

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2013 beginning 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
- Vancine Sturdivant
- Harold C. Smith
- 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
- Ryan Teal, EMS/Safety Director
- Tommy Allen, Sheriff
- Joe Dutton, Collector

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom voiced that she hopes those present will find the meeting very interesting. Chairman Baucom noted that Pastor Steve Adams was not present with Commissioner Sturdivant saying that Bishop Ellerbe was here. Chairman Baucom then asked Bishop Ellerbe if he would bring the Invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Policy and if they have a conflict to let it be known and they would work through it. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned his Commissioner Concerns and asked if it would be in closed session with the clerk answering yes. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she had a Commissioner Concern. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom pointed out to board members that at their place were notebooks with applications for the County Manager vacancy. Chairman Baucom then asked Mr. Gatewood if he was still planning to leave with County Manager Gatewood answering that was correct. Chairman Baucom stated that it would fall to this board to select the next County Manager. Chairman Baucom felt the board would need to meet frequently this month and maybe into next month on this issue. Chairman Baucom

asked board members to think about dates they could all get together and review the applications. Chairman Baucom stated that they would not adjourn but would recess this meeting and hopefully having named the next date they can all meet to review applications. Commissioner Sims asked if they would interview all applicants with Chairman Baucom feeling that was a decision of the board. Chairman Baucom stated that two applicants did not send applications after she sent them letters reminding them that we needed a completed application.

**Public Hearings:**

**Strata Solar Development - Request for Conditional Use Zoning:** Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom asked who would be speaking for the group with Suzanne Todd, Land Use Attorney with Johnston, Allison & Hord, speaking on behalf of Strata Solar. Ms. Todd then introduced Lewis Iannone, Richard Kirkland, Brent Niemann and Gabriel Cantor. Ms. Todd shared that Richard was an MAI Appraiser and Brent and Gabe were both Professional Engineers. Ms. Todd stated that they submitted affidavits from each of these individuals. Ms. Todd stated that they were asking for approval of a conditional use permit to allow for the development of approximately thirty-eight acres of property belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Draper for a solar farm. Ms. Todd then called on Mr. Iannone to present a Power Point presentation. Chairman Baucom explained that the board needed to know if the surrounding property owners have been notified of the hearing and what they are going to do with the property. Chairman Baucom stated that the board needs to know why it needs to be rezoned and the board would then hear from interested parties. Ms. Todd stated that Mr. Iannone was with Strata Solar and those present were involved with the construction of the solar panels and felt they could give them a good description and explanation in order to understand it completely.

\*Vice Chair Streater joined the meeting at this point.

Ms. Todd felt that the clerk had given notice to adjacent property owners. Commissioner Smith shared that he had a petition and the residents were here to talk about this and asked that they be heard. Mr. Iannone, site acquisition and entitlement with Strata Development, explained that North Carolina was the fifth ranked state in solar energy generation and that Strata was the largest solar developer in North Carolina and recently, according to a trade publication, the sixth largest solar contractor in the nation. Mr. Iannone stated that currently they have over thirty completed and operating solar plants producing power. Mr. Iannone noted that on a continuing basis they have anywhere from six hundred to one thousand employees in North Carolina. Mr. Iannone explained that a typical solar farm was thirty to fifty acres with twenty-five acres of actual panel footprint and there will be approximately twenty-five thousand three by five foot solar panels fixed on aluminum racks up to ten feet high excluding

three or four or possibly more standard utility poles. Mr. Iannone stated that they use existing land contours and there is a minimal amount of grading and at the end of the project and after they reseed there is about a one percent impervious surface. Mr. Iannone added that they do not have a tremendous amount of run-off. Mr. Iannone stated the panels were polycrystalline silicon photovoltaic cell panels that are flat blue in color and they operate by sun passing through the glass hitting the silicon and releasing electrons in a DC current. Mr. Iannone stated that current was captured in a tributary system or one that starts off at very small voltage and each individual cell and as it goes through the twenty-five thousand panels is collected like a tributary river system. Mr. Iannone stated that this winds up going out of their plant and being transferred to Duke Power lines. Mr. Iannone stated that they were issued a certificate of public necessity and convenience by the North Carolina Utility Commission and the power is sold to Duke Power Company under a long term power-purchase agreement that is regulated by the North Carolina Building Commission as well. Mr. Iannone stated that each project is financed under a combination of tax credits and the power purchase revenue. Mr. Iannone stated that they would also obtain a DENHR erosion control permit, DOT driveway permit and whatever local electrical permits they need. Mr. Iannone stated that they do not normally get a construction permit because they are not really doing a large amount of construction. Mr. Iannone shared that the project would produce no noise, no admissions, has no toxic material and they will not impact municipal services or schools. Mr. Iannone explained that a typical project was surrounded by either installed or existing buffers which are subject to the conditions of this proceeding. Mr. Iannone felt this was visually similar to a large scale greenhouse, public works or public utilities facility, schools, agricultural and livestock. Mr. Iannone stated that issues that affect value are appearance, noise, odor, traffic, hazardous materials and incompatible uses and they do not believe solar farms present any of these factors. Mr. Iannone stated that solar panels are dark at night, have no underground storage and do not produce coal, smoke or nuclear waste as other forms of power plants do. Mr. Iannone stated that what they will be producing, by design, is required to be almost exactly the same as what is already in the existing power lines in the neighborhood or else they would not have been approved. Mr. Iannone felt a concern was with the electromagnetic field and this is a much lower EMF strength than a high voltage transmission line or substation. Mr. Iannone noted a rule of thumb was as you double the distance away from a source the field strength declines by the cube of that or double the distance away is one-eighth of the strength of the field. Mr. Iannone pointed out that the nearest home to this will be three hundred twenty feet. Mr. Iannone pointed out that a substation with extremely high voltage is fifteen hundred feet from the school and their farm is also fifteen hundred feet from the school. Mr. Iannone reminded those present they were producing what is in the neighborhood power lines and the substation is much higher voltage. Mr. Iannone shared that the plant will not endanger the public health or safety, they will meet all codes, the project will generate less traffic than one house, and they will not use any utilities and will not injure the value of adjacent properties. Chairman Baucom asked if the plant would generate any jobs with Mr. Iannone about to answer when Ms. Todd

spoke saying he has given his presentation and if he is answering questions would it be ok if he is sworn in along with the rest of the folks. Chairman Baucom stated that we don't swear people in for this. Chairman Baucom stated that she wanted to know if any long term jobs were associated with the project with Mr. Iannone answering that they typically have a fairly local commercial electrical contractor under contract in case they need immediate service. Mr. Iannone stated that the farms are constantly monitored online and if they see vandalism or something they like to call the local police or sheriff and they often enter into a contract arrangement for this. Mr. Iannone stated that it may in some cases generate some local maintenance jobs but it is a truly passive use as the only moving parts are the fans and inverters. Mr. Iannone shared that everything they do is in North Carolina and at any given time they can have up to one thousand people employed. Commissioner Sims asked the specific value to Anson County in general with Mr. Iannone saying the project was worth about ten million dollars. Chairman Baucom asked about the tax value and if there was an incentive with a tax break to build a facility like this with Mr. Iannone answering no. Commissioner Sikes asked if it wasn't reality that all power companies in this area sooner or later have to furnish a certain portion of their power from solar with Mr. Iannone answering that everybody uses electricity and either you're going to burn coal to produce it or you create nuclear waste that has a million years of life that has to be stored somewhere or we can use alternative sources. Chairman Baucom asked if they had ever had one struck by lightning or catch on fire Mr. Cantor answering that they have had some solar farms be struck by lightning but the damage was generally limited to the specific rack that was struck. Mr. Cantor explained that their systems are designed to meet applicable electrical codes, safety codes and they have not had any fire incidents in any of their projects. Commissioner Smith asked if they were saying that lightning would not come off this and affect the general neighborhood with Chairman Baucom feeling it would be like a transformer burning out. Ms. Todd then called on Brent Niemann, PE to speak to his affidavit and what they see as findings of fact to help the board approve their request. Ms. Todd asked that because this was a Quasi-judicial hearing that each speaker be sworn in to preserve testimony. Chairman Baucom noted there would be minutes of the meeting and this was not what we do. Commissioner Sims voiced that he felt uncomfortable about a meeting where a lawyer has to stand over the shoulder of each speaker. Mr. Niemann stated that he was familiar with the proposed solar farm use, including the conditional use permit application, and he has toured the property and inspected the location of the proposed project. Mr. Niemann explained that the solar farm will contain rows of photovoltaic cell solar panels mounted to steel and aluminum racking that is mechanically driven in the ground to minimize disturbance. Mr. Niemann stated that the majority of wiring is underground and the panels are strung together, combined and run to inverters. Mr. Niemann noted there would be six inverters on this site and the job of the inverter is to convert the direct current power from the solar panel to alternating current, which is the current that the power company's grid has. Mr. Niemann noted there was also a transformer at this location that steps the voltage up to match the power company's voltage so when they tie to their system everything is the same. Mr. Niemann noted the farm would be

monitored remotely and each inverter area has specific equipment they can communicate with via internet so they know the production of any area of the farm at any given time. Mr. Niemann stated that the site would be constructed in one phase and the solar cell configuration contains no moving parts. Mr. Niemann stated that the electric components will have an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listing and the facility will comply with the edition of the National Electrical Code adopted at the time of construction. Mr. Niemann added that no chemicals or hazardous substances will be utilized on the site and the farm will not generate any noxious fumes or odors. Mr. Niemann stated that it was his professional opinion that the proposed solar farm will not materially endanger the public health or safety. Mr. Niemann stated that they utilize logging mats in their construction practices to minimize disturbances as the goal of the farm is that upon completion and the lease is up they can pull out of the ground and return the land to farmland. Chairman Baucom asked about the logging mats with Mr. Niemann answering they were approximately twelve to fourteen feet wide, generally made of hickory and about eight feet long. Mr. Niemann shared that loggers use them for temporary entrances to logging sites as it provides traction for the trucks without permanent gravel or roadbed. Mr. Niemann did state that the solar farm would not be staffed daily and employees would visit the site weekly or less frequently to check and maintain the equipment and vegetation management. Mr. Niemann shared that the creation of solar energy is virtually silent and the only sound is the quiet hum of equipment converting and conveying electricity to the power grid during daylight hours. Mr. Niemann stated that the area beneath the solar panels will be planted with grass or other vegetation to stabilize the soil. Mr. Niemann noted that the active area of the solar farm will be enclosed by an eight foot (8') high fence to prevent unauthorized access to the site. Commissioner Smith asked if the entrance to the site would be through the neighborhood community with Mr. Niemann answering yes. Mr. Niemann stated that during the construction period there would be construction deliveries through the neighborhood for about a month and generally two or three trucks a day during this time. Mr. Niemann closed by saying it was his professional opinion that the location and character of the use will be in harmony with the area in which it is located and that the proposed solar farm is consistent with the agricultural and residential land uses that exist in the area today. Commissioner Sikes asked the life expectancy of the panels with Mr. Niemann answering that the panels are rated for eighty-five percent life efficiency at twenty-five years. Mr. Niemann explained that they were in this for thirty years. Chairman Baucom asked at the end of their interest in this field would they take up the panels and recycle them or just walk off and leave them. Mr. Niemann stated that it was all recyclable material that would be removed. Mr. Niemann stated that a project this size would cost about two hundred fifty thousand to hire someone to remove it and the recycle value on it is a million dollars. Chairman Baucom asked if they take responsibility in clearing it out with Mr. Niemann answering absolutely. Chairman Sturdivant asked how the county would benefit from the project with Mr. Niemann answering from them paying taxes on the improvements. Vice Chair Streater asked if the plant was considered a public utility that would depreciate each year with Mr. Niemann answering this was not his expertise. Mr. Niemann added that they were

not a public utility and this was just like an improvement if you built a structure on your property. County Manager Gatewood asked their depreciation schedule with Mr. Niemann thinking that would not affect the taxes. Vice Chair Streater stated that they said their investment was ten million dollars and he wanted to know if that depreciated each year. Commissioner Smith felt the only people benefiting from this was the investors. County Attorney Forbes spoke saying out of an abundance of cost and with respect to Attorney Susan Todd if we could ask that they be affirmed it would make him feel better about things being discussed. County Attorney Forbes stated that the facts they are giving now is something we will have to rely on to make our decision. Mr. Iannone and others affirmed that everything they were stating was the truth and they were under sworn testimony. Mr. Iannone stated that they would deduct depreciation expense every year to recover the cost of their investment over a period of years but to his knowledge that would not reduce their taxable value. Commissioner Woodburn felt the question from Vice Chair Streater was is there any accelerated rate of depreciation during the eight years. Commissioner Woodburn noted that the value was set every eight years during revaluation. Commissioner Woodburn knows there is a difference between public utility and private utility but the depreciation rate for public utilities is greatly accelerated over the period of eight years to the point that we get very little out of it after it has been there a while. Mr. Iannone did not think the tax law applied. Commissioner Woodburn explained that the question is your rate of depreciation, is it accelerated over that period of time for any reason with Mr. Iannone thinking they would follow standard federal tax law for their depreciation but feels the interest is in the tax value and he feels that is not related to their tax value. County Attorney Forbes then asked if they were leasing the property and if the burden of the tax was covered under the lease agreement with Mr. Iannone answering they were paying the property taxes. Commissioner Smith felt they were producing public energy and it was going to Duke Energy and felt that would cost the average citizen more. Mr. Niemann stated that the power purchase agreement is based on an off-set rate so they buy their power at what it cost them to make power and it doesn't affect the consumer rate. Joe Dutton, Tax Collector, shared that when the assessment is done on this property they will determine the value of the property. Mr. Dutton added that the best deal they can cut to sell power to whoever is their business and has nothing to do with us. Mr. Dutton stated that they will access the property and collect accordingly. Commissioner Smith voiced an interest in the fact that they will not be employing anyone here and they will be somewhere else monitoring the operation. Chairman Baucom announced that we need to move on and asked to hear from the public. Ms. Todd then introduced Mr. Cantor, PE to speak. Mr. Cantor, Director of Engineering for Strata Solar, has overall responsibility for design of the projects and particularly the electrical design. Mr. Cantor was here to answer questions and affirm that the project was not going to produce any measurable electromagnetic field any differently beyond the borders of the project. Commissioner Sims stated that a few people believe that there is a risk related to cancer from a strong electromagnetic field. Commissioner Sims then asked if Strata's EMF affect the outer boundaries of the property with Mr. Cantor answering that by the time you're at the fence of the property the amount of the EMF produced by the

property will have diminished to below the background level of the EMF. Mr. Cantor explained that the equipment that produces the highest amount of EMF on the site is the inverter and if you were standing right at that piece of equipment it would be similar to talking on a cell phone or watching TV. Mr. Cantor stated that the EMF diminishes by the cube of distance so if it is a value of one at one foot away and it diminishes very quickly and by the time you get to the fence it is at background levels and can't be measured. Chairman Baucom thought someone said it would be no more than a regular electrical line with Mr. Cantor answering yes. Mr. Cantor shared that they were tying into existing overhead utility lines and they have very stringent requirements from Duke Energy on power they sell them and it is exactly the same as the power they would otherwise be making by burning coal or the fire at their nuclear power plants. Mr. Cantor explained that with an electric distribution system there are transmission lines that operate at very high voltages that go to substations which step those voltages down to the distribution level and they tie into a distribution line. Mr. Cantor stated that Duke does some pretty stringent studies to allow them to tie into their distribution lines and generally they don't want them to back feed onto the transmission so the electricity they are producing is on a line coming from a substation which can extend out several miles in any direction. Mr. Cantor shared that the electricity they are producing is going onto that line and going to end users on that line otherwise it would have all come from the substation but in this case with the solar farm operating some of it comes from the substation and some of it comes from the solar farm but there is going to be no more or less electricity consumed along that line. Vice Chair Streater asked once this leaves the solar farm how does it get back to the substation. Todd Moore, Pee Dee Electric, stepped up to speak and affirmed that his statements were the truth. Mr. Moore explained that they were generating electricity and putting it out on a grid just like if you have a power plant generating electricity and putting it out on a grid for everybody to share. Mr. Moore stated that the electricity has to go on the line at fourteen thousand four hundred volts and they are generating electricity at DC current, inverting to AC and stepping it up with a transformer. Vice Chair Streater asked how they measure what leaves the farm with Mr. Moore answering through the inverter. Commissioner Smith asked what happens if a thunderstorm comes and if lightning had any effect on it with Mr. Cantor answering they have had some lightning storms on their farms and in some cases it will damage some of the panels but the rest of the farm operates fine. Mr. Cantor shared that he designed surge arresters to prevent widespread damage in the case of an electrical storm. Rufus Getzen wanted to make sure they were not adding more power but rather replacing power that we would be importing from Wilmington, Virginia or someplace else. Mr. Getzen asked if they were just creating it locally, same amount, same lines, everything is the same except that it is locally produced with Mr. Cantor saying that was exactly right and they were not burning any sort of fuel to produce it. Commissioner Smith asked if this would decrease the light bill of local residents with Mr. Cantor answering that it would have no effect on them. Chairman Baucom felt it might have the effect of not going up as this was very passive creation of solar electricity. Mr. Moore added that they were required by law that if someone builds a solar system on their lines to

purchase that power at what they call their avoided cost, what is basically what they would pay for nuclear, coal or steam generation. Vice Chair Streater asked the year we have to have alternative energy with Mr. Moore answering that Senate Bill 3, mandated in 2009, says so much of their power has to come from renewable or energy conservation. Mr. Moore stated that this means that ten percent of what they use in 2018 has to come from either renewables or energy conservation and that is based on ten percent of their 2017 usage. Richard Kirkland, MAI Appraiser, stated that he was hired to look at this property. Mr. Kirkland stated that it was his professional opinion that the solar farm would not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood. Commissioner Woodburn asked if any other sites in the county were considered for the solar farm with Kirkland saying he was not a part of that process and was asked to look at this solar farm. County Attorney Forbes voiced a concern for the showing of the test model in Goldsboro that has a railroad track separating the residential property and asked if that had an impact with Mr. Kirkland saying there was one in the proximity but it was not right up against the homes. County Attorney Forbes stated that his concern was in the test model it didn't seem like you'd pay a lot of attention to the solar panels when you have a train coming through every now and then and we don't have that here. Chairman Baucom then called for comments from the public.

Bishop Ellerbe approached the podium to speak. County Attorney Forbes asked Bishop Ellerbe to affirm for the record, which he did. Bishop Ellerbe had a list of neighbors in the Carver Street area opposing the process, not progress. Bishop Ellerbe explained that the plant was right at their backdoor and voiced a concern that those operating the plant were not going to live in the area. Bishop Ellerbe stated that they live there and they love their children and grandchildren and they want them to have some place to come and be safe and asked board members to take into consideration their neighborhood. County Manager Gatewood asked Bishop Ellerbe his recommendation with Bishop Ellerbe answering that they would not build it here and to find more land that is away from neighborhoods. Bishop Ellerbe stated that if it backfires they will be the ones to have the repercussion because everybody else will be somewhere else. Bishop Ellerbe voiced a concern that they will only check as the monitoring system informs them to come and they will only be out there once a month and they will be there every day.

Nancy Bryant, a citizen of Stanly County, approached the podium. County Attorney Forbes asked Mr. Bryant to affirm which she did. Ms. Bryant asked to speak to the audience. Ms. Bryant explained and she and her husband have been in the environmental advocacy for the last thirty years and they have seen what bad corporations have done to the environment, especially to minority communities. Ms. Bryant shared that this was not one of those projects. Ms. Bryant stated that the folks just came to Stanly County asking to put in fifty acres of a solar farm and they plan to do more. Ms. Bryant explained that this was renewable energy, energy from the sun and the reason she knows there is nothing to be afraid of is because they just put in their own solar voltaic system on their barn two years ago. Ms. Bryant stated that they

have twenty-five panels and they sell the energy from this system to Duke Energy and they get a payment every month. Ms. Bryant added that they live next to their barn. Ms. Bryant felt the people would benefit because their neighborhood would get this green renewable energy and it was not coming from coal fired power plants. Ms. Bryant was of the opinion this would not degrade their neighborhood. Ms. Bryant encouraged those present to open their hearts and minds to this.

Gary Gaddy spoke saying Ms. Bryant was getting paid from the panels on her barn but this neighborhood was not getting paid. Mr. Gaddy heard they were dangerous and they were not in favor of this in their neighborhood.

Beverly Getzen affirmed and suggested to those that were being misled by outrageous claims of danger that they reflect a little by what was shown and what the nation already knows from thousands of solar farms. Ms. Getzen shared that we were in more danger from our cell phones and if you are really scared of electrode magnetic fields we should get rid of our televisions, microwaves and go back to kerosene lamps. Ms. Getzen said the county would get free money from someone paying the taxes on the land. Ms. Getzen felt we were being misled to think we were endangering people's health with solar panels. Ms. Getzen stated that our oil supply was running out rapidly and all alternative energy should be treasured.

Sandra Ellerbe affirmed, saying she has heard what all has been said but it is their neighborhood and they have decided to make a choice. Ms. Ellerbe stated that whether it is harmless or not, they don't want it in their neighborhood.

Mr. Iannone pointed out that these solar plants need to be in close proximity to users because they are producing energy and they have to have sufficient local power lines to access. Mr. Iannone explained that they cannot build them in the middle of nowhere because there are no users there and the power they are producing has to be consumed. Mr. Iannone stated that they need forty to fifty acres near a lot of users and this is why you find them in transitional areas because this fits the technical model.

Catherine Gaddy, affirmed asking if they considered any other land in Anson County and if they could guarantee them there is no potential danger. Ms. Gaddy shared that they have done some research and there are reports of sickness from the panels. Mr. Iannone felt the best evidence provided was from the Professional Engineer. Mr. Cantor stated that he takes his 2 year old and 10 month old daughters with him on visits to projects and there are school field trips to the projects. Ms. Gaddy felt this was different as they were not living there for periods of times. Ms. Gaddy asked Mr. Cantor how many reports he has received on people getting sick from this with Mr. Cantor answering he has not heard of any. County Attorney Forbes interrupted saying if they would like to present evidence that would be fine but a back and forth was not allowed. Mr. Iannone pointed to a letter provided in the packet from

the Department of Energy that summarized an even more thorough report saying there is no danger.

Dr. Rommel, affirming and admitting she was not an expert on solar plants, felt compelled to share the Journal article from the Dialogues of Clinical Neuroscience in December of 2012. Ms. Todd objected on the grounds this was hearsay with County Attorney Forbes stated that the objection had been noted and allowed Dr. Rommel to give the testimony. After reading the article Dr. Rommel felt it was needed because of a citizen concern. Chairman Baucom asked the bottom line with Dr. Rommel saying it requires more research to obtain definitive answers regarding the affects. Dr. Rommel stated that there was a certain controversy about it and they pretty much established that it probably does not result in breast cancer or the melatonin issue but the concern that has not been fully addressed in the childhood leukemia. Chairman Baucom stated that we've been here for two hours and we've not moved forward another inch. Chairman Baucom stated that this was not simple math and called for a wrap up of the hearing in the next five minutes. Ms. Todd stated they have given both live testimony as well as the affidavits. Commissioner Smith called for a clarification and felt everyone had a right to speak and stated that Ms. Todd's objection to Dr. Rommel's speaking was out of order. Ms. Todd stated that they submitted three affidavits and asked that with regards to the findings of fact that you are required to consider the first being that the use will not endanger the public health or safety, it is located according to the plans submitted and approved, we ask that you consider expert testimony of Brent Niemann, P.E., that the components of the solar farm have UL ratings, Underwriters Laboratory Listings and the facility complies with natural electrical code adopted at the time of construction, the solar farm will not have any chemicals, hazardous substances, nothing like that will be utilized on the site as far as gases or fumes, doesn't generate any odors, the active area of the solar farm will be enclosed by an eight foot high chain link fence with barbed wire to protect both the folks coming in as well as the equipment. Ms. Todd stated that they have expert testimony that is both affidavit and live of Mr. Cantor, P.E. who said the electrical magnetic fields are produced by a variety of natural sources as well as production and distribution of electrical power, that the solar farm will produce very low levels of electromagnetic fields comparable to low voltage power lines that run through normal neighborhoods, that the inverters inside the solar farm facility do produce more electrical magnetic fields but that the further you get from the interior of the solar ray out to the edge of the actual structure and the distance again to the fence that it dissipates by the time you're standing at the actual edge of the facility itself. Ms. Todd stated that the fencing which is further than the facility which is within the fence is actually three hundred twenty feet from the nearest residence. Ms. Todd continued that neighborhood power lines typically transmit 12,000 volts of electricity in order to effectively distribute electricity and the solar farm has to match the voltage of the line it is tapping into therefore electricity generated and transmitted by the solar farm does not increase the electrical voltage already running through the existing lines of any adjacent neighborhood, that in Mr. Cantor's professional opinion a solar farm will not generate any more electric magnetic fields

that standard neighborhood electrical lines, the use meets all required conditions and specifications, the site plan submitted with the conditional use permit application illustrates that the solar farm meets all required conditions and specifications of the Anson County Zoning Ordinance, Mr. Niemann testified that in his opinion as far as engineering the proposed farm meets all the required specifications and conditions of the Ordinance including setbacks. Ms. Todd noted the third issue to be considered is the use will not substantially impair or injure the value of the adjoining or abutting property. Chairman Baucom thanked them for their presentation saying it was a whole lot of stuff to digest cold. Chairman Baucom stated that she was not prepared to make a decision tonight and felt the board needed to do more research and the county staff needs to do some research as well. Chairman Baucom asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to defer this matter to a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom announced that this meeting would be recessed as the board will have several other meetings this month and that the County Manager would share with them if they need to come back or when we make a decision what it is.

**ACTS – Rural Operating Assistance Program:** Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Public Hearing, Scott Rowell was present to answering any questions. Commissioner Sims felt all we needed to know was the changes. Chairman Baucom stated that this was the application for the ROAP grant which serves elderly and disabled people, provides transportation for people that are employed to get to their job and general rural transportation. Chairman Baucom asked the cost with Mr. Rowell answering \$137,479 from the State of North Carolina. Mr. Rowell noted that the money was appropriated. Chairman Baucom called for comments from the public. Hearing none, motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**CERTIFIED STATEMENT  
FY2014  
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

County of Anson

**WHEREAS**, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips for counties within the state;

**WHEREAS**, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e. CTSP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds;

**WHEREAS**, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipients of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP State Management Plan. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county;

**WHEREAS**, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race or gender (FTA C 4702.1A, FTA C 4704.1, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

**WHEREAS**, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Anson North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:**

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low income persons in the county's sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips and services for five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state guidelines.
- The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.

- The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.
- The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2014 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.
- The county will notify the Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.
- The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in a semi-annual report and a final year-end report to NCDOT – Public Transportation Division or its designee.
- Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.
- The county is applying for the following amounts of FY2014 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program	Allocated	Requested
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	56,039	56,039
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	15,732	15,732
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	65,708	65,708
<b>TOTAL</b>	137,479	137,479

**WITNESS my hand and county seal, this 7th day of October, 2013.**

In regular session, motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the 2014 Rural Operating Assistance Program application. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appearance:**

**Nancy Bryant – Upper Pee Dee Farm & Food Council:** Chairman Baucom shared that a lot of information was included in the Agenda packet and asked Ms. Bryant to be brief. Ms. Bryant, along with Gary Sikes, stated that last year this board endorsed the resolution to support the Upper Pee Dee Farm and Food Council that is the Anson, Stanly and Montgomery council that has to do with all things farm and food. Ms. Bryant shared that their vision is a sustainable locally based economically resilient farm and food system. Ms. Bryant noted that since January the council representatives have developed the structure, the role and direction of the council. Mr. Sikes shared accomplishment with the board, saying they started with their name, the Upper Pee Dee Farm and Food Council or the UPFFC and a logo. Mr. Sikes encouraged those present to visit their website at [upffc.org](http://upffc.org). Mr. Sikes shared that they have been featured on various radio and television shows in the region and presented community

forums in each of the three counties. Mr. Sikes stated that they promoted the new Farm Fresh Ventures based here in Wadesboro and the Extension Service; especially their 10% campaign to encourage individuals, businesses, agencies and all groups to purchase 10% of their food locally. Chairman Baucom asked if this was being done with Mr. Sikes explaining this was their goal but they were not there yet. Mr. Sikes shared a handout with board members and the County Manager. Ms. Bryant stated that one of their concerns is local Economic Development. Ms. Bryant felt there was a huge Economic Development opportunity here to promote and invest in more local farms and farmers. Ms. Bryant shared that the Charlotte Region, including Anson County, spent five hundred and twenty million dollars on fruits and vegetables and we only bought eighteen million dollars of that from local sources. Ms. Bryant noted that less than 3% went into our local farmers so what if Anson County and every county in North Carolina said we are going to buy our food from local farmers and what if it was 10%. Ms. Bryant added in the Charlotte Region that would be fifty-two million dollars that would go into our counties. Ms. Bryant asked board members to support considering purchasing 10% of Anson County's food locally for our prisons, agencies, schools and even when the board has a catered dinner to consider asking the caterer to source at least 10% of the food locally. Ms. Bryant shared that when they presented to the Montgomery County Commissioners they said they were not buying 1% of their counties food from local sources and she asked that they commit to buying 10% locally. Ms. Bryant thanked board members for their endorsement of their vision. Mr. Sikes invited board members to their celebrate local farms food event on November 12 in Albemarle with more information to come. Mr. Sikes thanked board members for their support of the Farmer's Market and the work done there adding that this year's coop was a huge success. Mr. Sikes explained that they didn't quiet sell as many as they thought but out of the five counties Anson County was the biggest supporter. Mr. Sikes shared that there was a movement of small farmers in Anson County where farmers are helping farmers and calling themselves the South Piedmont Agrarian Society. Mr. Sikes stated that Rocky River Local Foods was soon to be online and marketing their products to chef's in Charlotte and the region. UPFFC has been an important part and will be in the future in supporting local agriculture and he was grateful to them for all they've done. Chairman Baucom thanked Ms. Bryant and Mr. Sikes for all they do.

**Public Addresses to the Board:**

**Dr. Rommel** shared with board members that she has rented office space from Carolinas HealthCare system for the past twenty-two years. Dr. Rommel stated that the building has not been maintained and the roof leaks when it rains. Dr. Rommel asked the county to take possession of the lease and lease the space to her at a fair market rate.

**Janine Rywak** apologized for the late notice but she attended an administrative meeting on Thursday and was reminded again how bad the state budget is and it was a reflection as it pertains to her staff with their vacant secretarial position. Ms. Rywak shared that her staff has done a bang up job handling only one support person for the

past fourteen months but they are getting a little weary and she was advised at Thursday's meeting that because of the state budget if we could do anything locally to move forward to do so. Ms. Rywak stated that they did include in their budget funds to hire a second secretary in January but the state funds are not coming so she asked the board to consider allowing them to use the county portion of those dollars which has been allocated and appropriated in the budget as lapsed salaries to hire a part time temporary secretary. Ms. Rywak explained that this person would work nineteen hours a week for approximately twelve dollars an hour at a cost of approximately six thousand dollars. Ms. Rywak shared that they need help keeping the office covered because they are all running in so many directions it has become a burden. Ms. Rywak stated that they try to keep two people in the office at all times. Ms. Rywak noted these were not new funds and instead of hiring a full time position with the state match they want to hire a part time position with just county funds. Ms. Rywak noted that they had seventeen 4-Hers, youth volunteers and adults here earlier in the evening as part of National 4-H week and the kids were falling asleep and they left. Ms. Rywak explained that they were here as part of their citizenship project to see how local government works. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Rywak to ask them to come back to another meeting. Chairman Baucom stated that they would turn this over to management to make a recommendation.

**Carol Ann Gibson:** Ms. Gibson introduced Wayne Raynor, our new Interim Health Director. Ms. Gibson stated that Mr. Raynor has many years of experience and will be helping with accreditation. Mr. Raynor stated that he was delighted to be here and appreciates the trust invested in him by the Board of Health. Mr. Raynor shared that he has thirty-five plus years in public health at the federal, state and local level. Mr. Raynor stated that the County Manager has been very helpful and they are moving along with the accreditation process, which is a state mandated process. Mr. Raynor shared that the site visit will be happening at the end of October and they are optimistic they will do very well. Mr. Raynor stated that he was reviewing the Community Health Assessment and the Strategic Plan and was glad to be here.

#### **Administrative Matters:**

**Debt Set-off Administrative Privileges for Hearings:** Mr. Teal noted that Friday would be his last day with the county and he serves as the listener for the debt set-off hearings that we have annually. Mr. Teal stated that by General Statutes those that want to appeal their debt set-off balance have thirty days to do so after receiving a letter and he is the person that will either approve the debt or waive the debt and the customer not owe any more debt. Mr. Teal stated that the health department was the only other department practicing debt setoff at this time and asked board members to approve Lisa Clark as the person to handle the hearings. Ms. Gibson voiced approval of the appointment. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve Lisa Clark. Mr. Teal asked that the software between his laptop and Lisa's laptop be updated and in sync. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would make that happen. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Hospital Buildings:** Chairman Baucom noted that the board voted to include the Sanatorium and the apartments in the tear down at the hospital site but they did agree that if she found a buyer they would rescind. Chairman Baucom then showed an envelope containing a sealed bid to purchase the two buildings along with about half of the property at the hospital site. Commissioner Sims asked if it was advertised with Chairman Baucom answering we've not done anything yet. Chairman Baucom felt the board should vote whether to offer it for sale and then proceed with the process. Vice Chair Streater asked if it was half of the property with Chairman Baucom saying it was half of the land. Commissioner Sikes asked if this included the big hospital or just the old ones with Chairman Baucom answering the old buildings. Vice Chair Streater asked what including half of the property would do to the remainder with Chairman Baucom stating that she knows there is a desire to build maybe a health department social services building and she thinks if we build a two story building to decrease the footprint it would fit fine. Commissioner Sims asked if we were talking about the two buildings or the land under the two buildings with Chairman Baucom answering both. County Manager Gatewood explained that the hospital property in total is ten acres and the county will take possession of five acres. County Manager Gatewood stated that what Chairman Baucom was suggesting was perhaps two and one-half acres plus the two old 1910 era buildings, subdividing it and putting it up for sale which would require us to advertise and seek sealed bids. County Manager Gatewood stated that first the property needed to be subdivided between Carolinas HealthCare System and Anson County Government and that has not been completed as of this date but felt it should be completed within the next month. County Manager Gatewood stated that once we have the lines defined we would have to do another survey to subdivide two and one-half acres of the property that the potential buyer is interested in. Commissioner Sims asked if we had an idea what the potential buyers might use it for with Chairman Baucom saying she feels we could say we need to know their plans for the property but the person she has spoken with wants to restore the buildings, repair the roofs and have apartments upstairs and maybe business downstairs. Commissioner Sims again stated that he thinks these two old buildings will be an albatross for this board. Chairman Baucom stated that if someone buys the property and it falls in it is their problem. Commissioner Sims felt it would become our problem if it becomes a detriment to the neighborhood and the county. Commissioner Smith asked if we were still going to demolish the hospital with County Manager Gatewood answering the main building absolutely. Commissioner Sims asked the County Manager his thoughts with County Manager Gatewood saying he was the person that recommended we demolish those two old buildings at the expense of Carolinas HealthCare System. County Manager Gatewood stated that he and the County Attorney would look into this and report back to the board and Dr. Rommel.

\*Commissioner Smith left the meeting at this point.

Commissioner Woodburn voiced a concern that if someone does buy it that they know upfront that they can really bring their plan to fruition and not let it sit there. Chairman Baucom stated that this buyer has bought property in the county and restored and renovated and done a beautiful job. Dr. Rommel asked if we lose the opportunity to take their money and tear it down if the project doesn't come to fruition. Dr. Rommel asked if we still had the option of tearing it down if that is in the best interest of the county and if they would give us the money it will cost to tear it down with County Manager Gatewood answering no. County Manager Gatewood stated that they have volunteered to tear it down at their expense. County Attorney Forbes felt it was possible to work that out if they agreed to that. Vice Chair Streater stated that once we move past Carolinas HealthCare System the buyer would have to guarantee to tear them down if their plans don't work out with County Attorney Forbes saying we could have them post a bond. Commissioner Sims was of the opinion it would cost more to put these two buildings in top shape than it would to build two buildings. Chairman Baucom felt these buildings were part of our history and heritage and felt it was worth the effort to try to save them. Dr. Rommel could not understand if Carolinas HealthCare System was willing to spend the money to tear it down why they would not provide that money to the county. Commissioner Sikes wanted to make sure all bases were covered so the county would not be held responsible. Chairman Baucom called for the pleasure of the board. Vice Chair Streater suggested turning it over to the County Attorney to make sure we are protected. County Attorney Forbes stated that he would be glad to research and make some proposals for mechanism for putting a caveat or condition on the purchase of the building with Vice Chair Streater asking to give a time limit. County Attorney Forbes stated that he will present different options with one being where the potential buyer would have to post a bond that would be there in case the buildings ever fell into disrepair or sufficient to demolish the buildings. County Attorney Forbes felt the time limit would have to be worked out. Commissioner Sims was of the opinion that if we tore down the buildings the property underneath them would be valuable so whatever we do when we give the building to someone else we have lost the value we could have had of the property under and around the buildings and you may have injured the value of the other property that you own in and around the buildings. County Manager Gatewood offered that the five acres were estimated to be worth fifty thousand dollars an acre. Commissioner Sims stated that with two and a half we would be giving away one hundred fifty thousand dollars and he did not think we would recoup that in the sealed bid. Chairman Baucom commented that as long as the county is the owner it does not generate revenue. Joe Dutton, Tax Collector, commented that the value at fifty thousand dollars means we have to find a buyer to pay fifty thousand dollars. Commissioner Sims asked the amount of taxes we would incur on ten million dollars with Mr. Dutton answering our tax rate was .767 and felt it would be nearly a million dollars with Commissioner Sims saying it was not eighty something it was eight hundred thousand with Mr. Dutton saying or seventy-five thousand. Mr. Dutton stated that would be from the ten million dollars that Strata was suggesting and that was their proposed investment not the value. Mr. Dutton stated that we would have aluminum post with glass on top. County Manager Gatewood

referred to the hospital property feeling we needed to wait until the subdivision is defined and once it is defined if the board would prefer to sell two and one-half acres we need to get a survey done. Vice Chair Streater thought it was ten acres with County Manager Gatewood answering in total but Lillie Bennett has a portion and our portion will be approximately five acres. Commissioner Sims stated that when they clear those other buildings we will have five acres of clear land at a good value. Mr. Dutton asked if this was purchased and refurbished to a value of three hundred ninety-five thousand to four hundred thousand weren't we better off with Commissioner Sims answering if that happens. County Manager Gatewood added that once we carve out the two and one-half acres we need to advertise for sealed bids with the conditions clearly identified. County Attorney Forbes stated there were different mechanism for advertising and he would be glad to present that next time. Commissioner Sims stated that the board understands we will have several meetings this month to deal with the County Manager vacancy and at any time there is progress we could have another conversation. Chairman Baucom understood that at this point the board was asking the County Attorney to work up a draft agreement for the sale of the property, conditional agreement and recommend a process. Chairman Baucom then gave the sealed bid to the County Manager to hold. Commissioner Sims asked if the board approved that with Chairman Baucom saying they did not vote. Commissioner Sims then offered a motion that we do not proceed further on the sale of these two buildings. Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Sims to withdraw his motion and wait on the information and then he might want to make it again and he might second it. Commissioner Sims then withdrew his motion.

**Interview Schedule for County Manager Vacancy:** Chairman Baucom asked each member to get out their calendar. Vice Chair Streater asked if every candidate would be interviewed with Chairman Baucom referring to the notebook given each board member with all of the applications and information. Chairman Baucom stated that she would like to see each member individually review the information in the notebook and be prepared to say which ones they think we need to interview at the next meeting. Chairman Baucom shared that all but two in the notebook have cover letters and applications. Chairman Baucom noted that two did not send in applications and she sent letters and an application asking them to complete and return and they did not. These two were removed from a possible interview. After discussion, board members agreed to meet October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. Chairman Baucom stated that she asked County Manager Gatewood to suggest interview questions and he did a beautiful job and at the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> she would like to dwindle the questions down to a manageable number and identify four to five applicants to interview. Commissioner Sturdivant asked once the applicants are narrowed down would all board members chose the manager with Chairman Baucom answering yes that the board would select the finalist.

**Results of Sealed Bids for Hailey's Ferry Road Property:** County Manager Gatewood stated that we have 89.34 acres off Hailey's Ferry Road and we advertised

for sealed bids in the Anson Record, The Express and the Charlotte Observer at the encouragement of Commissioner Smith. County Manager Gatewood stated that we received a number of inquiries but only two qualified bids. County Manager Gatewood noted one was from Mike Goodwin for \$90,250.25 and another one from Don Scarborough for \$130,100. County Manager Gatewood stated that we had the tract surveyed and inspected by our timber consultant and his report indicates that the land has been stripped mined for gravel in the past and most is either dug out with small pools of water or large amounts of dirt. County Manager Gatewood continued saying it was questionable if the land could be logged or not and the total value of the land and timber that is accessible is between \$30,000 and \$40,000. County Manager Gatewood stated that based on his assessment his recommendation was to accept the offer from Mr. Don Scarborough for \$130,100. Commissioner Woodburn commented that if he bid this much there is more to it than that. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the \$130,100 bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom called for a short break.

**Manager's Report:** County Manager Gatewood noted that at the last meeting Chief Randy Henry of the Lilesville Fire Department requested that their current contract for service be amended to provide first responder rescue and EMS services in their fire district. County Manager Gatewood stated that he reviewed the contract and had a brief follow up discussion with Chief Henry and recommends the changes be approved. County Manager Gatewood added that the contract was prepared for signing. Chairman Baucom asked again what it will do with Chief Henry saying the only thing they asked is that paragraph 5 of the existing contract is amended to include that they would provide fire protection, rescue services and medical services at the medical responder level. Chief Henry explained this was not providing any type of transport of patients but it does mean extrication of people from wrecked vehicles or rescue like if someone was on a tower with a problem. Chief Henry stated that they wanted their contract amended to reflect that they would now be operating as a fire/rescue department. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Commissioner Woodburn asked if there was any impact on Anson Rescue Squad, EMS and other organizations in the county with County Manager Gatewood answering none that he has heard of. Chief Henry explained that this would just be for the Lilesville Fire District, Station 3 and it would not affect any contracts with Rescue or EMS. Chairman Baucom asked Chief Henry if they would be able to pull people out of the river with Chief Henry answering yes that they were trained for water rescue and recovery. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood then showed off the clerk's tee shirt that she purchased for \$10 from the Health Department for the March of Dimes campaign. County Manager Gatewood presented the clerk with a shirt from GovDeals in recognition of her work with GovDeals bringing in over \$250,000 over the last five and one-half years. County Manager Gatewood noted an invitation from the NCACC Government Relations Division to visit Anson County on November 14 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. County Manager Gatewood asked board

members if they were available on this date. County Manager Gatewood then shared a copy of the draft agenda with board members and the County Attorney. Chairman Baucom stated that the board would make it acceptable. County Manager Gatewood reported that good progress was being made on the animal shelter project and our vision is to create an animal shelter for critters that are strays, feral and roaming the streets. County Manager Gatewood noted the facility owned by Dr. Danny Wright was the one targeted and in closed session he would tell more. Vice Chair Streater mentioned the visit from the NCACC and asked if all board members needed to be here or just some with County Manager Gatewood answering two or three would be fine. Vice Chair Streater asked what it would be with County Manager Gatewood feeling it would be open discussion and he has asked who will be coming and they have not decided.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Baucom mentioned the passing of Mr. John Jennings Dunlap. Chairman Baucom stated that he was the historical commission person and shared that he made significant contributions to the community. Chairman Baucom stated that he has been devoted to the county Historical Society, been a local historian and authored the newsletter, an officer and member of Rotary Club International and he served on the state and local ABC boards. Chairman Baucom stated that he served in WWII as a navigator for the USS P T 342 and earned the bronze star. Chairman Baucom stated that he passed away Friday, October 4 in Pinehurst and asked the board to support lowering the county flag for him tomorrow and Wednesday. Board members agreed.

**Consent Agenda:** Chairman Baucom called attention to the resolution about 4-H week. Chairman Baucom noted this was a youth development program and the resolution was to honor that. Chairman Baucom shared that she asked about the AS400 lease and it sounds like we get a new box for about what we've been paying. Ms. James offered that we trade this system out every three years and the contract is with IBM. Ms. James explained that it runs taxes, utilities, general ledger payroll, accounts payable, GIS and mass appraisal. Chairman Baucom asked if it was big enough to support GIS with Ms. James answering yes. Chairman Baucom stated that we are going to have to do something with the GIS system or she was going to have to move out of the county. Vice Chair Streater then asked about the system in the board room and why not more than one person could operate the system with Ms. James saying that Bonnie knows about it but she has just not ever taken the time. Ms. James stated that she would get with Randy and remedy this. Ms. James added that sometimes people bring their own hardware and laptop and sometimes they want to hook to our laptop here and then you have issues with software not being the same between their system and our system and it gets kind of sticky. Vice Chair Streater asked if we bought something that wasn't working with Ms. James thinking no but she will get with Randy and sent him an email. Commissioner Sims felt the board needed to worry about what will happen if Rita gets sick or she says she's had enough and goes home. County Manager Gatewood stated that we've introduced Tiffany Randall and in

fact the last two payrolls she did it pretty much single handedly. County Manager Gatewood stated that she is learning extremely fast and a great asset to the county. County Manager Gatewood felt the concern was not as valid as it was six months ago. Chairman Baucom voiced that Ms. James needs to get the web site fixed in her spare time. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Approved minutes dated September 9, 2013 and closed session minutes of the same date.

**Tax Releases:**

## Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

10/07/13							
20500	Curtis, Dorothy	2013	191.75	13-5-4168	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Senior Exemption
20501	Pegram, Elimina	2013	243.76	13-7-13745	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Senior Exemption
20498	PNC Bank	2013	475.77	13-7-14061	Real Taxes	Release	Double Billed
20499	Williams, Thomas W	2013	370.10	13-3-19447	Real Taxes	Release	Mobile Home Error in Listing
			<b>\$ 1,281.38</b>				
					Real Taxes	Refund	
			<b>\$ -</b>				
20505	Berry, Charles	2013	50.97	1309-000185	Vehicle Taxes	Release	High Mileage
22582	Briles, Barbara	2013	29.00	1307-000174	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20508	Burr, Darryl	2013	42.40	1309-000262	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Salvage Title
20502	Callahan, James	2013	255.76	1308-000210	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs to Union County
22589	Clark, Felicia	2013	199.27	1309-000496	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22581	Coletrane, Irvin	2013	16.20	1305-000424	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22591	Gordon, Joshua	2010	86.64	1103-000621	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20506	Griffin, Michelle	2013	207.60	1308-000624	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs to Avery County
21104	Hall, Betty B	2013	26.55	1308-000641	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21109	Hochstetler, Katelyn	2013	78.48	1308-000750	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21110	Hyatt, John M	2013	25.10	1307-000894	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20504	Kelly, Sim D	2013	145.42	1309-000928	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Damaged
22586	Meachum, Ray B	2013	27.98	1309-001203	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20503	Mims, Robert L	2013	16.81	1309-001236	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
21112	Raffaldt, Crystal	2013	67.80	1305-001845	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22583	Redmond, Robert	2013	158.48	1307-001547	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21106	Reid, Reshanda	2012	42.54	1302-001219	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21105	Reid, Reshanda	2013	42.21	1307-001550	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22588	Robinson, Ashley	2013	46.85	1305-001926	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21107	Rosebud Enterprises	2013	267.12	1308-001476	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22579	Shankle, Dyrall	2012	3.44	1306-001760	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22577	Shankle, Dyrall	2012	21.55	1304-001856	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22578	Shankle, Dyrall	2013	6.58	1306-001761	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22585	Streater, Benjamin	2012	31.92	1304-001976	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21108	Taylor, Rodney	2013	6.57	1309-001706	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22580	Tillman, Shirley	2012	86.45	1307-001796	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20507	Wilhoit, Wilbur	2013	15.88	1309-001910	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
			<b>\$ 2,005.57</b>				
22590	Miles, Joshua	2013	67.76	1307-001281	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21111	Randall Transport	2013	84.40	1308-001396	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22584	Surratt, Raymond	2013	4.86	1307-001777	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21103	Teal, Karen M	2013	24.30	1308-001677	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
			<b>\$ 181.32</b>				
20503	Mims, Robert L	2013	1.70	1309-001236	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	
20507	Wilhoit, Wilbur	2013	2.96	1309-001910	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	
			<b>\$ 4.66</b>				
			<b>3,472.93</b>				

**Tax Collector's Report:**

# Vehicle Property Taxes

FY 2013-2014 - Current Ad Valorem Year - 2013

September 30, 2013

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2013</b>	119,453.71	114,783.12	105,519.59	105,941.17	99,457.71	110,301.67	97,754.05	97,410.93
2012	145,510.44	114,926.78	87,325.91	95,750.68	95,742.23	97,889.58	93,095.15	86,806.04
2011	135,881.82	112,831.03	90,177.13	96,321.49	105,280.46	113,210.20	99,617.63	105,412.14
2009	128,615.80	146,889.60	101,431.08	92,017.58	142,346.13	122,954.66	105,356.06	126,604.54
2008	146,866.80	116,428.33	101,739.99	140,891.81	125,895.94	116,814.90	143,009.05	133,467.18
2007	147,628.44	124,665.05	117,102.74	123,039.32	123,109.03	122,820.41	170,641.96	123,647.78
<b>Of Total Collections</b>								
<b>County Taxes</b>								
<b>2013</b>						89,442.16	78,640.18	76,917.05
2012	91,907.70	90,278.18	83,531.19	84,639.60	80,540.42	79,453.29	74,992.07	69,106.55
2011	112,779.42	90,584.78	69,967.91	77,506.09	78,179.10	74,000.71	80,157.54	85,160.92
2010	105,909.91	87,696.46	71,814.37	77,687.74	85,353.85	92,298.88	81,964.93	83,870.76
2009	102,809.18	116,588.69	81,139.59	76,374.99	115,523.99	100,380.49	84,903.01	100,742.46
2008	117,025.16	93,602.22	82,363.60	114,310.48	102,403.58	96,140.94	114,934.99	107,462.61
2007	118,232.44	99,966.05	94,660.52	99,394.36	101,296.97	100,892.19	136,693.09	98,711.37
<b>Current Year (2013) Ad Valorem Collections %</b>								
<b>2013</b>						47.39%	49.53%	49.62%
2012	67.83%	69.56%	70.87%	71.43%	74.54%	47.69%	51.35%	51.69%
2011	70.77%	73.38%	73.16%	72.76%	76.20%	46.31%	52.39%	56.21%
2010	69.88%	72.48%	72.77%	72.93%	76.72%	49.60%	53.28%	55.79%
2009	71.75%	76.21%	76.30%	75.90%	81.22%	51.33%	51.04%	56.71%
2008	76.33%	78.07%	76.81%	78.93%	82.75%	49.30%	54.00%	58.06%
2007	78.59%	80.07%	79.35%	79.80%	83.27%	48.56%	56.62%	58.75%
2006	72.51%	76.05%	77.89%	79.28%	83.28%	44.96%	51.40%	53.34%
2005	78.26%	80.75%	79.62%	81.44%	84.88%	62.89%	63.59%	66.63%
<b>History of Past Due Mailings</b>	11/08/11		02/14/12		10/01/12		01/09/13	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	9,681	530,539.81	8,750	487,461.50	8,205	446,932.26	8,998	504,404.62
<b>Total Monthly Veh Billings</b>	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2013</b>						120,487.17	131,792.04	124,032.98
2012	98,544.78	114,165.80	127,160.05	140,032.98	125,594.71	114,463.14	119,348.29	111,716.60
2011	90,784.66	112,668.32	124,896.31	134,568.21	119,451.11	116,985.62	120,632.45	108,653.41
2010	84,233.87	109,039.61	119,912.86	127,180.60	110,328.69	120,478.19	119,999.02	107,672.23
2009	96,355.94	120,189.92	124,415.00	140,069.44	125,068.34	143,621.80	130,748.72	142,216.63
2008	104,656.71	140,299.87	125,658.12	1,439,002.71	133,231.36	147,096.09	146,173.32	155,143.04
	<b>Jun 2013</b>		<b>Jul 2013</b>		<b>Aug 2013</b>		<b>Sep 2013</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	16	891.34	12	722.10	12	712.53	11	566.97
Bankruptcies	24	1,241.86	23	1,197.71	23	1,204.92	23	1,212.13
Remaining Accts Receivable	4,361	231,836.33	8,823	489,986.24	8,330	459,518.91	7,845	431,960.88
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	6,376	371,943.98	2,336	135,998.39	3,208	195,483.16	4,078	263,112.52
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	10,777	605,913.51	11,194	627,904.44	11,573	656,919.52	11,957	696,852.50
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Jun 2012</b>		<b>Jul 2012</b>		<b>Aug 2012</b>		<b>Sep 2012</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	83	4,791.68	80	4,617.73	80	4,645.34	223	15,514.56
Bankruptcies	42	2,205.54	40	2,050.28	39	1,982.70	39	1,995.03
Remaining Accts Receivable	4,055	223,738.09	8,171	447,543.91	7,854	429,554.16	7,352	401,078.13
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	6,118	334,594.80	2,313	127,507.91	3,130	178,127.30	3,935	234,386.45
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	10,298	565,330.11	10,604	581,719.83	11,103	614,309.50	11,549	652,974.17
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	216	15,340.90
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	174	13,195.45

# Real Property Taxes

**FY 2013-2014 Current Year Ad Valorem - 2013**

**September 30, 2013**

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Year 2013						62,285.51	1,345,310.70	916,100.29
Year 2012	394,773.55	234,592.51	179,365.23	196,487.21	165,789.97	139,879.76	1,330,911.40	863,307.89
Year 2011	759,834.02	326,631.55	153,989.93	109,921.59	207,718.61	78,897.91	1,033,340.38	1,114,236.77
Year 2010	740,139.07	332,344.50	132,854.57	142,607.79	132,015.62	64,025.06	698,291.83	1,078,301.02
Year 2009	379,919.02	360,236.26	261,656.33	87,022.22	149,915.40	75,012.59	562,659.35	1,317,720.88
Year 2008	361,778.44	243,148.97	131,934.01	145,103.87	144,764.28	82,074.70	1,509,823.05	750,653.41
Year 2007	332,904.08	173,894.09	103,614.43	101,440.48	92,036.48	284,567.14	1,310,396.82	788,895.51
<b>Of Total Collections</b>								
<b>County Taxes &amp; Late List</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>
Year 2013						44,283.99	1,078,657.83	757,121.45
Year 2012	311,770.51	186,458.87	132,595.62	139,834.71	113,267.76	106,855.68	1,100,182.13	716,431.79
Year 2011	623,556.83	244,496.75	114,354.72	80,805.60	121,655.06	53,935.78	840,543.63	921,545.62
Year 2010	571,966.13	256,151.14	101,065.71	104,729.42	95,416.97	47,746.47	560,283.83	894,518.98
Year 2009	299,943.51	278,799.08	189,446.64	63,406.87	112,505.37	52,118.13	460,019.34	1,104,190.36
Year 2008	288,841.07	193,174.13	99,314.46	107,874.15	104,520.34	61,341.51	1,218,671.84	633,646.80
Year 2007	270,157.60	133,618.10	78,986.40	72,638.39	71,653.77	228,499.71	1,083,649.84	612,969.68
<b>Current Year (2013) Ad Valorem Collections %</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>
Year 2013							10.02%	16.86%
Year 2012	90.66%	91.84%	92.68%	93.58%	94.00%		10.76%	14.37%
Year 2011	90.48%	92.07%	92.77%	93.20%	93.75%		7.87%	13.92%
Year 2010	90.64%	92.35%	92.95%	93.57%	94.09%		4.90%	13.35%
Year 2009	89.23%	91.26%	92.70%	93.11%	93.78%		4.47%	12.81%
Year 2008	91.28%	92.77%	93.40%	94.15%	94.62%		12.88%	15.53%
Year 2007	92.71%	93.76%	94.32%	94.78%	95.25%		12.95%	16.08%
Year 2006	91.88%	93.41%	94.53%	95.28%	95.78%		9.72%	15.87%
Year 2005	91.88%	94.31%	95.09%	95.85%	96.43%		11.83%	17.64%
Year 2004	90.91%	93.00%	94.25%	95.47%	96.05%		1.32%	7.59%
<b>Current Year (2013) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>
Year 2013						19,880.54	9,290,290.35	8,585,188.08
Year 2012	1,143,229.63	999,483.29	896,470.97	786,437.51	734,822.47	44,734.04	9,226,756.70	10,479,738.36
Year 2011	1,155,588.56	962,100.93	877,303.12	824,977.42	757,956.67	32,692.26	9,407,190.90	10,421,780.20
Year 2010	1,141,393.93	933,101.21	859,307.48	784,518.34	720,335.90	6,847.17	9,730,558.67	8,865,833.89
<b>History of Past Due Mailings</b>	<b>02/14/12</b>		<b>10/01/12</b>		<b>01/09/13</b>		<b>04/09/13</b>	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	4,559	3,637,092.32	2,419	2,362,763.93	5,543	4,420,774.02	3,360	3,308,737.72
<b>Tax Scroll Billings</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Taxed Value</b>	<b>County Tax</b>	<b>Late List</b>	<b>City Taxes</b>	<b>Fire Taxes</b>	<b>Total Billed</b>	
Year 2013	0.767	1,337,123,638	10,255,747.03	38,016.08	1,646,610.96	506,563.47	12,446,937.54	
Year 2012	0.767	1,329,890,486	10,200,268.80	14,665.91	1,635,582.81	504,013.76	12,354,531.28	
Year 2011	0.767	1,323,056,075	10,147,848.87	13,689.32	1,639,958.48	499,585.19	12,301,081.86	
Year 2010	0.767	1,327,866,369	10,184,743.25	15,890.10	1,629,828.36	503,371.31	12,333,833.02	
Year 2009	0.894	1,074,350,757	9,604,696.60	38,844.26	1,596,904.94	419,657.98	11,660,103.78	
Year 2008	0.894	1,067,095,405	9,539,833.35	15,293.61	1,587,401.81	418,342.90	11,560,871.67	
Year 2007	0.894	1,057,504,045	9,454,086.99	36,594.58	1,567,062.65	417,392.35	11,475,136.57	
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>County Tax</b>	<b>City Taxes</b>	<b>Fire Taxes</b>	<b>Total Billed</b>				
Year 2013				-				
Year 2012	1,912,391.52	95,646.61	113,513.96	2,121,552.09				
Year 2011	1,903,727.55	96,335.67	112,271.30	2,112,334.52				
Year 2010	1,909,334.87	96,146.67	110,638.22	2,116,119.76				
Year 2009	1,997,433.34	93,637.75	102,680.57	2,193,751.66				
Year 2008	2,036,138.47	80,919.31	104,766.86	2,221,824.64				
Year 2007	1,845,058.15	752,396.25	36,424.77	2,633,879.17				
	<b>Jun 2013</b>		<b>Jul 2013</b>		<b>Aug 2013</b>		<b>Sep 2013</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>
Active Garnishments	196	78,357.19	187	74,555.36	182	72,061.12	177	70,322.01
Accts with Agreements	45	10,874.34	42	10,451.98	42	10,507.28	42	10,562.58
Accts in Foreclosure	337	145,689.57	317	139,912.82	309	131,654.72	300	125,614.75
Bankruptcies	136	83,093.42	119	70,085.86	113	67,261.97	113	67,404.98
Remaining Accts Collectible	6,038	1,832,885.96	8,372	2,706,354.69	8,881	2,654,992.35	8,764	2,603,649.75
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	2,764	989,061.17	68	24,163.18	17,839	11,209,194.26	16,157	10,369,437.91
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	9,516	3,139,961.65	9,105	3,025,523.89	27,366	14,145,671.70	25,553	13,246,991.98
	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	6	7,386.52	11	5,303.67	14	11,998.91	13	10,626.41
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	295,334.26	-	256,053.17	-	255,031.64	-	253,550.26
<b>One Year Ago</b>	<b>Jun 2012</b>		<b>Jul 2012</b>		<b>Aug 2012</b>		<b>Sep 2012</b>	
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$ Due Now</b>
Active Garnishments	113	8,358.82	182	65,360.85	181	64,536.50	269	112,766.64
Accts with Agreements	66	17,013.33	63	16,485.02	62	16,470.15	53	12,526.24
Accts in Foreclosure	402	197,417.79	384	194,663.99	381	194,812.71	370	176,551.24
Bankruptcies	141	75,817.42	102	57,444.28	102	57,611.07	99	65,810.21
Remaining Accts Collectible	5,965	1,642,411.78	8,261	2,355,865.66	8,141	2,303,609.62	7,912	2,186,862.14
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	2,754	978,814.56	46	48,474.92	17,371	11,163,302.31	16,097	12,501,743.06
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	9,441	2,919,833.70	9,038	2,738,294.72	26,238	13,800,342.36	24,800	15,056,259.53
	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	73	70,661.92	21	5,163.59	7	2,955.91	11	17,682.99
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	56,925.32
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	58,219.98

<b>Remaining Accts Collectible</b>	5,965	1,642,411.78	8,261	2,355,865.66	8,141	2,303,609.62	7,912	2,186,862.14
<b>Current Year Ad Valorem(All)</b>	2,754	978,814.56	46	48,474.92	17,371	11,163,302.31	16,097	12,501,743.06
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	9,441	<b>2,919,833.70</b>	9,038	<b>2,738,294.72</b>	26,238	<b>13,800,342.36</b>	24,800	<b>15,056,259.53</b>
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
<b>\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo</b>	73	70,661.92	21	5,163.59	7	2,955.91	11	17,682.99
<b># Accts Given to ParaLegal</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Garnishments Executed</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	56,925.32
<b>Debt Setoff Letters Mailed</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	58,219.98
<b>Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)</b>	-	340,483.76	-	312,369.78	-	312,705.18	-	313,115.88

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

<b>Fund Balance Calculation</b>					
		<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Two Months</b>	<b>Last</b>	
	<b>As of 09-30-13</b>	<b>Same Month</b>	<b>Ago</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Now</b>
		As of	As of	As of	As of
		<b>09/30/12</b>	<b>07/31/13</b>	<b>08/31/13</b>	<b>09/30/13</b>
<b>Available Fund Balance</b>					
Cash & Investments (General)		\$ 7,530,321	\$ 7,892,631	\$ 8,046,477	\$ 7,996,273
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)		\$ 15,120	\$ 17,634	\$ 17,884	\$ 18,135
Less Cash from General (other funds)		\$ (61,867)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)		\$ 118,493	\$ (18,895)	\$ 130,803	\$ 133,461
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)		\$ (43,474)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (40,456)
Less Encumbrances		\$ (212,006)	\$ (128,583)	\$ (150,834)	\$ (158,890)
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>\$ 7,346,586</b>	<b>\$ 7,722,331</b>	<b>\$ 8,003,874</b>	<b>\$ 7,948,522</b>
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)		\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
<b>Total Available for Appropriation</b>					
Total Available		\$ 7,346,586	\$ 7,722,331	\$ 8,003,874	\$ 7,948,522
Total Expenditures		\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
<b>Total % Available Fund Balance</b>		<b>27.62%</b>	<b>27.80%</b>	<b>28.81%</b>	<b>28.61%</b>
<b>Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC</b>		<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>
		<b>\$2,127,854</b>	<b>\$2,222,645</b>	<b>\$2,222,645</b>	<b>\$2,222,645</b>
<b>% Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		<b>19.62%</b>	<b>19.80%</b>	<b>20.81%</b>	<b>20.61%</b>
		<b>\$ 5,218,732</b>	<b>\$ 5,499,686</b>	<b>\$ 5,781,229</b>	<b>\$ 5,725,877</b>

**Monthly Jail Report:**

**ANSON COUNTY JAIL**

**October 1, 2013**

1. As of 9:00am (October 1, 2013) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held 50 inmates; 0 inmates housed in the other County Jails; 0 inmates in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and 7\* inmates awaiting transfer to DOC.

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>ADP</b>	<b>Total Booked/Yr.</b>	<b>Average Booked/Month</b>
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
<b>2012</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1603</b>	<b>134</b>

**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	42	105
August	48	151
<b>September</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>153</b>

**\* 7 Inmates scheduled to be moved to DOC later today (Oct. 1).**

**Budget Amendment – Domestic Violence:** to record a decrease in revenue from North Carolina Council for women for Anson County Domestic Violence SA, DV and ML

**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**

Decrease:	Domestic Violence Coalition 11-4325	\$ (694)
	Total Decrease:	\$ (694)

**Section 2. General Fund Revenues**

Decrease:	Domestic Violence Coalition 11-4325	\$ (694)
	Total Decrease:	\$ (694)

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Budget Amendment – ACTS:** to increase/decrease appropriate ROAP revenues as received from the Public Transportation Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Anson County Transportation System for the Elderly, Work First and Rural Public Programs.

**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:	Transportation 11-4521-4523	\$ 4,770
Increase:	Transportation 11-4521-4523	\$ 9,372
Decrease:	Transportation 11-4521-4523	<u>\$ (328)</u>
Total Increase:		\$ 13,814

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Transportation – DOT Reimb 11-3452	\$ 4,770
Increase:	Transportation – DOT Reimb 11-3452	\$ 9,372
Decrease:	Transportation – DOT Reimb 11-3452	<u>\$ (328)</u>
Total Increase:		\$ 13,814

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Budget Amendment – Sheriff’s Office:** to allocate loan proceeds for the purchase of Sheriff’s vehicles along with equipment, titles and tags.

**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	<u>\$ 185,000</u>
Total Increase:		\$ 185,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	<u>\$ 185,000</u>
Total Increase:		\$ 185,000

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Proclamation -2013 National 4-H Week:**

**Proclamation  
2013 National 4-H Week**

**WHEREAS**, The Anson County Board of Commissioners is proud to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service for providing experience-based education to youngsters throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, This admirable program, which seeks to provide a learning experience for the whole child, including head, heart, hands, and health, helps young Ansonians to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes to enable them to become self-directed, productive, and contributing members of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, Its more than 1,200 rural youth participants, ranging in age from five to nineteen, hail from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and truly represent a cross-section of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, The program undoubtedly could not have achieved the success that it has today were it not for the service of its more than 75 volunteers, who have given generously of their time, talents, energies, and resources to the youth of Anson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout its proud history, the 4-H program has developed positive role models for countless citizens and through its innovative and inspiring programs, continues to build character and to instill the values that have made our county strong and great;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Anson County Board of Commissioners hereby designates October 6-12, 2013 as National 4-H Week in Anson County and commend the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service and the many men and women who have made the program a success.

Adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013.

**Resolution, Vehicle Request, Bank Proposals:** BB&T Resolution on vehicle purchase agreement, Sheriff's vehicle request and bank proposal comparison.

**Vehicle Loan - Bank Proposal Comparison**

	Anson Bank & Trust	BB&T	PNC Bank
	\$185,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$185,000.00
<b>Financing Interest Rate</b>	2.25%	1.89%	2.95%
	SIMPLE INTEREST	SIMPLE INTEREST	SIMPLE INTEREST
<b>Prepayment Policy</b>	No Prepayment Penalty	1% Prepayment Penalty In Whole on a Scheduled Payment Date.	3% of Remaining Principal Balance at time of payoff
<b>Terms</b>	3 YEARS	3 YEARS	3 YEARS
<b>Escrow Fees</b>	None	None	None
<b>Loan Closing Cost</b>	None	None	\$250.00
<b>Annual Payment</b>	\$64,502.64	\$64,012.21	\$64,662.64
<b>Loan Closing Cost and Fees</b>	None	None	\$250.00
<b>Total Loan Cost (3 years)</b>	\$8,507.92	\$7,036.63	\$9,237.92
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$193,507.92	\$192,036.63	\$194,237.92

**RESOLUTION**

The governing body for the County of Anson, North Carolina, held a regular meeting at the Anson County Government Center Board Room, the regular place of meeting, on October 7, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Baucom, Vice Chair Streater, Commissioner Sikes, Commissioner Sims, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sturdivant and Commissioner Woodburn.

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_None\_\_\_\_\_

Also Present: Lawrence Gatewood, County Manager and Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Baucom introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,000.00 WITH BB&T BANK TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE COUNTY OF ANSON, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED INSTRUMENTS, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the County of Anson, North Carolina (the "Unit"):

Section 1. The governing body of the Unit does hereby find and determine:

- a) The County of Anson proposes the acquisition of certain equipment, which may include fixtures as more fully described in the hereinafter mentioned Contract (collectively, the "Equipment");
- b) After consideration, the governing body of the Unit has determined that the most advantageous manner of financing thereof is by an installment contract pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended;
- c) Pursuant to Section 160A-20, the Unit is authorized to finance the acquisition of Personal property, including fixtures, by installment contracts that create a Security interest in the property financed to secure repayment of the financing; and
- d) BB&T BANK ("BB&T BANK") has proposed that BB&T BANK enter into an Installment Financing Contract with the Unit to Finance the Equipment pursuant to which BB&T BANK will lend the Unit the amount of \$185,000.00 (the "Contract") and a related Escrow.

Section 2. The governing body of the Unit hereby authorizes and directs Tiffany Randall to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Contract and Escrow Agreement on behalf of the Unit in such form and substance as the person executing and delivering such instruments on behalf of the Unit shall find acceptable. The Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the official seal of the County of Anson to the Contract and the Escrow Agreement and attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of the Unit are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this Resolution and the Contract and the Escrow Agreement.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any provision of the Contract or the Escrow Agreement, no deficiency judgment may be rendered against the Unit in any action for breach of a contractual obligation under the Contract or the Escrow Agreement and the taxing power of the Unit is not and may not be pledged directly or indirectly to secure any moneys due under the Contract, the security provided under the Contract being the sole security for BB&T BANK in such instance.

Section 5. The Unit covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") as required so that interest on the Unit's obligations under the Contract will not be included in the gross income of BB&T BANK.

Section 6. The Unit hereby represents that it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities issuing obligations on behalf of the Unit will issue in the aggregate less than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations, including the Contract (not counting private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2013. In addition, the Unit hereby designates the Contract and its obligations under the Contract as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of the Code.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Woodburn, seconded Commissioner Sturdivant , members of the governing body, the foregoing resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,000.00 WITH BB&T BANK TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED INSTRUMENTS, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Baucom, Vice Chair Streater, Commissioner Sikes, Commissioner Sims, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sturdivant and Commissioner Woodburn.

Nays: None

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Contract for AS400:** approved a new three year term. Monthly lease payment will be within \$10 of the current lease requiring no additional funding. The applications affected are auditing, finance, payroll, general ledger, budgeting, tax assessor GIS, CAMA, tax collections, cash payments, jury notifications, utility billing, utility collections and utility meter deposits. Contract is on file with the IT Department and hereby made a part of these minutes.

**Budget Amendment – Public Schools Lottery Fund:** to appropriate additional funds from the North Carolina State Board of Education Lottery funds for additional repair projects for the Anson County Board of Education.

**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:	Public Schools – CO 11-5912	\$ 38,000
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Total Increase:		\$ 38,000
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Section 2. General Fund Revenues

Increase:	Public Schools – CO 11-5912	\$ 38,000
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Total Increase:		\$ 38,000
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Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Budget Amendment – 4-H Youth Promise:** to appropriate fund balance to refund overpayment for Anson County 4-H Youth Promise for FY 2012-13.

**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:	4-H Youth Promise 11-5870	\$ 1,984
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Total Increase:	\$ 1,984
<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues</u>	
Increase: 4-H Youth Promise – 11-5870	<u>\$ 1,984</u>
Total Increase:	\$ 1,984

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Budget Amendment – JCPC Youth Administration:** to appropriate fund balance to refund overpayment for JCPC Youth Srv Adv Council Program for FY 2012-2013.

**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:

<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures</u>	
Increase: JCPC Youth Srv Adv Council – 11-5840	<u>\$ 713</u>
Total Increase:	\$ 713

<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues</u>	
Increase: General fund balance Appropriation 11-4110	<u>\$ 713</u>
Total Increase:	\$ 713

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Budget Amendment – Elderly Services:** 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:

<u>Section 1. General Fund Expenditures</u>	
Increase: Elderly Services Programs 11-5880-5885	<u>\$ 672</u>
Total Increase:	\$ 672

<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues</u>	
Increase: Elderly Services Programs 11-5880-5884	<u>\$ 672</u>
Total Increase:	\$ 672

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

**Appointments:**

**Anson County Planning/Adjustment Board – Districts 3 & 7:** Vice Chair Streater stated that he would have someone at the next meeting.

**Firefighter’s Relief Fund:** Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Sikes about this with Commissioner Sikes answering they handle the finances in the fire department. Ms. Randall was of the opinion they handle the firemen’s retirement and there are five trustees on the board and they have one treasurer, two of the trustees have to be approved by the local fire department, two are approved by the Board of Commissioners and one is approved by the insurance commissioner. Vice Chair Streater asked their duties with Ms. Randall answering they were a trustee for the fire fighter’s retirement. Ms. Randall added that they typically don’t change but the information has to be updated every two years. Vice Chair Streater asked the length of the appointment with Mr. Randall answering until the department determined it needs to be changed. Commissioner Sturdivant asked who was representing Morven now

with Ms. Randall answering Ron Robinson and Gerald Tanner and the department met and wanted to elect Marshall Locklear and Joe Tarlton. Vice Chair Streater asked to hold off the two Morven appointments.

Burnsville Fire Department: Chairman Baucom stated that they want to replace Chuck Nix with Mr. Mr. Jonathan Thomas for the Firefighter's Relief Fund Trustee. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to grant Burnsville request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Concerns:**

**Commissioner Woodburn:** Commissioner Woodburn was of the impression that his concern would be dealt with in closed session.

**Commissioner Sturdivant** shared that Reverend W. H. Sturdivant will turn 100 years old in November and they will celebrate at the Flat Rock Community Center on highway 52. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if the board could present him with some type resolution that day. Chairman Baucom asked the clerk to do a resolution. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to have the clerk to a resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to go into closed session for **Personnel** pursuant to NCGS143-318.1(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, and for **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 Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to go out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to appoint Bret Blalock Interim Director of EMS & Safety. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to offer Dr. Wright \$225,000 final offer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to recessed until October 16, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCC  
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 3 hr. 55 min.