

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Cooperative Extension office, McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

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

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Tiffany Randall, Finance Officer
Ryan Teal, EMS Director
Steve Adams, Board of Elections
Carol Gibson, Interim Health Director

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, saying she hopes everyone would stay awake for the meeting after the really nice meal. Chairman Baucom welcomed everyone to the meeting and then recognized Senator McLaurin and Representative Brody saying they were happy to have them here. Chairman Baucom called on Reverend Roy Blount, First Baptist Church, Ansonville, North Carolina for the **Invocation**.

Chairman Baucom again recognized that our State Representative and Senator were with us and commented that we've heard the work of the Agricultural Extension office here in Anson County and how vital it is to our agriculture community. Chairman Baucom voiced that agriculture accounts for half of our economy. Chairman Baucom brought attention to their facility, noting it was our intention to build an Agri-Civic Center that will have banquet capacity for nine hundred at round tables and one thousand four hundred fifty theater style. Chairman Baucom stated that we feel they need this as well as our whole community. Chairman Baucom shared that soon we will acquire the property to build it on. Chairman Baucom stated that we were looking at ten million dollars and knowing she has mentioned this to both our Representative and Senator before, again shared that we would appreciate it if there was the opportunity for the State to put up 2.5 million dollars that we could match dollar for dollar. Chairman Baucom stated that she intends to put the same question to Senator Kay Hagan and asked the federal government for two and one-half million that we can

match. Chairman Baucom feels with this done it will be a collaborative, cooperative effort between this community, state government and federal government. Chairman Baucom added that we feel this is reasonable and would appreciate their support.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their ethics policy and if they know of any item for which they have a conflict to let it be known and they will write it down. Chairman Baucom called for additions to the agenda with Commissioner Woodburn asking to add under Commissioner Concerns an update on the Connect our Future. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the Agenda with the addition. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

David Jones – Waste Connections of North Carolina: Mr. Jones shared that Sheriff Allen called him about a proposition on a Gang Enforcement Abatement Education program. Mr. Jones shared that Sheriff Allen applied for and received a grant from the State and presented him with a proposition he could not pass. Mr. Jones stated that after looking into the program and meeting with Sheriff Allen, Waste Connections agreed to match the grant. Mr. Jones then presented Sheriff Allen with a check for \$10,000 as a matching grant for Gang Enforcement, Abatement Education and Awareness. Sheriff Allen stated that Waste Connections had been a good partner and they were fortunate to receive the grant for \$10,000 and the match from Waste Connections. Sheriff Allen stated that this would be \$20,000 they could spend beginning October 1 to work on the gang problem in Anson County. Chairman Baucom asked Sheriff Allen if he had a plan and what type things would he do. Sheriff Allen shared that dealing with gangs there were some things he could not tell but some of it would involve education in the schools and they were going to try to identify specific gangs and gang members and try to address some of their issues. Chairman Baucom asked if he would be working with the townships with Sheriff Allen answering it would be throughout the county.

Marty Morton – Lilesville Fire Department: Chief Randy Henry thanked board members for letting them appear. Chief Henry stated that the Lilesville Fire Department recently obtained certification as a medium rescue provider by the North Carolina Rescue and EMS Association. Chief Henry explained that this means they can render vehicle and machinery excruciation, rope rescue, land search and water rescue and recovery. Chief Henry added that they were currently obtaining the open water certification to along with this. Chief Henry explained that to obtain the certification, eleven firefighters attended and completed the technical rescue certification class. Chief Henry noted they had one hundred fifty hours of class room and hands on practical training time. Chief Henry stated that in addition to obtaining this training the fire department also purchased a new rescue truck and outfitted it with all the needed equipment for medium certification. Chief Henry shared that their department currently has firefighters that are finishing up another seventy-eight hour class to obtain the

technical rescue rope certification and once obtained they can apply for and hopefully be certified for heavy rescue. Chief Henry added they hope to complete this by January, 2014. Chief Henry requested their current contract for service be amended to provide rescue in their fire district. Assistant Chief Morton shared a copy of the current contract with board member, the new amendment being requested and their rescue credentials. Chief Henry stated that they were requesting an amendment to paragraph five of the contract to read as follows: the Fire Department will furnish fire protection, Rescue Services and Emergency medical Services at the First Responder level within the District and shall provide the necessary equipment, personnel and those things necessary for furnishing such protection in the district. The services shall be in accordance with minimum standards set forth in this agreement and all future amendments adopted in accordance with paragraph 17b of this agreement. The Fire Department shall furnish said fire protection and rescue services without charge to all persons and property located in the District in an efficient and workmanlike manner. This provision shall not prohibit the Fire Department from entering into contracts with the Federal, State or Local governments or utility companies for the provision of emergency protection services for a fee. Chief Henry asked that their contract be amended to reflect that they can provide these services to the people of Anson County along with the original fire protection that they've always given and the emergency medical responders they've added over the last few years. Chief Henry shared that they want to protect them within that golden hour, which is the first hour after a traumatic incident. Chief Henry explained that if you can get someone to a high level trauma center within the first hour the chances of their survival greatly increase. Chairman Baucom asked if they would work cooperatively with other rescue services with Chief Henry answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if we could expect a seamless cooperation among the different service providers with Chief Henry stating that was always their hope and dream. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant to accept the amended contract with the added words rescue service. Chief Henry noted the only change is to allow them to provide rescue services along with the fire protection and medical responder they currently provide. Mr. Morton added that they were not changing anything they just want to be the lead provider of rescue in their district. Commissioner Woodburn offered a second to the motion but felt the specifics and ins and outs needed to be reviewed by the County Manager and County Attorney and whoever else needs to be involved to make sure all the i's are dotted and t's are crossed. County Manager Gatewood felt this was a good idea and a workable plan and added that he would like to see a letter of support from Anson Rescue Squad because they are primarily involved in rescue efforts in the county. Chairman Baucom again voiced that she wants a seamless cooperative effort among all emergency service providers in Anson County. Mr. Morton stated that they would guarantee that on their end. Chairman Baucom felt they at least needed to be a part of the conversation and it all needs to be open. Chief Henry stated that they look to work with them seamlessly. Chief Henry mentioned the request to have rescue submit a letter of recommendation for the Lilesville Department saying the state at this time only recognizes the Anson Rescue Squad as an ambulance and EMS provider as they do not even hold a rescue

certification. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that this has been since 2010. Chairman Baucom felt this needed to be a part of the conversation with the County Manager in agreement, saying this was news to him. Chairman Baucom stated that the motion and second approves the request with review from the County Manager and County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Addresses to the Board: Janet Dyson from the Burnsville area addressed the issue of stray dogs. Ms. Dyson was excited that the board was going to talk about animal control. Ms. Dyson shared that she feels the county needs an animal cruelty investigator. Ms. Dyson favored an enforceable Ordinance with a registration fee and a rabies requirement and wondered if that would cause people to stop letting female dogs raise puppies. Ms. Dyson wondered if it would be better to put them to sleep or let them be on the road starving. Ms. Dyson stated that a plastic container or a metal drum was not an appropriate dog house. Ms. Dyson feels it is not just a dog and cat issue but that it was also a horse issue. Chairman Baucom was of the opinion there has always been stray animals and they are going to be everywhere but feels our situation has reach almost an epidemic level and they were getting ready to be very serious about this within our means. Chairman Baucom stated that she would rather spend tax money on people than animals but she has come to realize that this problem is impeding our quality of life here. Chairman Baucom told Ms. Dyson they were hearing what she was saying and if they can figure out what to do they will. Ms. Dyson stated that she was more concerned about children starving than animals but no one drops kids off in her yard. Ms. Dyson felt it was a contradiction for anyone to say they are against a kill shelter while they refuse to help resolve the problem.

Administrative Matters:

Board of Elections: Mr. Adams thanked board members for the location they will be moving into soon. Mr. Adams stated that from an election's standpoint and for the voters of the county he could not thank them enough. Mr. Adams stated that the complaints received for their current location were not about aesthetics or the building but the availability for voters. Mr. Adams stated that many voters can't go down the stairs and many refuse to go down the elevator. Mr. Adams stated that parking has always been an issue uptown. Mr. Adams shared that all members of the Board of Elections have visited the site and feel the location is almost perfect for now and the future. Mr. Adams shared that they were preparing for the November municipal elections and one of the hardest thing is to find a suitable early voting spot. Mr. Adams stated that having their own location will allow them to not have to worry about this. Mr. Adams thanked board members again and voiced that they would certainly appreciate them doing all things possible to secure the move. Chairman Baucom stated that they were not used to gratitude but voice appreciation. Mr. Adams added that the voters will thank them for giving them a permanent home on one level with easy access.

EMS Recommended Rate Schedule: Mr. Teal asked for a vote and approval of an increase in their current rate schedule. Mr. Teal referred to the information in the meeting packet showing the types of services they bill for, what Medicare allows for each of those services, what they currently charge and what they are looking to charge. Mr. Teal shared that they have not had a rate increase in almost three years as their current rates were approved in January of 2010. Mr. Teal stated that even if the rates presented are approved tonight they will still be below the region in what is charged in our area. Mr. Teal stated that the rates presented were recommended by their billing company and what they consider 130% of Medicare allowable. Mr. Teal explained that this means they are able to balance the contractual agreements they have with Medicare/Medicaid/BCBS/Signa and other insurance agencies with those that are self-pay or those with a hardship and can't pay. Mr. Teal stated that actually they were asking for a 10% increase from 2010. Commissioner Sims asked the date of the last increase with Mr. Teal answering January 2010. Mr. Teal explained that in 2010 they went 120% of Medicare allowable and they are asking to go 10% above that to 130%. Chairman Baucom asked when a Medicare bill goes out if Medicare will pay \$253.56 with Mr. Teal answering no. Mr. Teal stated that typically for Medicare and Medicaid services they get paid \$90 plus mileage and Medicare allowable is a number that CMS Agency comes up with that says you can bill for ambulance services so they are asking to go 130% of what they consider allowable. Mr. Teal added that this was due to the payer mix in the community they serve, the types of contractual agreements they have associated with the community and their reimbursement rate. Mr. Teal noted their reimbursement rate was incredible due to debt set off and other things put in place. Mr. Teal stated they were in the eighty percentile on return on bills and the national average is around the fifty-eight fifty-nine percentile. Chairman Baucom then asked if Medicare pays \$90 would she owe \$239 with Mr. Teal answering that because of the contractual allowances they take whatever Medicare/Medicaid pays and the rest is written off as they cannot bill, by law, for the outstanding balance. Vice Chair Streater asked if that was the same for private insurance with Mr. Teal answering that the private insurance's that they do not have contractual agreements with they can bill the patient for the percentage not paid by the insurance company. Vice Chair Streater felt this would only affect the paying person with Mr. Teal answering as most insurance do. County Attorney Forbes was of the understanding that if they did not have a contractual obligation with health insurance they could demand full payment and it would be incumbent upon the person receiving the service and their insurance company to pay the difference rather than seeking it from the payer. Commissioner Sims felt it was one of our primary responsibilities to provide services as economical as possible to our citizens but at the same time if we don't grant some increases we will have a loss of efficiency. Mr. Teal offered to share with board members if they wanted information showing how much each call cost them in fuel, salaries, supplies and equipment, etc. Mr. Teal told board members it cost them around \$350 to \$360 to run a call. Mr. Teal feels if we don't stay up with rising cost it will end up costing taxpayers in the long run. Commissioner Sikes asked if there was any charge to people for the refusal calls they make with Mr. Teal answering yes they charge \$107. Mr. Teal reported that with the

new ambulance they are going from diesel engines to gas in hopes of cutting their gasoline and maintenance cost in half. Vice Chair Streater asked if a person is a patient at the local hospital and they transport them to another facility would the hospital be responsible for the bill. Mr. Teal answered that in some cases they are and our billing company makes that determination and bills the appropriate person. Mr. Teal stated that usually the hospital sends the patient to another facility because of services they can't provide which is an automatic green light for payment for Medicare/Medicaid insurance and things like that. Mr. Teal shared that because of where we live and the limit in health care services we have when they do transfer patients to other facilities it helps them from the ambulance side because it is pretty much direct payment. Vice Chair Streater asked Mr. Teal if he felt we were moving toward more of that with Mr. Teal answering absolutely. Mr. Teal stated that he was working on a five and ten year plan and he expects their volume to increase with the hospital coming on in 2014. Mr. Teal stated that he would need the board's support in this because it will take money up front to make this happen. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Medicare 2013 Allowable Amounts

Rural 28170

<i>Anson County EMS</i>	2013 Medicare Allowable (Rural)	Current Charge	EMS/MC Recommended Charge (130% of MFS)
ALS NE A0426	\$253.56	\$316.00	\$329.62
ALS E A0427	\$401.46	\$500.00	\$521.90
BLS NE A0428	\$211.30	\$263.00	\$274.69
BLS E A0429	\$338.08	\$421.00	\$439.50
ALS 2 A0433	\$581.07	\$723.00	\$755.39
Specialty Care A0434	\$686.72	\$855.00	\$892.73
Urban Mileage or Rural Mileage 18+ A0425	\$7.16	\$13.00	\$13.96
Rural Mileage 1 - 17	\$10.74	\$13.00	\$13.96

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ALS- 2 or more medications

BLS- No medications

ALS2- Cardiac arrest

Specialty Care- Ventilator transport

New and Increased Fees – Health Department: Ms. Gibson referred to the fee schedule included in each agenda packet. Ms. Gibson explained that the Pregnancy Medical Home was something new the state was requiring of them. Ms. Gibson explained that the Risk Assessment involves nurses going out to do a risk assessment on the mother and new born baby. Ms. Gibson stated that they never had a fee for this and the fee is Medicaid based. Ms. Gibson stated that the Post Assessment was actually for the doctor that delivers the baby and they added the \$165 in case they have a baby delivered in Anson County. Ms. Gibson again stated that the fees were Medicaid based. Ms. Gibson noted the Private Pay Tetanus was left off the list presented and approved last March and \$26 is the going rate. Ms. Gibson stated that emergency contraception was now over the counter however they have clients that come through the health department requesting emergency contraception and they need to have the single pill available for them. Ms. Gibson added that they don't know how some will get the pill if not from the health department. Ms. Gibson mentioned the asterisk that reads adopt the comprehensive lab fees manual of CMC-Union, as charged to ACHD; there will be no additional cost to clients in general health clinics. Ms. Gibson stated that they have been doing this for a long time and when someone comes in to their general health clinic with no insurance they charged them \$30 and the doctor requires lab work. Ms. Gibson stated that they send the lab work to CMC – Union and charge them only what CMC-Union charges them. Ms. Gibson noted the lab manual was about sixty-five pages long and the Board of Health is asking the commissioners to adopt it as a comprehensive manual. Ms. Gibson added that it does change from time to time so if they adopt the comprehensive lab fee manual it would be a onetime thing and there is no extra charge to the client. Ms. Gibson noted that environmental health had not had any fee changes or increases since 2006 and because of the down trend in building their fees have dropped. Ms. Gibson explained that other counties have decided to charge for onsite wastewater system repair permits. Ms. Gibson added that we've never charged for these but they do as much work for this as they do for a new system. Ms. Gibson stated that all surrounding counties were charging \$50 and this is a new fee endorsed by the Board of Health. Ms. Gibson stated that animal control has to pick up dogs that are not vaccinated that have bitten someone and their current fee to hold the dog is \$3.00 a day. Ms. Gibson stated that Brown Creek Animal Hospital charges \$20.50 a day for a three to five pound dog. Ms. Gibson stated that the Board of Health elected to raise it to \$7.50. Ms. Gibson explained that boarding animals was not their business and this was for animals that have bitten someone and General Statutes require they are monitored for ten days. Ms. Gibson stated that if they are not vaccinated they bring them to the shelter but if they have had their rabies shot and the client can keep and watch them at their residence they allow that. Ms. Gibson again stated that this was for those that do not have their dogs vaccinated according to General Statutes and we have to pick up the dog and monitor it for the ten days. Ms. Gibson stated that this was her proposed new fees and one increase fee. Chairman Baucom asked about the permit fee to repair an onsite wastewater system with Ms. Gibson answering that before they thought if they charged they might not get it repaired. Ms. Gibson felt that about 89% of those that come in expect to pay for the

permit because it is in the General Statutes that they have to get the permit and currently they are not charging. Chairman Baucom stated that according to Ms. Gibson they do not board animals but if you have to keep them isolated for ten days you have to feed them. Chairman Baucom felt it should be more and for people who are letting their dogs run loose and they have not been vaccinated and are not being taken care of she felt \$7.50 a day was not enough. Chairman Baucom stated that she would vote for \$20 a day for keeping them. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not relish the idea of putting down someone's animal but at some point we have to draw the line and say we're serious about this or we're not. Chairman Baucom wondered how many children are we going to put in jeopardy with dogs not being vaccinated and felt cats needed to be vaccinated. Ms. Gibson noted the General Statutes say dogs, cats and ferrets have to be vaccinated. Commissioner Sims asked what happens if they don't pay with Ms. Gibson answering they can take the animal. Commissioner Woodburn felt even at the \$7.50 fee we will be going in the hole. Chairman Baucom commented that we were subsidizing bad behavior on the part of citizens with Commissioner Sturdivant adding that it was not teaching them a lesson. Commissioner Sims felt the board needed to pass a regulation where the owner is fined when they don't vaccinate their animals. Ms. Gibson stated that when they know someone has not had their dog vaccinated they give them a citation and historically everyone gets it done and they've never had anyone that didn't do it but this is different because this is a dog that has bitten or mauled. Sheriff Allen was of the opinion we were having more dog bites today than five years ago and they've had some really bad ones in the last several years. Commissioner Woodburn stated that based on the information presented, he offered a motion that we approve the proposed new fees and the impoundment fee be \$20 a day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant and carried unanimously.

Local Authority for Tobacco-Free Living: Ms. Gibson shared that the Board of Health amended their smoke free policy to be tobacco free at the health department. Ms. Gibson stated that the Community Transformation Grant is something the state has come upon and is serving Anson, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond and Scotland counties. Ms. Gibson stated that in October 1993 the Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance that says all county buildings and vehicles are smoke free. Ms. Gibson stated that someone was supposed to come tonight to present the Power Point and then shared copies of the Power Point with board members. Ms. Gibson then went through the Power Point presentation since it needed to be presented for accreditation. Ms. Gibson noted their strategies are to increase the number of tobacco-free local government buildings and indoor public places, increase the number of tobacco-free government grounds, including parks and recreational areas, increase the number of smoke-free multi-unit housing buildings and increase the number of 100% tobacco-free community, state and private university and college campuses. Ms. Gibson reminded those present that as of January 2010 you can no longer smoke in restaurants adding that has been the easiest change in restaurant rules she has ever enforced. Ms. Gibson reported that Anson County has had two complaints since January 2010 and neither was confirmed. Ms. Gibson stated that

these folks want us to get parks to be smoke and tobacco free. Ms. Gibson pointed out that the total health care cost from secondhand smoke in North Carolina was \$288.8 million and the total health care cost of smoking in North Carolina was \$2.46 billion. Ms. Gibson reported there were currently 81 counties that have 100% smoke-free or tobacco-free government buildings by written regulation and there are 234 municipalities with 100% smoke-free or tobacco-free government buildings by written regulations. Ms. Gibson added that currently 12 counties have 100% smoke-free or tobacco-free grounds and 36 municipalities with 100% smoke-free or tobacco-free grounds.

Commissioner Sturdivant left the meeting during the presentation.

Commissioner Sims commented that he does not smoke and knows it is harmful and he does not feel like someone else has the right to smoke and blow their smoke all around him in a public building and it is harmful to his health. Ms. Gibson stated that the Board of Health has voted on a tobacco-free policy at the health department and they were bringing it to the commissioners for information only and to help with the accreditation project.

Employee Plan – Health Department: Ms. Gibson stated that they were in the mist of accreditation with Chairman Baucom asking if it was accreditation or re-accreditation. Ms. Gibson noted it was accreditation with Chairman Baucom asking if we were not accredited with Ms. Gibson stating that health departments all over North Carolina have to go through the process by 2014. Ms. Gibson explained that Anson County was 2014 and she has no idea how we all of a sudden was moved to 2013. Ms. Gibson shared that they just found out in July they are coming October 29, 30 and 31 to do our site visit. Ms. Gibson stated that we have to be accredited in order to continue to receive Medicaid. Ms. Gibson shared that they have met well over half of their benchmarks and the state is coming in now at the last minute because they thought we were next year. Ms. Gibson explained that every health department has an accreditation person but we don't have that luxury. Ms. Gibson stated that Evonne Burr and Dana Thomas were meeting with the state folks and putting out a herculean effort to get this accomplished and applauded them. Ms. Gibson reported that they have the money and the Board of Health recommends contracting with a retired health director who has been through accreditation several times. Ms. Gibson informed board members that the Board of Health has recommended we get him in here four to five weeks before the site team comes so he can pull everyone together. Ms. Gibson shared that he would be in the county for at least six weeks and asked the boards blessing. Ms. Gibson was not asking for more money but their blessing to contract with Mr. Raynor. Ms. Gibson stated that if they get conditional they have two years to get accreditation. Ms. Gibson shared that Mr. Raynor went to Scotland County in October and they had their first accreditation in March and they made a 99 so he knows what he is doing. Ms. Gibson feels he will be a Godsend for us to take a lot of the stress off of us since we don't really know what we are doing. Ms. Gibson noted that the state

just sent this consultant in that told us all the things we did not have and we just had a big thick book. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom called for a ten minute break.

After the break, the next item for discussion was **Stray Dogs and Cats and Animal Shelter**: County Manager Gatewood asked to address this item saying we have one animal control officer and he works basically twenty-four seven. County Manager Gatewood shared that he recently visited Chesterfield County, South Carolina to inspect their shelter and found that it is open seven days a week. County Manager Gatewood stated that it opened in October 2011 and before it opened they were euthanizing 90% of the strays that were brought in and now they are below 10%. County Manager Gatewood stated that Chesterfield County is larger than Anson County with a population around 47,000 but it is largely rural and their main office is a single wide trailer. County Manager Gatewood stated that Ms. Bow indicated that their budget was on the order of a quarter of a million dollars a year and it is still not enough. County Manager Gatewood explained that they will not accept animals from Anson County nor will Richmond, Union or Stanly counties. County Manager Gatewood stated that on the way back from Chesterfield he went by our shelter and noticed the sign was about to fall over and inside the glass encasement operating hours were listed as Monday through Thursday from 4-5 PM. County Manager Gatewood felt this was unacceptable. County Manager Gatewood stated that with the board's permission he plans to form an animal shelter planning team consisting of Sheriff Allen, Carol Ann Gibson, Alex Sewell, Town Manager of Wadesboro, Bonnie Huntley and the County Manager. County Manager Gatewood stated that this team wants to develop a preliminary action plan to build or create an animal shelter for Anson County that will be available and open to the public seven days a week for certain hours. County Manager Gatewood wants the shelter to be staffed appropriately with an annual budget of about \$250,000. County Manager Gatewood also wants the shelter to be equipped appropriately. County Manager Gatewood shared that they were in the process of identifying possible sites for a shelter, looking at existing buildings as well as new construction. County Manager Gatewood stated that we were in the process of addressing how we can involve all the towns in the county in this mission because we have the issue in Burnsville, in McFarlan and points east and west. County Manager Gatewood stated that they will come to the board with a proposed annual operating budget and as we are doing this they will look at the animal control Ordinance that was adopted July 3, 1984. County Manager Gatewood stated that they also want to address staffing for animal control and believes for a county of our size we need two animal control officers. County Manager Gatewood noted that in Chesterfield they have two dedicated animal control officers plus staffing for the animal shelter. County Manager Gatewood stated that the team plans to meet several times and come back to the board at their October meeting with an update and hopefully at the November meeting with a specific recommendation, including budgeting and staffing. Ms. Gibson agrees

that we need two animal control officers, noting those were the folks that go out and pick up the dogs from the calls. Ms. Gibson added that we would also need someone to man the shelter. Commissioner Sims felt we could not continue to ignore this indefinitely. County Manager Gatewood asked Ms. Gibson what percent of our animals we were currently euthanizing with Ms. Gibson answering 96% of what we pick up. County Manager Gatewood shared that in Chesterfield they are placing animals by way of rescue missions from New York to Florida. Chairman Baucom asked if our program here could generate some revenue to offset the \$250,000 a year with County Manager Gatewood thinking we could and it would also help by having volunteers work the shelter. County Manager Gatewood felt the bulk of the expense for this effort should be on the county. Ms. Gibson reminded board members that when talking about making money that a lot of dogs they get have no hair and have something wrong with them. Ms. Gibson stated that shelter volunteers have to be a special breed because it is no fun to go in and clean up what the animals have deposited in the cage and you also have the feed bill. County Manager Gatewood asked for some voice of support for this effort from board members. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go forward with the plan for dealing with animals, stray dogs and cats. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Services Center Tour for Commissioners: County Manager Gatewood asked board members to consider the dates presented in the agenda packet and Ms. Huntley will follow up. Commissioner Woodburn shared that he was available September 19, 26 and October 3. Commissioner Sims said the 26th was out for him. After discussion, board members agreed on Thursday, October 3 at 2:00 P.M. County Manager Gatewood asked that everyone meet at the Emergency Services Center and by this time the front should be completed. County Manager Gatewood reported that the project was still on schedule and should be ready for us to move in the first week in December. County Manager Gatewood reported that we were still in the range of 3.6 to 3.7 million dollars construction expense and the \$949,000 grant from the 911 board has been approved and we are waiting for it to arrive in the mail.

Results of Proposals for Timber Sale: County Manager Gatewood stated that if the board approves Mr. Johnson, who has been in the forestry consultant industry for over thirty years and his dad preceded him, he feels we are sitting on a mini gold mine. County Manager Gatewood reported that his commission for clear cutting this timber is 3.49%. County Manager Gatewood then shared the results of the proposals with board members as follows:

Mr. Edward M. Johnson, Wadesboro	3.49% of gross proceeds
Mr. Jeff Boothby, Wadesboro	4.00% of gross proceeds
Mr. Gary Gilreath, Wadesboro	4.80% of gross proceeds
Mr. Jason Kiker, Wadesboro	5.45% of gross proceeds
Mr. D. Logan Scarborough, Wadesboro	5.50% of gross proceeds

Chairman Baucom asked if these were parcels we were keeping as an investment enterprise with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. County Manager Gatewood recommended awarding the job to Mr. Johnson. County Manager Gatewood then called

attention to his commentary saying we have mature to over mature timber, mixture of loblolly pine and some hardwoods and the average age of this timber is 65 to 85 years of age. Chairman Baucom asked if his proposal included replanting with County Manager Gatewood answering no that was a separate deal. County Manager Gatewood explained that we want to clear cut first and then go back and ask for proposals to reforest the parcels. County Attorney Forbes asked if that was something that would be done almost immediately with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve Mr. Johnson's proposal. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Sikes opposed. County Manager Gatewood noted that we put \$500,000 in the budget for land sale and timber sales and he thinks we are sitting on at least one-half million dollars of timber. Chairman Baucom stated this would help one year with the animal shelter with County Manager Gatewood saying it would also help with Elderly Services. County Manager Gatewood shared that some counties are moving to three days a week with congregate meals as opposed to five and feels in our county we need to stick with five and all they need is \$15,000 to continue the five day program and we will use some of these funds for that program and other critical needs we have. Commissioner Sims voiced that we have a library that stays open less than hardly anybody else's library and if it could stay open a little longer it would be a great help to our citizens.

Manager's Report: County Manager Gatewood introduced Ms. Tiffany Randall, noting this was her very first meeting as Finance Officer for Anson County. County Manager Gatewood reported that Ms. Randall completed a very cumbersome EEOC 4 report ahead of schedule. County Manager Gatewood shared that Ms. Randall, Ms. James and Robert Thomas have been working very closely together and the first priority is salary administration and salary processing. County Manager Gatewood noted that Tiffany has been the lead person over the last two terms and in the not too distant future she will be the person carrying that ball and offloading some of these responsibilities from Ms. James. County Manager Gatewood shared an experience with the Town of Wadesboro regarding his water bill and the good customer service he received. County Manager Gatewood commented that he hopes Anson County Government employees are giving the same good customer service. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members that county water rates went from \$11 to \$12 on a minimum bill and feels we are low compared to adjacent counties. County Manager Gatewood recommended next year we seriously consider moving to \$13 for a minimum bill. County Manager Gatewood reported the DSS Income Supervisor II position was filled by Kishia Dunlap who is returning from Union County. County Manager Gatewood stated that they had fifty applications for the Income Maintenance Worker II position and they will be interviewing soon. County Manager Gatewood noted that John Turner, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor has announced his retirement after thirty years of dedicated service. County Manager Gatewood reported that he would be leaving at the end of the year and they plan to post that vacancy this week. County Manager Gatewood noted that we had 197 employees attend the BCBS nutrition seminars and the feedback is they were better this year than the year before. County Manager

Gatewood told board members to mark their calendars for the Health and Wellness Fair on Friday, September 13th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Ingram Room at Lockhart-Taylor Center. County Manager Gatewood reported more vendors that we've ever had and this year we reached out to all the towns and all the towns responded positively except Polkton. County Manager Gatewood applauded Carol Ann Gibson, Bonnie Huntley, Ryan Teal, Captain Billy Dunn, Dana Thomas, Kathy Welch, Wanda Talbert and the County Manager serving as the Health and Wellness committee. County Manager Gatewood reported Carolinas HealthCare System on Saturday, September 21 from 9 until 2 PM will be Anson Senior High School for a community involvement day. County Manager Gatewood reported they would have food, fun, free wellness test and tours of the new facility. County Manager Gatewood noted good progress was being made on our annual report which we promised to deliver in December 2013. County Manager Gatewood stated that we've advertised for the sale of the 89.34 acre tract on Hailey's Ferry Road in *The Anson Record*, the *Express* and at the encouragement of Commissioner Smith in the *Charlotte Observer*. County Manager Gatewood noted bids would be accepted until 10 AM Friday, September 20th and if we can achieve \$3,000 an acres that will be like manna. County Manager Gatewood stated that they would share the results at the October meeting. County Manager Gatewood announced that Grace Senior Center is having their annual spaghetti luncheon to support their Christmas fundraiser on October 4 from 11 to 1 PM. County Manager Gatewood noted lunch was \$7 and phone orders will be accepted. County Manager Gatewood also announced the county Christmas luncheon was Friday, December 6 from 12 Noon to 2 PM, adding that he would not miss this one. At this point, the County Manager called on the clerk to update board members on the recent GovDeals sale. The clerk shared that we sold five trailers that were seized by the Sheriff's Department and we netted \$2,810 from the sale.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom shared that as of this afternoon she had received ten letters and/or applications for County Manager. Chairman Baucom has responded to all but the last two that came in with a letter acknowledging that we have their application or letter of intent. Chairman Baucom stated that if they did not include an application she asked them for one and included an application. Chairman Baucom asked board members to review the tentative date she shared at the last meeting and keep some of that time free. Chairman Baucom asked board members to be thinking about how they want to do interviews, adding that the County Manager was kind enough to put thought into interview questions and did an excellent job.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom commented that she loves getting the financial information in the packet.

Minutes: Approved minutes dated August 6, 2013 and closed session minutes of the same date.

Tax Releases: Approved as follows:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

09/09/13							
20494	Dirt 2 Dirt	2013	390.94	13-4-4761	Real Taxes	Release	Double Billed
20484	Edwards, Diane Et Al	2013	461.61	13-4-5145	Real Taxes	Release	Property error
20483	Jenkins, James Earl	2013	568.35	13-7-9124	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Farm Deferrment
20490	Johnson, Brian	2013	202.45	13-7-9215	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Farm Deferrment
20492	Kirby, Johnsie	2013	204.25	13-6-9848	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Senior Exemption
20482	Meadows, Vera D	2013	483.73	13-7-12425	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Senior Exemption
20479	Simpson, Phillip L	2012	63.48	13-7-DF27262	Real Taxes	Release	Incorrect Billing
20485	Short, Johnny	2011	15.66	11-3-15845	Real Taxes	Release	Mobile Home Burnt-Bill Error
20486	Short, Johnny	2012	14.46	12-3-15943	Real Taxes	Release	Mobile Home Burnt-Bill Error
20487	Short, Johnny	2013	13.49	13-3-15911	Real Taxes	Release	Mobile Home Burnt-Bill Error
20480	Thomas, Dorothy A	2013	89.77	13-7-17486	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Exemption
20480	Thomas, Paul D	2013	110.28	13-7-17600	Real Taxes	Release	Eligible for Exemption
20488	Tarlton, Ann Turner	2013	8.98	13-2-17130	Real Taxes	Release	Correction on Farm Acreage
20491	Top Mart	2013	324.79	13-7-17956	Real Taxes	Release	Incorrect Billing
20477	Vanderbilt Mortgage	2013	10.15	13-8-18463	Real Taxes	Release	Remove Late List Penalty
			\$ 2,962.39				
					Real Taxes	Refund	
			\$ -				
22120	Allen, Terry	2013	118.50	1307-000035	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21097	Bennett, Lenora	2012	21.30	1303-000109	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21095	Bennett, Sylvester	2012	5.50	1212-000174	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20495	Bond, Donald K	2013	185.64	1307-000148	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Salvage Title
21093	Cureton, Amanda C	2013	43.20	1305-000493	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21096	Dumas, Zine Bonita	2012	65.60	1209-000510	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21094	Henry, William Raymond	2013	247.28	1307-000775	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22123	Russell, Robert	2013	130.20	1305-001986	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20478	Seigler, William	2013	23.60	1307-001628	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Adjustment due to Bill of Sale
22122	Stuphin, Dale	2013	137.50	1307-001779	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
			\$ 978.32				
22119	Allen, Terry	2012	16.08	1301-000012	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22121	Blount, Calvin	2013	118.98	1307-000143	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21098	Little, Cynthia H	2013	63.72	1306-001160	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
			\$ 198.78				
					Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	
			\$ -				
			4,139.49				

Tax Collector's Report: Approved as follows:

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

Fund Balance Calculation				
	Last Year	Two Months	Last	
As of 08-31-13	Same Month	Ago	Month	Now
	As of 08/31/12	As of 06/30/13	As of 07/31/13	As of 08/31/13
Available Fund Balance				
Cash & Investments (General)	\$ 7,819,632	\$ 8,994,127	\$ 7,892,631	\$ 8,046,477
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)	\$ 14,868	\$ 17,384	\$ 17,634	\$ 17,884
Less Cash from General (other funds)	\$ (24,533)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)	\$ 124,141	\$ (12,373)	\$ (18,895)	\$ 130,803
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (40,456)	\$ (40,456)
Less Encumbrances	\$ (191,966)	\$ -	\$ (128,583)	\$ (150,834)
Total Available	\$ 7,698,667	\$ 8,958,681	\$ 7,722,331	\$ 8,003,874
General Fund Expenditures				
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
Total Available for Appropriation				
Total Available	\$ 7,698,667	\$ 8,958,681	\$ 7,722,331	\$ 8,003,874
Total Expenditures	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 27,783,058	\$ 27,783,058
Total % Available Fund Balance	28.94%	33.68%	27.80%	28.81%
Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC	8% \$2,127,854	8% \$2,127,854	8% \$2,222,645	8% \$2,222,645
% Undesignated Fund Balance	20.94% \$ 5,570,813	25.68% \$ 6,830,827	19.80% \$ 5,499,686	20.81% \$ 5,781,229

Monthly Jail Report: approved as follows:

ANSON COUNTY JAIL

September 3, 2013

- As of 9:00am (September 3, 2013) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **48** inmates; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **0** inmates in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and **0** inmates awaiting transfer to DOC.
- The following is a breakdown of the Average Daily Population:

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

- 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.	<u>2013 Totals</u>	<u>ADP</u>	<u>Total Booked</u>
	January	37	123
	February	44	127
	March	43	122
	April	47	160
	May	46	122
	June	44	123
	July	42	105
	August	48*	151

***Seven (7) inmates are serving “jail time” of 90 days or less in the jail.**

Redaction Services – Register of Deeds: Agreement signed with Logan Systems for the redaction of Social Security Numbers from documents on file in this office so the documents can be made available online. Funding for this project was approved in this year’s budget and will be paid for over the next three years from the department’s technology line item. The redaction pertains only to documents seen online. Documents in the office remain as they were the day they were recorded. The availability of these documents online is a service to the public.

Budget Amendment – DSS: to recognize and appropriate additional funding from North Carolina DHHS for the Energy Assistance program for the Anson County Social Services Department.

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:	Social Services 11-5310-5580	<u>\$ 23,203</u>
Total Increase:		\$ 23,203

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Social Services Administration 11-5310	<u>\$ 23,203</u>
Total Increase:		\$ 23,203

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Sheriff: to record revenue from Grant PROJ009257 from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for the Gang Violence Program for the Anson County Sheriff’s Department.

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 \$ 10,000

Total Increase: \$ 10,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase: Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320 \$ 10,000

Total Increase: \$ 10,000

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2013.

Budget Amendment – Sheriff: to record revenue from Waste Connections for the Gang Violence Program for the Anson County Sheriff's Department.

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 \$ 10,000

Total Increase: \$ 10,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase: Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320 \$ 10,000

Total Increase: \$ 10,000

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2013.

Proclamation – Fall Litter Sweep: Adopted as follows:

PROCLAMATION

FALL LITTER SWEEP 2013

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual Fall statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the FALL 2013 LITTER SWEEP roadside cleanup will take place September 21 through October 5, 2013, and all local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens are encouraged to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during LITTER SWEEP and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our state and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the FALL 2013 LITTER SWEEP cleanup will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its 5,760 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

WHEREAS, the LITTER SWEEP cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great state regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anson County Board of Commissioners does hereby join with the State of North Carolina in proclaiming September 21 through October 5, 2013, as "FALL LITTER SWEEP" time in Anson County, and we encourage all citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2013.

Appointments:

Anson County Planning Board – Districts 3 and 7: Chairman Baucom noted expired terms were Theodore Carr in District 3 and Robert Hilliard in District 7. Vice Chair Streater asked if Mr. Carr could be reappointed with Commissioner Woodburn thinking Vice Chair Streater should touch base with him. Chairman Baucom asked to carry this over to next month. Chairman Baucom asked the Clerk to talk with Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Woodburn shared that Mr. Hilliard moved out of District 7 and would need to be replaced.

Sandhills Center: Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve Father Michael Bye and Vice Chair Streater. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Health: Chairman Baucom stated that these folks were eligible for an additional three year term. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the reappointment of Johnny Townsend, Dr. Holly Kiker, Tommy Taylor, Dr. George Puryear, John Ballard, Elizabeth Ammons and Betty Russell. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Woodburn shared information with board members regarding the upcoming CONNECT our Future meeting on September 17th. Commissioner Woodburn stated that this was an opportunity to have input into the way you could like to see Anson County grow. Commissioner Woodburn stated that all the information needed is on the flyer and you can either call in or go online to sign up. Commissioner Woodburn noted there were three times available and each will take about two hours. Commissioner Woodburn shared that he attended an all-day session in Charlotte for the region and you will have an opportunity to say what you would like to see where. Commissioner Woodburn stated that this was sponsored by Centralina Council of Governments and once the information is gathered a consulting firm will compile the information into two or three scenarios and bring it back for the citizens to select the proposal they feel is best. Commissioner Woodburn felt this was an opportunity to get a plan for growth in place that will take place and position Anson County over the next four years. Commissioner Woodburn asked board members to mark their calendars and get signed up to participate. Chairman Baucom felt we had already done similar to this when they initially rolled out the process with Commissioner Woodburn answering yes, there was a session last fall where they came in and gave input on what we

thought the challenges were and our options. Commissioner Woodburn noted this was a follow up to that. County Manager Gatewood asked if board members would like him to encourage county employees to participate with those present thinking that would be fantastic.

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

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

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, that the board accept the recommendation of Mr. Gatewood, our County Manager in reference to Mr. Ryan Teal. Chairman Baucom commented that she understands Mr. Teal is an asset but she has had a lot of people call with concerns about him and it isn't something she can vote for. Commissioner Sims commented that it was not him going somewhere else so much as it was looking at the data before us. Vice Chair Streater stated that he likes Ryan but with the population of 26,948 we can't continue to let people say they are going to take employment in other counties or surrounding areas and give them raises. Vice Chair Streater agreed it had been done in the past and feels it is not a good practice. Commissioner Sims stated that you will just pay someone new more money to get them with Vice Chair Streater feeling most of the people we trained at county expense. Commissioner Sikes felt we have so many that do excellent jobs that we pass over. Motion failed 2 to 3 with Vice Chair Streater, Chairman Baucom and Commissioner Sikes opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 2 hr. 35 min.