for April than in March. Dr. Thompson stated that they brought in 12 dogs, had 12 adoptions, 26 dogs were rescued and Dr. Wright euthanized 9 dogs and 12 cats that he felt needed to be euthanized because of the disease outbreak.

**Approve Bid for Paving at Grace Senior Center:** Chairman Baucom asked if this was out of the CDBG grant with Mr. Lester of LKC answering yes. Mr. Lester stated that it was actually two grants. Mr. Lester stated that they inherited this and they have a little age on them because it started back last spring/summer and informal bids were actually being received by Ms. Beck. Mr. Lester stated that they went through several months in transition and making sure the budget was right because they were two projects. Mr. Lester stated that winter was not for paving and the board was in their search for a County Manager so they felt it best to wait for the Manager to get on board and spring time when the paving could be done. Mr. Lester shared that because the projects were separated, we had a lot of things drop out due to relocation, deceased or otherwise relocated. Mr. Lester stated the money was available and they tried to get an amendment and extension. Mr. Lester stated that when Ms. Beck started this process she wanted to do more paving but the end result was they were told there would be no extension. Mr. Lester stated that they were ready to execute. Mr. Lester stated that they talked with H&S paving and they said they would still execute the contract and do the work. Commissioner Sims asked the County Manager if we had a choice with County Manager Garner answering no. Chairman Baucom asked if this was enough money to get it done with Mr. Lester answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if they had enough time to complete the project with Mr. Lester answering they said they would still execute and make it happen. Motion by Commissioner Sims/ seconded by Commissioner

Sturdivant, to approve the bid from H&S paving for the work at Grace Senior Center. Commissioner Woodburn asked if the specs for the paving were comparable between the two bids with Mr. Lester answering yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Distribution to Schools:** Commissioner Sims stated that at the last meeting he mentioned that we have teacher vacancies and feels we need to correct our teacher supplement. Commissioner Sims added that the teacher was an essential person in the classroom and your education will not depend on technology or buildings but it will depend on the quality of the teacher. Commissioner Sims feels Anson County will need a sizable supplement to draw those type teachers. Commissioner Sims feels Mr. Freeman, his assistants, his finance people and our finance people have all done a really good job with the money we have but we have a dire financial shortage for schools in North Carolina. Commissioner Sims commented that North Carolina ranks in the 40's and feels we should not rank in the 40's in anything. Commissioner Sims also feels we need more help from the state. Commissioner Sims then presented a motion that we turn money loose immediately for the schools so as they get ready for their budget in the next month or so they can allow for how they want to work with teacher supplements in order to recruit. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she met with Mr. Freeman this morning and thanked Ms. James for sending the first check in March. Chairman Baucom was of the opinion the plan was that that money will be used not only for bringing up total package for teachers but for existing teachers and new teachers. Chairman Baucom thinks it will be disbursed at the end of the year and that will hopefully be enough to carry the teachers over the summer. Chairman Baucom stated that giving a supplement is not as easy as you think because they have a number of teachers who are in the retirement system who have come back to work and they are not eligible for the supplement. Commissioner Sims commented that our responsibility was to collect the sales tax and forward it to the schools and grant permission for them to do what they need to do. Ms. James felt on the sales tax distribution the board could suggest to the school board how they would like them to use it. Chairman Baucom stated that in the conversation this morning it was very clear that Mr. Freeman intends to use it for teacher supplement and where needed for classroom supplies or equipment. Chairman Baucom thinks he will have a pool of that money in case there is an emergency for equipment. Chairman Baucom added that almost all the classrooms have smart boards and he was not aware of any teacher who had to spend their money providing classroom supplies for the students this year. County Manager Garner asked if going forward, this was something the board would like us to turn over to the schools on a monthly basis or should we hold it until fiscal year end. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Mr. Freeman would like to meet with the board and explain but the three objectives of that money is for the teachers, equipment and any materials they need. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that

some teachers are on a twelve month salary and some are on a nine month salary and this will help carry those on the nine month salary through the summer. Chairman Baucom again stressed that wherever the money is, whether it is being held in the county account or in the school's account, it be in an interest bearing account.

**Health Insurance Renewal for 2016/2017:** Ms. James shared that they met with Blue Cross Blue Shield about our renewal for the next fiscal year and we have a 16.4% increase. Ms. James said that just before the meeting she received a secure message from the lady with Blue Cross but she didn't have time to find her password to read the message. County Manager Garner noted that the clerk printed the message and she did not have time to read it carefully but she knows that we started with a 16.4% increase for the upcoming fiscal year and she provided us four additional options. County Manager Garner stated that one option was a 10.2% increase, one 16.2%, one 7.9% and an 8.3%. Chairman Baucom stated that they would table this for further discussion. Chairman Baucom felt it might be advantageous to get some advice from the Association's Risk Management Pool Director. County Manager Garner stated that the Association does not provide health insurance but the League of Municipalities does and counties are eligible to receive it through them and that is something we can check into. County Manager Garner stated that we were a bit late in the game and she doesn't know how quickly we can get prices from other carriers but we can check into it if not for this fiscal year but perhaps the following. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that in doing her research she found that we are one of the last existing counties that provide county paid insurance for employees. Commissioner Sturdivant feels this is something we should be commended for because a lot of counties require employees to contribute to their health insurance coverage. Commissioner Sims noted this was a big item and when people say our employees don't make a great deal of money if they had to add on \$800 to \$900 a month to pay insurance they would understand. County Manager Garner shared that we pay around \$8,400 a year per employee for their health insurance and it is a tremendous benefit.

**Date for budget Public Hearing:** Chairman Baucom suggested May 17<sup>th</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup> with the Clerk saying the County Manager will present the budget to the board at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. After discussion, board members selected Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> as the date for the budget Public Hearing.

**Dates for Budget Workshops:** The Clerk noted that they did not have to set those right now but they need to think about dates.

**Vet-Tech Position:** Dr. Thompson stated that currently they were using the job class Processing Assistant V for Veterinary Medicine Technician. Dr. Thompson noted that if you are trying to recruit a Veterinary Medicine Technician

but you are advertising for Processing Assistant V it makes it difficult so they are requesting to create the job class Veterinary Medicine Technician for the shelter as opposed to the Processing Assistant V. Commissioner Sims asked if he was saying the job was the same but the title sounds better with Dr. Thompson answering particularly if you are a Veterinary Medicine Technician and you are looking for a job and you see the title Processing Assistant you would not pay attention and you would not apply. Motion by Commissioner Sims to approve the request. Vice Chair Streater asked if the money was the same with Ms. Burr answering yes. Commissioner Woodburn asked if the job description and the specs would remain the same and this would just be a title change with Dr. Thompson answering yes. Commissioner Woodburn then offered a second to the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom called for a fifteen minute break.

After the break, **Old Business** was the next item.

**Countywide Zoning:** Chairman Baucom stated that they were keeping this on the agenda until it's resolved. Chairman Baucom stated that at the retreat they discussed following the Land Use Plan but it was also suggested that they take it into the communities and get community input. The Clerk noted that they also said that Larry Newton would work with staff to present a plan. Commissioner Sims thanked Imari for the way she presented what he said in the paper.

**Minimum Housing Code for Rental Property:** Chairman Baucom stated that some houses in south Wadesboro have been reported to her where the septic tanks have failed and one place where every time they wash clothes the septic tank bubbles up. Chairman Baucom understands when they call the environmental inspector they just end up condemning the property and she feels we need a step between where we can enforce repairing the septic tank without displacing the tenants. Chairman Baucom also understands these houses are renting for \$600 a month and the people really have nowhere else to go but down. Chairman Baucom would like the board to figure out how we can require these properties to meet some standards that would include septic tanks without simply condemning the property. Commissioner Sims thinks the four major areas might be the kitchen, bathroom, roof, drainage and HVAC. Vice Chair Streater questioned why they could not pump out the septic tank. County Manager Garner stated that the septic issue would fall under environmental health and not necessarily inspections where a lot of the other issues would fall. Chairman Baucom stated that she was looking for a way to enforce so that you can't just condemn it unless it's falling in because of one or more issues. Commissioner Woodburn felt we might want to look to see if other counties have anything.

**Interlocal Agreements for Utilities:** Chairman Baucom stated that they have not had time to follow up on this. Chairman Baucom mentioned an email from Premier Fibers and they are ready to expand or have expanded and they need more water. Chairman Baucom understands that they are Ansonville's customer but we need to work with them to get them the water they need. Chairman Baucom asked if Ansonville bought water from the county with Vice Chair Streater answering yes. Commissioner Sikes said the problem was sewer and Ansonville was not able to handle water coming from Premier. Commissioner Sikes noted that Ansonville sewer was not connected to the county. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not know that we had a direct responsibility other than keeping them in the county. Vice Chair Streater stated that the complaint was with Ansonville with Chairman Baucom feeling we needed to intervene with Ansonville to see what they can do to accommodate them. County Manager Garner stated that their pump station would probably have to be updated to accept the additional flow from the facility. Vice Chair Streater asked if their treatment facility could handle this with County Manager Garner saying she did not know their capacity. Chairman Baucom stated that the president of Premier contacted her and she favors having a conversation. Commissioner Sikes felt the problem was when Ansonville built theirs it wasn't big enough to handle what comes from Premier and they aren't financially able to do what it needs. County Attorney Forbes stated that Vijay was here but had to leave. Vice Chair Streater was of the opinion that Ansonville would be more in a position to get money than the county with Commissioner Sikes saying they've been trying but he doesn't know if they are going about it the right way. Commissioner Sikes stated that they hear one reason is the income in Ansonville is too high for them to receive assistance. Commissioner Woodburn wondered if they filed the information correctly saying it doesn't take much in the wrong place to cause you to get the wrong answer back. Commissioner Woodburn suggested our utility people, the County Manager and their people together and help them do an assessment of what their capacity currently is and what it needs to be and find out how to go about putting the information to apply for some money to take care of it.

**Courthouse Security:** Chairman Baucom was of the opinion the board needed to break this down into manageable chunks. Sheriff Reid was present and presented board members a handout of information, noting this was in addition to the report he gave board members in November. Sheriff Reid stated that the report explains how they plan to handle courthouse security with the additional deputies. Sheriff Reid felt there were a lot of security problems in the courthouse, including the fact that the phone box in the elevator was not locked. Sheriff Reid stated that they have an x-ray machine and the U S Marshall service will have to come down to certify because it's been sitting around so long. Sheriff Reid explained that additional deputies would work Monday through Friday as the courthouse is open and they will be the last ones to leave the building. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if this was both courthouses with Sheriff Reid

answering it was just for courtroom #1. Commissioner Sims asked if there were any security concerns with the parking area with Sheriff Reid feeling the concerns had to deal with where the judges park. Sheriff Reid added that every time a judge pulls up there is a deputy in the parking lot and he walks the judge in and out and if needed, they go to lunch with them. Vice Chair Streater commented that if he was a judge he would worry about what could happen once he leaves the parking lot. Sheriff Reid stated that his office is responsible for all security at the courthouse and that includes anyone that comes into the courthouse. Chairman Baucom noted that years ago this board passed an Ordinance that you cannot have a gun in county buildings or on county property and asked if that was still in effect. Sheriff Reid answered that there were state laws in effect now that certain people, like the District Attorney, can possess a gun in the building as long as he doesn't take it in the courtroom. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if the x-ray machine and everything would be moved to the front door with Sheriff Reid answering that was their plan. Chairman Baucom stated that he recalls that the state or someone passed a law that you can take guns into parks and that was why she asked about county property and if they stomped on our Ordinance. County Attorney Forbes answered that they can and he will research to see if they did. Sheriff Reid felt they did. Commissioner Sturdivant asked when this would take effect with Sheriff Reid answering when he has the manpower. Chairman Baucom asked how many man powers did he need with Sheriff Reid answering they were talking two and they will need BLET training. Sheriff Reid stated that he was planning to put a monitor for the security cameras and there is a lot that goes on when people walk in and he really needs two. Chairman Baucom asked about a car with Sheriff Reid answering that they have used cars if they need one but they may not. Commissioner Sturdivant mentioned the courthouse in Richmond County and asked how we could get a sign like the one they have as you enter the building about no cell phone, etc. Sheriff Reid said they have one in courtroom #2 and he thinks there is one in courtroom #1. Sheriff Reid stated that the sign would be an administrative order by a judge. Sheriff Reid stated that a good metal detector would detect from head to toe. Sheriff Reid noted that we were not as advanced as Richmond or Union counties with our courthouse security.

**Plans for Updating the County Website:** Ms. James stated that she had not had a chance to look into this.

**Jail Facility:** Chairman Baucom felt the board needed to start working on a plan. Chairman Baucom stated that based on the last jail inspection we were not doing very well and it sounds like a lot of plumbing issues and it seems it has never been satisfactory. Chairman Baucom felt a plan was needed for incrementally taking care of the plumbing issues. Sheriff Reid shared that the jail has been tested three times for mold and none has been found. Sheriff Reid stated that the biggest issue was the old pipes.

**Manager's Report:** County Manager Garner stated that as she mentioned at the retreat, the estimate for the plumbing at the jail was over \$50,000. County Manager Garner stated that they have identified \$10,000 that we have available this fiscal year and she understand the plumber will be there tomorrow morning and \$10,000 worth of work will start. County Manager Garner stated that they will look at budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year. County Manager Garner stated that Jay Blatche, a state inspector, came to the animal shelter last week and it was a very informative visit. County Manager Garner stated that the inspection was technically disapproved but they got a lot of good information from Jay and the state vet, Dr. Patricia Norris, on improvements we need to make to the shelter. County Manager Garner added that they helped them write a corrective plan of action, which has already been submitted, and they developed forms for them and a medication log. County Manager Garner stated that they are looking at our intake form, which has never been in compliance, and our adoption contract. County Manager Garner shared that it has been a very positive experience and they are helping us to basically build from the ground up. County Manager Garner stated that they are helping with things that were not noticed in the beginning and probably never in compliance. County Manager Garner added that they were an awesome partner in trying to get all this straightened out. County Manager Garner shared a copy of the letter sent to Dr. Norris on Friday that details our plan of corrective action. County Manager Garner stated that they may hear some things about the shelter but overall it has been a very positive experience and we know the areas that need improvement. County Manager Garner stated that they are very willing to help us as they know we are learning it as we go. Chairman Baucom commented that the County Manager was so impressed by them that she asked that we send them a thank you note for being so helpful. County Manager Garner stated that the shelter was on lockdown and we are not bringing in any animals beside bites and emergency situations unless we are forced to bring in an animal. County Manager Garner said we were not adopting out animals or sending any out to rescue until the kennel cough with both cats and dogs is under control. County Manager Garner stated that Dr. Wright has been there on numerous occasions and had written a treatment plan which we are following and he will return soon to evaluate the animals. County Manager Garner noted that they were looking at vaccinations that need to be given the animals as they are brought in so we can hopefully prevent this from happening again. County Manager Garner added that she, Evonne nor Fred know how to run a shelter but they have all pitched in and Evonne has worked really hard to help us get our feet on the ground. Chairman Baucom mentioned the volunteers saying their support has been amazing. Chairman Baucom felt to get people to volunteer to go in and shovel out the cages is dedication and they have done it. County Manager Garner shared that once they get their legs back under them they would like to plan some sort of appreciation for the volunteers because without them there is no way we'd be able to open the doors. County Manager Garner shared an email from Mr. Diggs

showing correspondence from Joe Estridge from the hospital. County Manager Garner reported that they have completed most of the work at the old hospital property and they have yet to install a five foot chain link fence around the retention pond to keep anyone from falling in. County Manager Garner stated that according to the DENR records there were two underground storage tanks on the property, one was a 5,000 gallon tank and the other was a 1,000 gallon tank. County Manager Garner shared that they found the 5,000 gallon tank and removed it and the soil test was fine but they have not been able to find the 1,000 gallon tank. County Manager Garner added that it may or may not be there and no one can show that it has ever been removed so we assume it is still there. County Manager Garner shared that the hospital feels like they have done all they can to find it but they do not want to do anything else to try to find it and they want to go ahead and turn the property back over to the county. County Manager Garner asked board members to keep in mind there is possibly another tank buried out there. County Attorney Forbes thought they had turned the property over to us with County Manager Garner saying she doesn't think the deed has been recorded. The Clerk stated that she talked with hospital officials and they are checking into that but there is no deed recorded. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if they knew the location of where the tank was supposed to be with County Manager Garner answering that they had an idea of where they thought it was and some have suggested they have not dug deep enough to try to find it. County Manager Garner stated that we are going under the assumption that it is still there because there is nothing to prove it has ever been removed so whatever the county wants to do with that property could be limited. Chairman Baucom thought Eric has evaluated that property with County Manager Garner saying he had to split it into two separate properties but he is doing Phase One Environmental on the entire site. Chairman Baucom wondered if he might find it. County Manager Garner felt that unless he found contaminated soils in the area but it depends on how deep it is if it is still there. County Manager Garner stated that he did say that the company that did the work had a good reputation. Chairman Baucom asked when dealing with all this and the hospital that we make sure we find out about the parking lot across the street. County Manager Garner feels we need to do something, whether we say we accept it as is and we believe they have done their due diligence and if it's there we take the responsibility for it or something else, we just need direction going forward. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he would be more along the line of something else and accept it under the condition that if at some point and time it is determined where the tank is that the hospital be responsible for removing it and finishing out the project. County Attorney Forbes believes it is part of the contract and suggested we interpret it to be that they said they would restore the property to its pre hospital state. County Manager Garner said that Mr. Diggs has the information and they talked with the people that did the maintenance when the hospital was there and it has not been found. County Manager Garner reported that several towns have asked if we are planning an increase in water

rates and she understands there is no increase planned. County Manager Garner asked board members if there was anything different they would like us to address with the towns and if not we will let them know so they can plan it in their budget. Commissioner Sikes thought that when we were talking about building the new line we were going to have to increase the rates. Chairman Baucom stated that if we need to build the waterline then we might have to increase it.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Baucom stated that it was so delightful when you run into people and they say they've met our new manager and they all speak very well of her. Chairman Baucom shared with board members something her husband thought was fascinating. Chairman Baucom stated that it was another perspective of distracted driving from the Risk Management Pool with the Association of Commissioners. Chairman Baucom commented that every wreck we do not have saves us money. Chairman Baucom stated that several of them met at the Board of Elections and heard the spill about voting machines. Chairman Baucom stated that they were looking at an expenditure of about \$80,000. Chairman Baucom added that apparently during the primary some of the current machines failed so it looks like we are looking at the end of life for those machines. County Manager Garner stated that they think they were purchased in 2002. Chairman Baucom had a letter from the NCACC that for the eighth consecutive year there will be no increase in membership dues. Chairman Baucom stated that our dues are \$3,253. County Manager Garner shared that the conference will be in Winston Salem August 11-14 and she believes the clerk has already reserved rooms.

Commissioner Sturdivant shared with board members that Dr. Thompson met her daughter when they were doing the hospital and she will be back to Anson County. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she met with the owner of the architecture firm she works with and evidently the people have started using our hospital more and they have given her the hospital. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that if there is an increase or any remodeling she will be over the entire project. Commissioner Sturdivant stated when they were building that hospital her daughter commented that people have to get out of the idea that hospitals have floors but they could add another floor to our hospital in nine months if they had to. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that evidently here has been an increase in usage and they will determine if they will add on at the back or go up. Chairman Baucom felt they were doing a remarkable job there and for the most part she thinks people appreciate having it. Commissioner Woodburn voiced that since this was brought up he wanted to share that currently there is some smaller renovations going on to facilitate patient flow and provide more usable space. Commissioner Woodburn stated that they are getting providers and they need somewhere for them to sit down and do their reports. Commissioner Woodburn stated that if any board member would like to have a

tour he would have it arranged and they could see how it works now that it is in place and operational. Commissioner Woodburn felt they would be impressed to see the technology in place there. Commissioner Woodburn added that this hospital was a model for the whole country. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the new concept of health care that is being provided out there is bring people from across the United States to see what is happening in Anson County as far as the hospital is concerned. Chairman Baucom stated that at one time they had three doctors seeing patients and now they have one and she would like to see them go back to three. Chairman Baucom noted that we only have one other doctor in the county and Dr. Lincoln is a wonderful doctor but how long do you have to wait to see him. Commissioner Woodburn shared that the hospital recognizes that and doctors are being recruited but they haven't hired anyone yet.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and the additional Budget Amendment presented at the beginning of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** approved minutes dated April 12, 2016 and April 18, 2016.

**Tax Releases:**

## Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

		05/03/2016 for April Month End					
20961	Bank of New York	890.29	14-5-17492	Real Taxes	Releases	Billed to wrong property owner	
20962	Bank of New York	860.20	15-5-17433	Real Taxes	Releases	Billed to wrong property owner	
		\$ 1,750.49					
		\$ -					
		1,750.49	*****				
<b>Tax &amp; Tag Together Refunds</b>							
30537784	Anderson Real Estate LLC	287.56	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
30543808	Anderson Carroll	45.85	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
28395260	Castro Leonardo	9.39	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
203533	Christian John	12.48	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
21017859	Collins Akeara	25.73	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
27767500	Collymore Eva	38.96	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
29956014	Deep Creek Timber Co	91.36	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
22980035	Diggs Rodney	21.00	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
19204460	Dirks Gregory	7.52	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
28698863	Geiger Liann	78.87	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
14090349	Grady Annie	83.71	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
23052553	Horne Jimmie	48.84	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
28158530	Hough Jonathan	12.16	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
14085943	Jones Richard	5.99	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
208990	Little Rhonda	62.53	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
31228585	Mabry Benjamin	53.72	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
30241530	Mcbride Tenika	16.64	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
14092658	Rowell Kenneth	38.72	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
31074988	Short George E	3.76	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
27574236	Smith Margie	2.58	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
29269208	Smith Wanda	51.19	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
29359963	Smith William	16.97	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
9161560	Spencer Gena	51.39	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
27692131	Steele Jeffery	11.75	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
188939	Teal Freddy	67.01	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
19207445	Tillman Lakeischa	10.72	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund		
29947417	Wall Andrea	117.41	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes			
		\$ 1,273.81	*****				

**Tax Collector's Report:**

# Real Property Taxes

**FY 2015-2016      Current Year Ad Valorem - 2015**  
**April 30, 2016**

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Year 2015	1,280,633.24	747,790.07	2,012,016.84	8,868,948.85	248,408.65	716,505.43	177,188.17	180,034.42
Year 2014	792,701.58	692,263.47	1,705,171.82	7,948,195.47	370,053.62	357,819.90	369,675.17	199,370.89
Year 2013	916,100.29	800,689.88	1,026,213.73	8,867,344.01	303,777.73	411,460.82	256,681.87	153,925.51
Year 2012	863,307.89	662,140.94	1,545,771.18	8,245,555.45	591,530.54	394,773.55	234,592.51	179,365.23
Year 2011	1,114,236.77	724,932.68	1,057,582.02	8,676,118.24	273,110.53	759,834.02	326,631.55	153,989.93
Year 2010	1,078,301.02	727,146.32	1,834,033.24	8,467,826.13	313,652.81	740,139.07	332,344.50	132,854.57
Year 2009	1,317,720.88	681,923.36	1,487,890.82	8,128,729.39	307,485.71	379,919.02	360,236.26	261,656.33

Of Total Collections	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Year 2015	1,058,796.26	600,879.32	1,608,294.62	7,306,535.25	194,347.99	546,925.63	127,089.32	128,226.36
Year 2014	656,910.38	564,856.89	1,379,948.94	6,666,713.31	286,653.45	276,307.11	267,036.00	147,163.19
Year 2013	757,121.45	652,575.87	847,994.08	7,496,040.03	238,884.70	321,251.68	192,037.08	112,155.68
Year 2012	716,431.79	548,716.84	1,246,234.94	6,965,653.63	474,125.82	311,770.51	186,458.87	132,595.62
Year 2011	921,545.62	603,338.68	865,688.02	7,272,885.47	222,718.59	623,556.83	244,496.75	114,354.72
Year 2010	894,518.98	605,605.64	1,479,716.19	7,135,832.26	256,020.32	571,966.13	256,151.14	101,065.71
Year 2009	1,104,190.36	561,891.76	1,192,815.02	6,849,076.69	255,249.25	299,943.51	278,799.08	189,446.64

Current Year (2015) Ad Valorem Collections %	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Year 2015	19.21%	20.23%	32.28%	87.29%	88.62%	92.22%	92.91%	93.48%
Year 2014	20.03%	21.00%	31.94%	85.20%	87.23%	89.15%	90.94%	91.75%
Year 2013	16.86%	18.95%	25.52%	85.89%	87.53%	89.84%	91.02%	91.74%
Year 2012	14.37%	18.46%	28.32%	84.88%	88.50%	90.66%	91.84%	92.68%
Year 2011	13.92%	18.51%	24.84%	84.15%	85.77%	90.48%	92.07%	92.77%
Year 2010	13.35%	15.95%	27.10%	84.77%	86.61%	90.64%	92.35%	92.95%
Year 2009	12.81%	17.03%	26.88%	84.98%	87.03%	89.23%	91.26%	92.70%
Year 2008	15.53%	20.18%	29.04%	85.89%	89.03%	91.28%	92.77%	93.40%
Year 2007	16.08%	19.69%	25.78%	79.39%	90.58%	92.71%	93.76%	94.32%
Year 2006	15.87%	20.69%	30.37%	84.55%	89.67%	91.88%	93.41%	94.53%

Current Year (2015) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Year 2015	8,844,786.09	10,484,596.90	8,902,579.70	1,673,108.72	1,497,555.15	1,023,815.29	932,466.16	857,832.30
Year 2014	8,289,002.31	9,767,584.90	8,429,004.05	1,835,844.56	1,582,856.61	1,345,562.54	1,122,810.42	1,022,596.39
Year 2013	8,585,188.08	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
Year 2012	10,479,738.36	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

History of Past Due Mailings	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

Tax Scroll Billings	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

Utilities	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

	Jan 2016		Feb 2016		Mar 2016		Apr 2016	
Accounts Receivable by Type	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	122	54,698.44	208	95,433.00	238	107,688.56	231	101,594.92
Accts with Agreements	28	9,798.33	26	8,796.37	26	8,837.35	26	8,878.33
Accts in Foreclosure	284	141,438.19	281	141,202.99	276	139,380.29	275	139,653.76
Bankruptcies	50	36,238.92	54	38,419.92	54	38,475.05	52	38,112.51
Remaining Accts Collectible	10,188	3,225,321.13	9,709	3,082,486.47	9,565	3,051,530.68	9,442	2,994,548.68
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	5,008	1,898,071.68	3,574	1,304,909.42	3,317	1,249,953.32	3,130	1,160,063.99
**Red = AR Dollars	15,680	5,365,566.69	13,852	4,671,248.17	13,476	4,595,865.25	13,156	4,442,852.19
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	3	1,515.46	6	3,391.96	9	3,953.48	4	1,148.94
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	89,664.66	-	88,810.86	-	87,884.04	-	87,001.53

	Jan 2015		Feb 2015		Mar 2015		Apr 2015	
Accounts Receivable by Type	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	137	57,448.75	135	57,447.52	133	57,433.93	133	57,568.43
Accts with Agreements	38	10,815.55	38	10,868.49	38	10,921.43	38	10,974.37
Accts in Foreclosure	270	118,877.13	270	119,382.48	269	119,735.52	349	171,475.46
Bankruptcies	84	49,911.91	84	49,994.11	80	48,140.94	80	48,121.93
Remaining Accts Collectible	9,959	3,052,338.73	9,849	3,010,606.91	9,688	2,961,358.28	9,513	2,870,652.38
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	5,144	2,002,416.23	4,515	1,718,525.45	3,950	1,504,270.24	3,682	1,371,366.41
**Red = AR Dollars	15,632	5,291,808.30	14,891	4,966,824.96	14,158	4,701,860.34	13,795	4,530,158.98
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	11	7,207.67	2	198.45	3	497.60	4	988.32



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

<b>Fund Balance Calculation</b>					
	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>Two Months</i>	<i>Last</i>		
<i>As of 04-30-16</i>	<i>Same Month</i>	<i>Ago</i>	<i>Month</i>		<i>Now</i>
	<i>As of</i>	<i>As of</i>	<i>As of</i>		<i>As of</i>
	<i>04/30/15</i>	<i>02/29/16</i>	<i>03/31/16</i>		<i>04/30/16</i>
<b>Available Fund Balance</b>					
Cash & Investments (General)	\$ 10,923,209	\$ 14,596,903	\$ 14,233,042	\$	\$ 14,233,042
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)	\$ 22,903	\$ 25,424	\$ 25,680	\$	\$ 25,936
Less Cash from General (other funds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ -
Less Liabilites (w/out deferred revenue)	\$ 118,832	\$ 113,082	\$ 114,883	\$	\$ 106,205
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)	\$ (16,779)	\$ (16,779)	\$ (16,779)	\$	\$ 16,779
Less Encumbrances	\$ (219,271)	\$ (229,796)	\$ (3,537)	\$	\$ (58,993)
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$ 10,828,893</b>	<b>\$ 14,488,835</b>	<b>\$ 14,353,288</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 14,322,969</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	\$ 10,828,893	\$ 14,488,835	\$ 14,353,288	\$	\$ 14,322,969
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,852,503	\$ 28,574,937	\$ 28,574,937	\$	\$ 28,574,937
<b>Total % Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>37.53%</b>	<b>50.70%</b>	<b>50.23%</b>		<b>50.12%</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>29.53%</b>	<b>42.70%</b>	<b>42.23%</b>		<b>42.12%</b>
	<b>\$ 8,520,693</b>	<b>\$ 12,202,840</b>	<b>\$ 12,067,293</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 12,036,974</b>

**Electronic Transaction Report:**

04/30/16

## April 2016 Report - Board Meeting of 05/03/2016

## 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	12,441.66	286	21	22
Apr 2016	12,234.93	279	21	21
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	<b>102,425.64</b>	<b>2,505</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	28,013.26	1,049	58,640.34	384
Apr 2016	29,841.24	1,054	22,526.09	376
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	<b>317,896.31</b>	<b>10,392</b>	<b>465,248.15</b>	<b>4,147</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	10,866.14	31	12	22
Apr 2016	3,565.26	22	10	21
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	<b>114,144.85</b>	<b>365</b>		

## Health Department Electronic Transactions



**Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation:** to move excess funds from Administration-Grants to cover needs in parks and Recreation Boat Landing expenses.

**Amendment**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Parks and Recreation 11-6120 \$ 3,500

Total Increase: \$ 3,500

Section 2. General fund Expenditures

Decrease: Administration –Grants 11-4122 \$ (3,500)

Total Decrease: \$ (3,500)

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

**Budget Amendment- Sheriff Jail:** to recognize additional revenues in Ad Valorem Taxes to appropriate for Food – prisoners in the jail budget.

**Amendment**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320 \$ 70,000

Total Increase: \$ 70,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Ad Valorem Taxes 11-4111 \$ 70,000

Total Increase: \$ 70,000

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

**Budget Amendment- Health Department:** to appropriate already received donations to cover Animal Shelter Expenses.

**Amendment**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Health Programs 11-5110-5181 \$ 12,217

Total Increase: \$ 12,217

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: health – All Programs 11-5100 \$ 12,217

Total Increase: \$ 12,217

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

**Budget Amendment – Cooperative Extension:** to appropriate additional funds needed this fiscal year for Anson County 4-H Program expense.

**Amendment**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Cooperative Extension 11-4950 \$ 5,000

Total Increase: \$ 5,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Cooperative Extension 11-4950 \$ 5,000

Total Increase: \$ 5,000  
Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

**Budget Amendment – ACTS:** to appropriate revenues received for ACTS employee Education.

**Amendment**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016**

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Transportation 11-4521-4523	\$ 150
Total Increase:	\$ 150

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase: Transportation – DOT Reimb 11-3452	\$ 150
Total Increase:	\$ 150

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

**Budget Amendment- Data Processing:** To move excess funds from Administration – Grants to cover cost of Service Commander (Jury Selection) Software in the Data Processing Budget.

**Amendment**

**Anson County Budget FY 2015/2016**

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

**Amendment**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016**

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

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase: Data Processing 11-4210	\$ 3,550
Total Increase:	\$ 3,550

Section 2. General Fund Expenditures

Decrease: Administration-Grants 11-4122	\$ (3,550)
Total Decrease:	\$ (3,550)

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

**Budget Amendment – First District Tax Collection:** to adjust fire district tax collections.

**Amendment**

**Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/2016**

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

Section 19. Fire District Tax Fund

Increase: Fire District Tax Fund 71-0001	\$ 65,500
Total Increase:	\$ 65,500

Section 20. Fire District Tax Fund

Increase: Fire District Tax Fund 71-4340	\$ 65,500
Total Increase:	\$ 65,500

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

**Uptown Wadesboro:** board members approved their request for fireworks at Summer Jam on July 1, 2016.

## **Appointments:**

**Citizens Advisory Board:** Chairman Baucom stated that it seems we need to appoint one from each district, two from Polkton and two from each area that has a convenience center. Commissioner Sims stated that he read the duties and responsibilities and feels they need to be revised. Chairman Baucom feels there is a lot of redundancy in it as well. Chairman Baucom felt when we have a board constituted she could see no reason why they could not go in and make recommendations for changes. Chairman Baucom felt at the time when this was done it was overkill. Vice Chair Streater stated that his appointment was Willie T. Crawford. Commissioner Sikes stated that he would like for the board to make a resolution that the commissioners are against it. Commissioner Sims voiced that he would too. Motion by Commissioner Sikes that the board do a resolution that we are against coal ash in the county. Vice Chair Streater asked if he was saying to approve the Resolution they are talking about with Commissioner Sikes saying he's talking about a Resolution that the county is against coal ash. Vice Chair Streater felt it needed to be written and presented first. County Manager Garner stated that they could bring one before the board next month for consideration. Chairman Baucom voiced that she would be more comfortable with one we develop ourselves with Commissioner Sikes in agreement. Commissioner Sims stated that he has an appointment that is really good but he's really in Commissioner Smith's district and that is Bobby Briley and asked if there would be any objection to having him. Chairman Baucom stated that she doesn't have any objection. It was then noted that Mr. Briley has moved to his mother's house with someone thinking it was towards Ansonville but considered Wadesboro. Vice Chair Streater felt we needed to limit the number of appointees. Chairman Baucom asked if they wanted to start with one from each district with Commissioner Woodburn thinking doing it as directed would not be too many people. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she wants William Wall from Lilesville. Chairman Baucom stated that her nominee was Beverly Getzen. Chairman Baucom asked board members if they wanted to redo the Citizens Advisory Board with Vice Chair Streater thinking they should have some input on this. Chairman Baucom noted that the name needed to be changed from Chambers Development Corporation and wondered if this board or the new group should make the changes. Board members agreed the new group. Chairman Baucom felt they would probably all be new and would need some advice.

**Anson Agricultural Advisory Board:** Chairman Baucom noted an appointment and a reappointment was needed to this board. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the reappointment of Kevin Martin from District 1 and the appointment of Brent Harrington from District 5 to serve a three year term. It was noted that Mr. Harrington will replace Evelyn Capel. Motion carried unanimously.

**Airport Advisory Board Members:** Chairman Baucom shared that the Airport Advisory Board has recommended that Bob Blalock and Randy Pinkston replace Jim Martin and Theodore Horne. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Transportation Planning Board:** County Manager Garner explained that this board usually takes about 18 months to go through and redevelop. County Manager Garner added that Commissioner Woodburn has served on this board. Commissioner Woodburn explained that this was the RPO and every so often you have to redo your comprehensive transportation plan and you need representatives from all of the areas. Commissioner Woodburn stated that it deals with plans for highways and roads and improvements. Commissioner Woodburn stated that it was an extensive project and would take about a year and one-half to two years to complete. County Manager Garner stated that they would like someone from each district, one commissioner, one from the faith based community and one from a civic organization. Commissioner Sturdivant asked when they meet with County Manager Garner saying they typically meet during the day but did not know if they had a regular meeting schedule. Vice Chair Streater asked where they meet with Commissioner Woodburn saying that would be determined once the group is put together. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if they got paid with County Manager Garner thinking they did not. Commissioner Woodburn confirmed there was no compensation. Mr. Boothby stated that he was part of the steering committee and the advisory board for the greater Charlotte area transportation and mobility plan and is already working with a number of organizations involved with this. Commissioner Sturdivant nominated Jeff Boothby to serve. Chairman Baucom suggested delaying appointments until we meet again. Chairman Baucom nominated Commissioner Woodburn and he agreed to serve. County Manager Garner added that they also recommended someone in the real estate industry, a large property owner in addition to one from each district. Chairman Baucom asked if the clock was ticking on this with County Manager Garner answering that she thought they were planning to start June or July. Commissioner Sturdivant then nominated Lewis Evans to serve. Commissioner Sturdivant volunteered to serve. Chairman Baucom asked if the four that had agreed to serve would think of others and they will complete this at the June meeting. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the four names submitted: Commissioner Woodburn, Commissioner Sturdivant, Jeff Boothby and Lewis Evans. Commissioner Woodburn noted that Mr. Evans could represent Rotary. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Concerns:** Chairman Baucom noted there were none.

**Closed Session:** Motion to go into closed session for personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Motion carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to recess until May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 4 hours