

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

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

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Tiffany Randall, Finance Officer
Scott Rowell, Transportation Director
Tommy Allen, Sheriff

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom stated that Anson County was a small community and we've have had a lot of deaths recently and a lot of our leaders have left us. Chairman Baucom stated that they jotted down a few names and those present may know of others, naming: Jim Martin, Ted Teal and his wife, John Dunlap, Nancy Randall, Reverend Gatewood, Cline Pope, Dr. Burney, Thomasina Liles, Joshua Pond and Jake Killian. Chairman Baucom asked that we think about these folks and feel grateful for what they contributed to our community. Chairman Baucom noted that everybody contributes and everybody is missed when they are gone. Chairman Baucom then called on Senior Elder James Cohen from Empowering Word Ministry for the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: County Manager Gatewood requested the board defer items 5c – Request for Conditional Use Zoning-Carver Street and 5d – Update on Renewable Energy Ordinance for further study and research. Vice Chair Streater asked to make a presentation of a check to Toys for Tots and was added under Appearances as 5c. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Agenda with the additions and deletions. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Policy and if they have any conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts to let it be known.

Public Hearing: ACTS Community Transportation Application: Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Public Hearing, County Manager Gatewood stated that he was speaking on behalf of Scott Rowell and all employees of our Anson County Transportation System. County Manager Gatewood stated that we were prepared to make a grant application for the Community Transportation Program. County Manager Gatewood noted this was a very important program to every citizen in Anson County as it provides transportation for residents to go to the doctor, to do shopping, pay bills and attend educational classes as well as to enjoy recreational opportunities in the county. County Manager Gatewood stated that it also provides for maintenance and replacement of our existing fleet and funds to pay for private transportation providers. County Manager Gatewood stated that we were requesting by way of the grant application \$293,060 with the county share only \$39,512 or 13.5%. County Manager Gatewood noted this was for fiscal year 2015 beginning July 1, 2014 and extending through June 30, 2015. County Manager Gatewood noted administrative expenses were flat and have been for the last four to five years at \$204,110 and for replacement and repair of vehicles \$88,950. County Manager Gatewood noted the grant application was due November 15, 2013 and asked if there were any concerns. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager if he had had any feedback or concerns from the community with County Manager Gatewood answering he had received only positive feedback. County Manager Gatewood noted that in a county like ours with double digit unemployment rates for the fifty-third fifty-fourth month transportation is very important and a key issue for many residents. County Manager Gatewood feels there are areas we could expand and enhance our services, perhaps expanding weekends and we've talked about that and it is a top priority as we look over the next year to eighteen months. Chairman Baucom called for comments from the public. Hearing none, motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to closed the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, that we apply for the grant. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom voiced that they appreciate the work of the transportation system and it serves a very good purpose.

Appearances:

James Cohen: Mr. Cohen explained that Greater St. Matthews changed their name to Empowering Word Ministry and for the last sixteen years they've had a program called Christmas in November. Mr. Cohen explained that this was a time where they provide Christmas gifts to people who may be less fortunate or may be struggling. Mr. Cohen stated that some of the things they give out are bicycles, toys, clothes, and the County Commissioners have always supported them and he appealed for their support again. Mr. Cohen stated that the event would be happening on November 19 noting that any assistance would be appreciated. Mr. Cohen stated that referrals are not members of their church but members of the community. Mr. Cohen shared that last year they provided approximately twenty bicycles and this year they plan to do more since Sheriff Allen donated ten bicycles. Mr. Cohen stated that

Chairman Baucom had already given a donation as well as others and asked other board members to join in. Commissioner Sims asked the approximate cost of a bike with Mr. Cohen answering his Minister purchased one for approximately \$50. Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Cohen to send him something in the mail and he would return a check. Mr. Cohen explained that when they changed their name to Empowering, they don't only want to empower them with word but they also want to be able to help them go about their daily lives. Mr. Cohen explained that bikes are distributed by a drawing. Chairman Baucom stated that she knows about Mr. Cohen's work and voiced appreciation for all he does.

Sheriff Allen: Sheriff Allen shared that he has decided to retire at the end of this term which ends December 2014. Sheriff Allen stated that he would still be around for another year and assured the board that for this next year he would keep working as hard as he could to see that professional and quality law enforcement continues in Anson County. Sheriff Allen stated that the board has been very supportive of him over the years and he would encourage the next Sheriff to develop the same strong working relationship with the board. Sheriff Allen mentioned two ongoing projects he has been working on with one being the new Emergency Services Center and the other the new Animal Shelter stating he was looking forward to getting both up and running in the next several months. Sheriff Allen assured the board that when the next Sheriff is elected he will work with that individual to make a smooth transition from his administration to that person's administration. Sheriff Allen stated that he may stop being Sheriff at the end of his term but he will not stop supporting and working hard for Anson County and trying to be an ambassador of good will for Anson County. Sheriff Allen stated that he would continue to help make Anson County the best place in North Carolina to live and raise a family. Commissioner Sims voiced that the county would miss Sheriff Allen greatly.

Public Addresses to the Board:

Mike Smith stated that Anson County has been his home for the last thirty-two years as he currently resides in the Peachland community. Mr. Smith stated that out of respect for the board and the positions they hold in the county he was here to announce that he was running for Sheriff of Anson County. Mr. Smith shared that his law enforcement career spans twenty-five years beginning in January 1989 with the Anson County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Smith stated that he was a graduate of the North Carolina Justice Academy Management Development Program and he currently serves as President of the Alumni Association. Mr. Smith shared that he also serves as Vice President of the North Carolina Training Officer's Association and serves on the Law Enforcement Training Advisory committees for both South Piedmont and Stanly Community Colleges. Mr. Smith stated that he has been a certified law enforcement trainer for more than thirteen years and spent ten years serving this country in the North Carolina Army National Guard and the United States Army reserve. Mr. Smith added that he has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and an advanced law enforcement certificate from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Standards Division and

he also holds a certified criminal investigators certificate from the North Carolina Justice Academy. Mr. Smith stated that the citizens of this county have come to expect professional, accountable and quality law enforcement services and if elected Sheriff, and with this board's assistance, he will continue to deliver these services. Mr. Smith stated that he has personal and professional relationships with all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and he believes these relationships will continue to assist the Anson County Sheriff's Office in fulfilling its commitments to the citizens of Anson County. Mr. Smith stated that if elected Sheriff he will have three non-negotiable requirements of his staff: honesty, integrity and to treat all citizens with dignity and respect. Mr. Smith believes he has the right experience and leadership ability required by the office of Sheriff. Mr. Smith added that he has held supervisory positions for most of this career and most notably that of former Chief Deputy of the Anson County Sheriff's office. Mr. Smith ended by saying he looks forward to working with the commissioners and sharing with them his vision for the future of the Anson County Sheriff's office. Chairman Baucom offered good luck to Mr. Smith.

At this point, Vice Chair Streater presented a check to Commissioner Sturdivant for Toys for Tots. Commissioner Sturdivant accepted the donation and thanked Vice Chair Streater saying she knows he will challenge the other board members and those present to do the same. Chairman Baucom stated that between Commissioner Sturdivant and Toys for Tots, Empowering Word Ministry and Harvest Ministries Christmastime is a lot brighter in Anson County than it would be without them. Chairman Baucom stated that it makes them happy to do this and it makes the kids that receive from them happy. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for what they all do and sometimes getting to be a part.

Bishop Ellerbe, resident of Carver Street, was here tonight to speak to the Rezoning Request on Carver Street but understood it has been deferred to a later date. Bishop Ellerbe asked the board to consider the residents that appeared last month to voice a concern for their community. Bishop Ellerbe repeated that they were not trying to hold up progress but they were holding up the process as they feel it is too dangerous for their community.

Administrative Matters:

Anson County School System Modular Units: Ms. Randall stated that she was contacted by Holly Berry of the Anson County School System concerning title to modular units on the campus of SPCC. Ms. Randall noted that the units were purchased during 07/08 and the financing was through Anson County for five years. Ms. Randall noted the final payment was made June 30, 2013. Ms. Randall explained that the payments for the modular units were from sales and use tax distribution that actually comes through the county and there are two articles of that sales tax that an allocation actually goes to the school system. Ms. Randall noted the money actually belongs to the school system and Ms. Berry requested we transfer title to the units to the school system. Ms. Randall explained that there was no title as we only have a

manufacturer's statement that is currently assigned to the Anson County Finance Office. Ms. Randall advised that we needed to assign that statement to the Anson County School System. Vice Chair Streater asked if this was normal with Commissioner Sims answering yes. County Attorney Forbes stated that it was within reason for us to dispose of the property in this manner and felt it needed to be done by Resolution and he would be happy to draft one for this purpose. Ms. Randall stated that they were assets of the school board and has never belonged to the county. Ms. Randall stated that the debt was picked up by the county but they belong to the school system and appear on their financial statement. County Attorney Forbes was under the impression there was a manufacturer's title with Ms. Randall answering there is and it is assigned to the county. County Attorney Forbes stated that we can transfer the title to them in that manner. Chairman Baucom understands we sent the checks but it was the schools money. County Attorney Forbes felt it would be proper to have a resolution for this because technically it would be owned by the county even though we did not give them the money and they bought it but we bought it and gave it to them. Chairman Baucom noted it was with their money. Commissioner Smith stated that it belongs to the taxpayers. County Attorney Forbes agreed with Chairman Baucom saying those taxes were designated specifically for the school. Vice Chair Streater asked if this was lottery or sales tax with Chairman Baucom answering that according to Ms. Randall it was sales tax. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the County Attorney drafting the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Process for Bids on Old Hospital Buildings: County Attorney Forbes stated that at the last meeting he was asked to identify the different ways to dispose of property owned by the county. County Attorney Forbes noted there were three ways to dispose of county owned property and they were sealed bids, upset bids or public auction. County Attorney Forbes explained with the sealed bid process we would have to publish for seven days prior to the process, solicit the bids and we would be able to refuse any bid that does not meet the terms. County Attorney Forbes stated that with the upset bid process we could negotiate terms and they would then be published in the paper requiring a five percent deposit for anyone wanting to upset the bid. County Attorney Forbes stated that once the bid is placed in the paper they would have ten days to submit an upset bid of ten percent of the first one thousand dollars and five percent of every remaining thousand dollars and after that it would be repeated with each upset bid and start the clock running again. County Attorney Forbes explained that at the end of ten days and no one has upset the bid then that bid would set as long as it met the terms. County Attorney Forbes felt this process would give the board the ability to set the terms for which they were going to have bids made. County Attorney Forbes stated that the public auction would require a resolution that would describe the property, the date, time and place for the auction and the board would have the right to accept or reject any bids made at the auction. County Attorney Forbes noted that the board would require a deposit and it would have to be published at least once for thirty days prior to the auction. Vice Chair Streater asked if this could be done before the hospital vacates the building or would we have to wait with County

Attorney Forbes answering we would have to negotiate but feels they would be willing to transfer the property prior to moving. Chairman Baucom asked if we decide to auction it off could we put restrictions on it with County Attorney Forbes answering yes and suggesting doing it with the deed. Chairman Baucom voiced that she was not so concerned about what the purchaser would do with the building but she was concerned about any liability that this board would be exposed to if something went wrong with the project and we eventually had to tear it down anyway and incur that cost. Chairman Baucom felt the board would need something in the process that says under these conditions you can buy this property. County Attorney Forbes stated that this could definitely be negotiated. County Attorney Forbes stated that having someone agree to a project was one thing but enforcement of the agreement was another and there may be a mechanism where we could set a bond. Chairman Baucom asked if we transfer title to someone else and their project falls through is that not their responsibility with County Attorney Forbes answering if they are the owner of the property then yes it is. County Attorney Forbes noted there was a mechanism for condemning the property. Vice Chair Streater felt if the property was not valuable enough to tear the buildings down then it would fall back on the county with County Attorney Forbes answering correct. County Attorney Forbes stated that if the property is condemned and taken in that manner the expense would fall back on the county unless there was a bond placed and not expired. Commissioner Smith felt it was the responsibility of the purchaser to put up the bond with County Attorney Forbes answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if further discussion was needed before picking a solution. Chairman Baucom commented that she favored going with the upset bid. Joe Dutton commented that if we sell the property and someone takes possession and a general warranty deed is passed and the project goes sour it would become a problem for the city not the county. County Attorney Forbes stated that we would be losing control of the building and it could become the town's problem or their asset. County Attorney Forbes stated that the scenario's he was addressing was if the purchaser failed to properly adhere to the terms of our agreement. Commissioner Sims mentioned demolition and was of the understanding that CHS would pay all cost and is responsible for whatever occurs during demolition with County Attorney Forbes and County Manager Gatewood answering that was correct. Commissioner Sims noted this was an old building and felt there could be a lot of complications. Commissioner Smith asked if they would take possession and dispose of it with Commissioner Sims answering CHS would dispose of it now at no cost to the county and be responsible for whatever happens. Commissioner Sims felt if asbestos was found we could get into a lot of money and problems. Vice Chair Streater asked how much property would go with the buildings with Chairman Baucom feeling we would have to survey to find out. Vice Chair Streater was hopeful the county would keep the majority of the property and felt a discussion was needed to determine the amount we need to keep if we go this route. County Attorney Forbes stated that the board would first determine what they wanted to sell. Chairman Baucom felt a survey was needed in order to know exactly what we are talking about. Chairman Baucom commented that the buildings may not be historic but they have historical significance and the architecture is significant.

County Manager Gatewood explained that Carolinas Healthcare System is dividing the property basically fifty-fifty and there is a total of approximately ten acres. County Manager Gatewood stated that Carolinas Healthcare System has completed a survey but they have not completed the division line. Commissioner Smith asked if he heard that someone was interested in purchasing the old hospital with Commissioner Sturdivant answering yes. Commissioner Smith felt the board needed to let the people in Charlotte with all the money tear the building down as it was nothing but a liability unless someone is worth a whole lot of money. Chairman Baucom asked if it was possible to invest in a survey with County Manager Gatewood answering he would prefer to wait until Carolinas Healthcare System has divided the property so we know where we are starting from. Commissioner Smith asked how long we had to let them know our plans or let them tear down the buildings with County Manager Gatewood answering we would have approximately until the third quarter of next year. Chairman Baucom stated that she understands the board is divided on this issue but sometimes she has to stand up for stuff. Mr. Dutton felt accepting sealed bids was a win-win for the county if we are happy with the amount of money offered for the property and we pass along a general warranty deed then the county has no responsibility or liability. Mr. Dutton added that the property would be back on the tax books where it has not been for the last four hundred years plus the City of Wadesboro would be able to enjoy the taxes as well. Mr. Dutton felt from a revenue standpoint to tear it down without any type investigation was fool hardy. Commissioner Sims felt when you turn the buildings lose you turn the land lose but if the buildings were torn down we would keep the valuable land. Chairman Baucom commented that we need property to yield tax revenue as much as possible. Chairman Baucom noted that at some point the board voted that if she could find a buyer they would hold off tearing down those buildings. Chairman Baucom stated that she found a buyer and she would like to see this through. Some board members felt they could not sell to one buyer as they would have to open it to the public. County Attorney Forbes explained that in this scenario there is a process by which you can take that bid, publish it, get your terms right and if they agree we would have ten days for someone to upset the bid and if they don't this would be the bid accepted. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not mean to suggest we would only look at one buyer but the conversation was if she could find a buyer they would hold off tearing down. Chairman Baucom feels if we publish it we may have others that are interested. Vice Chair Streater asked if we could open the bid and keep it private with County Attorney Forbes suggesting we get the terms right because we are still in negotiation with this person. Chairman Baucom stated that she was not in negotiation with County Attorney Forbes feeling the board could be considered to be in negotiations. Commissioner Smith felt to be fair to that person we need to advertise and if we are going to sell the buildings we need to know what kind of money we are talking about. County Attorney Forbes said if we do a public auction we could deny a bid but if we start the upset bid process we can't refuse a bid. County Attorney Forbes cautioned the board that the terms must be right with the first bidder and from then on everyone else would have to adhere to those same terms and could only upset the bid if they gave more money. County Attorney Forbes stated that once we publish the bids

for seven days we could reject all the bids. Chairman Baucom again felt we need to know specifically what piece of property we are talking about and we need to know the assessed value. Commissioner Sims commented that nobody ever sells property at the assessed value if they have good judgment. Commissioner Woodburn asked Chairman Baucom if the bid was for all of the property or part with Chairman Baucom answering not all of it and she doesn't know if the person said anything in his proposal about how many acres or what. Chairman Baucom stated that the board will find out exactly how much of the land they would offer with the buildings, find the current value and go from there. Chairman Baucom was hopeful this would be discussed again next month. Commissioner Smith asked if we were talking about the sale of the hospital building with County Manager Gatewood answering they were talking about the old red brick buildings. Commissioner Smith asked what we would do with the hospital with County Manager Gatewood stating it would be demolished at Carolinas Healthcare System's expense. County Attorney Forbes stated for the record that he was born in the newer hospital not the older hospital.

Request for Conditional Use Zoning – Carver Street: Delayed until December.

Update on Renewable Energy Ordinance: Delayed until December.

Chairman Baucom called for a ten minute break.

After the break, the **Manager's Report** was the next topic of discussion. County Manager Gatewood shared a check in the amount of \$130,100 from the sale of the eighty-nine acres on Hailey's Ferry Road in Lilesville. County Manager Gatewood stated that we advertised in the Anson Record and The Charlotte Observer, at the recommendation of Commissioner Smith. County Manager Gatewood reported two bids received and the board accepted the high bid from Don Scarborough. County Manager Gatewood shared that he wasted no time in sending Mr. Scarborough a thank you note. The second check shared by County Manager Gatewood was our quarterly host fee from Waste Connections in the amount of \$279,000. County Manager Gatewood felt at the rate we are receiving these funds we will exceed \$1.1 million dollars in this fiscal year. Vice Chair Streater asked what we budgeted with County Manager Gatewood answering seven hundred fifty thousand. County Manager Gatewood reported that the waterline to residents on Boylin Road has been completed thanks to the help of Waste Connections and Mike Sessions. Commissioner Woodburn asked if all residents got water with County Manager Gatewood answering all residents below the railroad track. County Manager Gatewood stated that they met with the gentleman living above to explain we could not afford to go under the track and he understood. County Manager Gatewood reported that with the help of the Health Department we tested his water and he is happy. County Manager Gatewood reported that he went to the North Carolina Library Association meeting the middle of October and facilitated one of their breakout sessions and they insisted he accept an honorarium. County Manager

Gatewood stated that this was the first time in his life he has received an honorarium check and he was wondering what he was going to do with it because he is not a double dipper. County Manager Gatewood then announced that he would deposit it in his account and tomorrow he would send Commissioner Sturdivant a check for \$200 as his honorarium contribution to Toys for Tots. Commissioner Sims asked what it was for with County Manager Gatewood answering he facilitated a discussion group on managing the budget process at the request of Ms. Carol Walters. County Manager Gatewood shared that the health department has gone through the accreditation process and the site visit went very well. County Manager Gatewood stated that he spent thirty minutes with them sharing an overview of the county and when they left he received an email from the interim director that things went well and they think we are in great shape. County Manager Gatewood stated that we will know in two to three weeks if we passed the first time. County Manager Gatewood applauded Wayne Raynor, Carol Ann Gibson, Evonne Burr, Dana Thomas and the entire staff. County Manager Gatewood added that Randy Gullede received a letter thanking him for the Information Technology Policy he developed for the health department and Jeff Waisner and Rodney Diggs received similar letters. Chairman Baucom mentioned the power point presentation done for the team encouraging each board member to take a look at it. Chairman Baucom felt it should be in every school in Anson County. County Manager Gatewood stated that Bill Smith, the lead inspector, commented that we were extremely well prepared even to provide transportation for them to tour Anson County. County Manager Gatewood noted that they toured the animal shelter and dinged us for that but we also shared the new facility with them and they were thoroughly impressed. County Manager Gatewood reported that we have agreed to a price with Dr. Danny Wright and are in the process of preparing the closing documents and the first payment will be due January 2014 and the last one January 2015. County Manager Gatewood outlined that we need an animal services director reporting to the health director and board of health along with two animal control officers, a shelter manager and two part time workers. County Manager Gatewood shared an article about a new shelter in Transylvania County costing 1.1 million dollars with the county capping their contribution at seven hundred fifty thousand dollars. County Manager Gatewood stated that a group of citizens organized a non-profit Friends of the Animal Shelter and they contributed over three hundred fifty thousand dollars towards the construction of the project. County Manager Gatewood noted that Mr. Raynor would follow up with Transylvania County to see how we can duplicate this. County Manager Gatewood stated that we don't have this in the budget but felt we needed to proceed with it and he feels there are a lot of people out there that will help us by volunteering their time and with dollars and cents. Chairman Baucom suggested when board members get calls from constituent about animals they make a note of their name and phone number and enlist them to help with the project. County Manager Gatewood presented a proposed budget calendar for fiscal year 14/15 asking board members to check their calendar to see if there were any conflicts. County Manager Gatewood noted two retreats with one being with the County Manager and board on January 18 or 25 and a budget/planning retreat in March. Vice Chair Streater asked if department heads would

attend the second retreat with County Manager Gatewood saying that was the pleasure of the board. Board members felt the first retreat should be limited to board members, the County Manager, the Clerk, Ms. James and Ms. Randall. County Manager Gatewood noted that in the past department heads have not been included in the budget retreat. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager if he would have some numbers by March 1st with the manager answering he would have some preliminary numbers and they would establish the board's priorities but the real numbers would not be available until later in the year. County Manager Gatewood reported that the contingency was still holding at \$15,511. County Manager Gatewood stated that DSS would soon interview for an Income Maintenance Case Worker II, John Turner has announced his retirement at the end of this year after thirty years of service and will be replaced by Daniel Gatewood. County Manager Gatewood stated that Mr. Gatewood has been with the county for twenty-four years and has already obtained all the necessary certifications to be a successful filtration plant supervisor. County Manager Gatewood reported that Wanda Chappell, Program Supervisor at Parks and Rec. will be retiring in December after thirty-two and one-half years of service and the vacancy notice was posted last week and we anticipate filling as soon as possible. County Manager Gatewood noted three vacancies at the health department with one being Environmental Health Specialist as Ms. Carol Ann Gibson has announced her retirement toward the end of this year, the nurse practitioner resigned recently so we have a vacancy for a Physician's Assistant or a Nurse Practitioner to work twenty to thirty hours a week. County Manager Gatewood noted we were still looking for a Health Director. County Manager Gatewood noted excellent progress was being made on the construction of the new Emergency Services Center and we will have our first pre-occupancy inspection on November 14th. County Manager Gatewood shared that this will include all department heads that will be housed in the facility including Ms. Huntley, the County Manager and Sheriff Allen. County Manager Gatewood stated that we will identify any deficiencies and any touch up paint needed and we will have a second one once they have taken care of these issues and he strongly believes the facility will be ours to start occupying in December of this year. County Manager Gatewood stated that the landscaping was being coordinated by Aimee Rankin and Jeff Waisner and they already have plans in place and have ordered trees. County Manager Gatewood admitted he was tough on vendors and contractors but Messer Construction and Moseley Architects have been just wonderful to work with on this project and it has been an outstanding process. County Manager Gatewood stated that open enrollment for supplemental insurances was last week and we enrolled over two hundred and twenty-five employees and there are only nine outstanding with a makeup day scheduled for November 26. County Manager Gatewood stated that in talking with Deneal Bennett he found that we are still on track to complete the June 30, 2013 audit report next month. County Manager Gatewood announced the half-day ceremony planned on November 11 for Veterans Day and county offices will be closed that day. County Manager Gatewood noted that the parade will begin at 10 AM followed by a ceremony at the courthouse at 11 AM and from Noon to 3:00 o'clock at Shelton Park there will be community fun with music, games and refreshments. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members of the

county Christmas luncheon on December 6 beginning at 12:00 Noon and to bring their Toy for Tots. County Manager Gatewood stated that priorities for the remainder of this year are to complete construction of the Emergency Services Center and complete the sale of almost two hundred seventy eight acres of timber. County Manager Gatewood believes the sale of timber will produce a check of at least one-half million dollars. County Manager Gatewood stated that we included in the budget five hundred thousand dollars for the sale of timber and he feels we are on track to achieve this goal. Going back to priorities, County Manager Gatewood stated that we were still working on closing the sale for the two and one-half acres for Carolinas Thread Trail. County Manager Gatewood stated that we have received the agreement for the 911 grant for the Emergency Services Center in the amount of nine hundred forty-nine thousand dollars. County Manager Gatewood noted that we continue to work closely with Waste Connections to make our goal of over a million dollars in host fees a reality and we are planning to pay Wade Mill the remaining balance of one hundred eighty thousand five hundred fifty dollars. Commissioner Sturdivant thanked County Manager Gatewood for his assistance with the issue at Wadesboro Housing. County Manager Gatewood shared that he signed an invoice in the amount of two hundred dollars to co-sponsor the Santa float with the Town of Wadesboro for the Christmas Parade. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the two hundred dollars for the float. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood mentioned that we have a proposed division line of the hospital property and he has asked them to confirm this as soon as possible so we will know exactly the five acres we will have. County Manager Gatewood recommended going with the sealed bid process if the board decides to sell a portion of the property. Chairman Baucom commented that we still need to know the tax value so we don't take anything less.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom stated that she had nothing to report tonight.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: approved minutes dated October 7, 2013 and closed session minutes of the same date.

Tax Releases:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments						
				11/05/13		
					Real Taxes	Release
			\$ -			
					Real Taxes	Refund
			\$ -			
21123	Bryant, Rufus Jr	2013	10.08	1307-000194	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
21120	Chambers, Derrick	2013	65.01	1308-000293	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
20509	Cook, Joyce	2013	2.41	1309-000407	Vehicle Taxes	Release Value
21121	Gaddy, Garrie Lee	2013	126.50	1310-000620	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
21116	Gaddy, Shakasha	2013	18.37	1309-000597	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
21117	Gomm, Theresa	2013	27.45	1309-000657	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
21122	Leak, Anita	2010	11.76	1005-001168	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
21113	Polk, James J	2013	15.00	1309-001372	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
21124	Tyson, Richard	2012	24.10	1212-001690	Vehicle Taxes	Release Proration
20511	Wallace, Michael	2013	12.63	1310-001885	Vehicle Taxes	Release Value
20510	White, Charles	2013	358.94	1212-001819	Vehicle Taxes	Release Situs
			\$ 672.25			
21115	Altman's Whiteville	2012	28.41	1303-000040	Vehicle Taxes	Refund Proration
21114	Altman, Barry	2012	14.30	1210-000030	Vehicle Taxes	Refund Proration
21125	Carpenter, Linda	2013	54.00	1309-000325	Vehicle Taxes	Refund Proration
			\$ 96.71			
					Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment
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			\$ -			
			768.96			

Tax Collector's Report:

Remaining Accts Collectible	6,734	1,916,130.65	6,576	1,848,359.29	6,411	1,772,101.03	7,179	1,958,766.53
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	5,012	2,113,722.87	3,875	1,445,847.18	3,375	1,233,151.73	3,500	1,298,337.52
**Red = AR Dollars	12,258	4,238,235.27	10,952	3,502,587.60	10,305	3,226,166.88	11,410	3,584,377.84
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	-	-	4	1,886.89	3	639.48	7	2,189.54
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	358,809.26	-	355,643.02	-	349,512.90	-	300,036.29

Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update:

Fund Balance Calculation					
	Last Year	Two Months	Last		
As of 10-31-13	Same Month	Ago	Month	Now	
	As of 10/31/12	As of 08/31/13	As of 09/30/13	As of 10/31/13	
Available Fund Balance					
Cash & Investments (General)	\$ 7,025,982	\$ 8,046,477	\$ 7,996,273	\$ 7,663,659	
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)	\$ 15,371	\$ 17,884	\$ 18,135	\$ 18,386	
Less Cash from General (other funds)	\$ (68,867)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)	\$ 120,688	\$ 130,803	\$ 133,461	\$ 131,140	
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (40,456)	
Less Encumbrances	\$ (203,705)	\$ (150,834)	\$ (158,890)	\$ (147,615)	
Total Available	\$ 6,845,995	\$ 8,003,874	\$ 7,948,522	\$ 7,625,114	
General Fund Expenditures					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	
Total Available for Appropriation					
Total Available	\$ 6,845,995	\$ 8,003,874	\$ 7,948,522	\$ 7,625,114	
Total Expenditures	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	
Total % Available Fund Balance	25.74%	28.81%	28.61%	27.45%	
Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC	8%	8%	8%	8%	
	\$2,127,854	\$2,222,645	\$2,222,645	\$2,222,645	
% Undesignated Fund Balance	17.74%	20.81%	20.61%	19.45%	
	\$ 4,718,141	\$ 5,781,229	\$ 5,725,877	\$ 5,402,470	
	10/31/12	08/31/13	09/30/13	10/31/13	
1100001100	7,025,981.78	8,046,476.70	7,996,272.64	7,663,658.89	

Monthly Jail Report: approved as follows:

ANSON COUNTY JAIL

November 1, 2013

1. As of 9:00am (November 1, 2013) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **38** inmates; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **1** inmate in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and **0** inmates awaiting transfer to DOC.

2. The following is a breakdown of the Average Daily Population:

<u>Year</u>	<u>ADP</u>	<u>Total Booked/Yr.</u>	<u>Average Booked/Month</u>
2003	51	1920	160
2004	54	1954	163
2005	58	2119	177
2006	55	2027	169
2007	55	----	----
2008	53	1707	142
2009	62	1919	160

2010	68	1483	124
2011	58	1669	139
2012	48	1603	134

3. 2012 Totals (Details)

January	40	117
February	45	125
March	48	158
April	45	146
May	48	146
June	55	138
July	56	117
August	44	134
September	45	157
October	56	124
November	49	108
December	46	133

4. 2013 Totals ADP Total Booked

January	37	123
February	44	127
March	43	122
April	47	160
May	46	122
June	44	123
July	48	151
September	52	153
October	42	133

Records Retention Schedule Amendment: approved as submitted for the Register of Deeds Office. This is a requirement of Archives and a copy is on file in the office of the Register of Deeds and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

Budget Amendment – K-9: to recognize K-9 dog donations received and to appropriate K-9 Fund Balance reserve and other funds necessary for K-9 purchase and handler training.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 1,765
Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 3,000
Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4319-4320	\$ 26
Decrease:	Contingency-Emergencies 11-9912	<u>\$ (3,000)</u>
	Total Increase:	\$ 1,791

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 1,765
Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	<u>\$ 26</u>

Total Increase: \$ 1,791

Adopted this 5th day of November, 2013

Budget Amendment – Governing Body: to recognize payment received from sale of property on Hailey’s Ferry Road and to appropriate funds necessary for Animal Shelter purchase.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FISCAL YEAR 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase:	Governing Body-General Administration 11-4110	\$ 130,100
Total Increase:		\$ 130,100

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Governing Body-General Administration 11-4110	\$ 130,100
Total Increase:		\$ 130,100

Adopted this 5th day of November, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Elderly Services: to recognize and appropriate funding earned from fundraiser for Elderly Services Programs for Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2013/14

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2013/14 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase:	Elderly Services programs 11-5880-5885	\$ 50
Total Increase:		\$ 50

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Elderly Services programs 11-5880-5884	\$ 50
Total Increase:		\$ 50

Adopted this 5th day of November, 2013.

Appointments:

Anson County Planning/Adjustment Board – Districts 3 and 7:

Commissioner Smith offered Kenny Spencer from District 7 and Vice Chair Streater offered Don Beck from District 3. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to go into closed session for personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)96) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee and Economic Development pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-

318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, Chairman Baucom shared that board members had been talking about Mr. Gatewood and his indication that he would be willing to remain as County Manager if asked by the board. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to ask Mr. Gatewood to reconsider and remain as County Manager for Anson County. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood thanked board members saying his number one concern was for Scott Forbes because they have an excellent working relationship and he wants to see that continue. Chairman Baucom voiced that she believes all through the process that Mr. Forbes indicated that he liked his job and would stick with us.

Commissioner Woodburn stated that it sounds like we need a written policy regarding inappropriate relationships between co-workers. Chairman Baucom stated that some board members have heard gossip about a department where there is a relationship between the supervisor and an employee and other members have heard it about another department where there is that kind of relationship. Chairman Baucom felt we needed a policy against it. County Manager Gatewood asked for specifics with Commissioner Woodburn feeling it doesn't matter if it is a supervisor and employee it is somebody going with each other and especially if it is a management person. Vice Chair Streater stated that in both cases it was an employee and the department head. County Manager Gatewood asked for the board's permission to have a conversation with the department heads implicated with board members feeling we need to be clear we have no evidence and it is street talk but if that is the perception it is not good for county government. Commissioner Smith felt the County Manager could handle the situation, adding that where there is some smoke there is some fire and if everyone is talking it is his duty to let them know. Commissioner Smith added that it has been said by more than one individual and it is the duty of the manager to look into both issues.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Meeting time: 3 hrs.