

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center.

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

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Robert Thomas, Finance Officer
Jeff Waisner, Parks and Recreation
Keith Gaskins, Inspections
Lula Jackson, DSS

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom voiced that it was good to see everyone here. Chairman Baucom commented that she expects Vice Chair Streater is exhausted as it has been a long political season. Chairman Baucom welcomed those present. Chairman Baucom noted it was a full agenda and she would be moving as quickly as possible but would make sure they cover all they need to. Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, stating she was very proud that we have with us Reverend Benny Clodfelter from First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro to deliver the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Chairman Baucom noted there were two Budget Amendments to add to the Consent Agenda. Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their ethics policy and if they have seen or run into an item for which they may have or it may appear that you have a conflict of interest to let that be known. Chairman Baucom asked if there were any other additions or deletions from the agenda. Commissioner Sims asked to add an item under Commissioner Concerns with Commissioner Sturdivant and Commissioner Sikes also adding an item under Commissioner Concerns. Commissioner Woodburn added a question under Commissioner Concerns. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

John Underwood, DOT's Annual Proposed Secondary Road Paving

Program: Mr. Underwood, District Engineer for Anson County, thanked board members for the opportunity to present the 2012/2013 Secondary Construction Program for Anson County. Mr. Underwood shared a copy of a map with those present. Mr. Underwood noted that every fiscal year each county and state is allocated funding that can only be used for paving eligible unpaved roads. Mr. Underwood shared that in the late 1980's House Bill 750 was enacted and it established a formula for funding secondary road construction and set an initiative to construct and pave all eligible unpaved secondary roads in the state. Mr. Underwood shared that the allocations come from the state's highway trust fund. Mr. Underwood stated that every four years they do a rating and by the end of December all dirt roads in his district will be rated, points evaluated and sent to the Raleigh data base. Mr. Underwood stated that each road is evaluated using characteristic such as land use, number of homes, schools, businesses, and average daily traffic. Mr. Underwood explained that this process establishes a paving priority. Mr. Underwood added that once a secondary road is listed the top ten to be paved cannot be removed unless they can't acquire rights-of-way or if there are environmental issues where they cannot get permits to build the roadway. Mr. Underwood stated that until 2009 House Bill 750 mandated that all highway trust funds in this program were to be used solely for secondary roadway construction. Mr. Underwood noted that in 2010 amendments were made to the bill that made it possible for a portion of highway trust funding to be allocated for improvements on paved secondary roads. Mr. Underwood stated that not necessarily in his district but in the mountains and towards the coast a lot of counties have paved out all their eligible roads and they had this pot of money each year and no way to spend it since it was mandated to be spent on dirt roads. Mr. Underwood stated that eventually they will build out all the roads in Anson County and then they will spend that money on paved road improvements. Mr. Underwood stated that paved secondary road improvement projects were selected using guidelines established by the Board of Transportation and they look at lane width, average daily traffic and they try to target roads that are sixteen feet in width. Mr. Underwood explained that generally paved road improvements consist of widening and resurfacing. Mr. Underwood shared that currently Anson County has sixteen eligible roads left on the system for a total of about ten and one-half miles. Mr. Underwood stated that the list was updated yearly. Mr. Underwood stated that these were eligible roads and for some they have not tried to acquire rights-of-way so the number could change. Mr. Underwood then reviewed the program with those present. Mr. Underwood stated that the fiscal year 2012/2013 anticipated allocation from the highway fund was \$290,318.55, from the trust fund they are anticipating \$385,164.66 and they have a balance from the previous year of \$353,814.72 for a total of \$1,029,297.94.

*Vice Chair Streater joined the meeting at this point.

Mr. Underwood stated that in years past section 1a always had their rural paving priority and this year the chart is blank. Mr. Underwood explained that one reason they

are later this year in coming for approval is there was legislation pushed forward that changed how they fund their paved road improvements. Mr. Underwood noted that House Bill 950 was passed and it states that "The Department shall pave the eligible unpaved secondary roads that receive the highest priority ranking within a statewide prioritization. Mr. Underwood felt the push that sent House Bill 950 through was the issue of why DOT was paving dirt roads and not spending money on paved improvements. Mr. Underwood stated that in his district, which is Union and Anson, there are no roads on the new list and in fact Division 10 maybe had four roads in all on the list. Mr. Underwood shared that as a result of this House Bill they are not allowed to expend highway or trust funding on dirt roads this year so the roads that were in order to be paved will fall back into the alternate list. Commissioner Sims voiced that as more and more counties have all their roads paved they are going to want to use that money to improve their paved roads but when you get a large majority of those counties like Anson that still have dirt roads it doesn't seem fair to jump our dirt roads to improve paved roads somewhere else. Mr. Underwood reminded board members that the money we would have spent on these roads was not getting shifted to another county or district as they were actually putting the funding towards paved road improvements. Mr. Underwood added that their budget was reduced this year because of economics and basically they are saying we can't spend our funding on dirt roads but we want you to spend it on paved road improvements. Chairman Baucom asked the rational with Mr. Underwood noting that recent published articles were questioning why they were spending funding on roads that in some counties don't provide access to houses. Chairman Baucom asked if any of those on the list do not have houses on them with Mr. Underwood saying he would have to go back and look. Mr. Underwood stated that he served as district engineer in Anson for three years and they built some roads that had maybe one home on them. Commissioner Sikes mentioned that Panzy Road and Ingram Level have no homes on them but the roads you travel to get to these are impassable because of so many potholes. Commissioner Sikes felt there was no sense in paving a dirt road that the road to get to it was so torn up you could not travel. Mr. Underwood felt this was the rationale behind House Bill 950 and they have a lot of need on their paved roads and their maintenance budget is as small as he's ever seen it. Commissioner Sims asked if we get to keep the money we've accumulated to use for our paved roads with Mr. Underwood answering yes. Mr. Underwood explained that the money that would have been spent on the unpaved roads simply rolls over to be spent on paved improvements. Commissioner Sims referred back to 2008/2009 and asked if it was true that some of the money for roads was diverted to other uses with Mr. Underwood answering not out of this program. Commissioner Sims asked if it was from the paved program with Mr. Underwood explaining that highway and trust have always been dedicated towards paving unpaved roads and in 2010 it was used for paved improvements. Mr. Underwood noted that until that point and according to legislation it was against the law for them to use that money and spend it towards something else. Mr. Underwood added that these were geared more towards paved improvements and safety upgrades. Mr. Underwood then introduced Lee Ainsworth, District Engineer for Anson County. Vice Chair Streater

asked if anything would be done this year with Ponderosa with Mr. Ainsworth answering it would be paved probably in the spring. Commissioner Sims asked if there was a cap on the amount of money we could accumulate with Mr. Underwood answering no. Mr. Underwood stated after we hit fiscal year 2013/2014 this House Bill will go away and the roads listed will remain on the list. Mr. Underwood stated that most of the roads listed under paved road improvements were a wide and resurface type project. Mr. Underwood asked those present to add White Store Road from SR1003 to Union County Line to the map he handed out earlier. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned the notes to the paved road improvements noting one star indicates partial funding on SR1003 for 1.5 mile and Union Church Road is denoted as having partial funding at \$197,297.94 but the cost was \$226,500 and asked what happened. Mr. Underwood explained that they will go ahead and set up a work order to charge to which means they can go to work this fiscal year and they will actually over charge the work order if they can complete the project and the money will come from their anticipated allocation for the next year. Mr. Underwood stated that if they don't go ahead and show it as partially funded they can't set it up. Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Secondary Roads Construction Program**

Anson County

FY <u>2012 - 2013</u>	Anticipated Allocation
Highway Fund	\$290,318.55
Trust Fund	\$385,164.66
Plus Balance from 11/12	\$353,814.73
Total	\$1,029,297.94

I. Paving Unpaved Roads

Programmed Paving Goal: 0 Miles

A. Rural Paving Priority

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>

Total Miles 0

Subtotal \$ 0.00

Rural Paving Alternates

Priority	Length
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<u>Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>(Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
16	1743	2.27	Panzy Road from SR1704 to DE	\$1,067,150.00
17	1226	1.1	Hornesboro from SR 1220 to DE	\$491,478.00
18	1737	1.15	Ingram Level Road from SR 1744 to DE	\$312,702.98
19	1215	0.45	Rob Currie Road from SR 1214 to DE	\$119,488.63
20	1653	0.35	Ernest Road from SR 1603 to Union Co. Line	TBD
21	1827	0.80	Old Ferry Road from SR 1829 to SME	TBD
22	1712	0.30	Bailey Road from SR 1712 to DE	TBD

Note: These roads will not be paved in accordance with HOUSE BILL 950, SECTION 24.15. It states "The Department shall pave the eligible unpaved secondary roads that receive the highest priority ranking within a statewide prioritization." None of these roads are currently listed within the statewide priority ranking.

B. Subdivision Paving Priority

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>

Total Miles: _____

Subtotal \$0.00

***Subdivision Paving Alternates**

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>

* In the event that any roads in priority have to be placed on the "Hold List" due to unavailable right of way or environmental review, or if additional funding becomes available, funds will be applied to the roads listed in priority order in the paving alternate list.

II. General Secondary Road Improvements

A. Paved Road Improvements

<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
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SR 1251 3.2 Miles	Horne Town Rd. From WCL Polkton to SR 1240	\$485,000.00
SR 1122 1.9 Miles	Pleasant Hill Church Road From NC 109 to SR 1121	\$287,000.00
*SR 1003 1.5 Miles	Union Church Rd. From SR 1228 to SR 1219	\$226,500.00
**SR 1003 2.5 Miles	Union Church Rd. From SR 1219 to SR 1216	\$381,520.00
**SR 1003 1.8 Miles	Union Church Rd. From SR 1216 to NC 109	\$273,000.00
**SR 1252 1.3 Miles	Lower White Store Rd, From SR 1240 to SR 1238	\$196,300.00
**SR 1228 5.6 Miles	White Store Road, From SR 1003 to Union Co. Line	TBD

Note: * Indicates partial funding at \$197,297.94

** Indicates Alternate(s)

Subtotal \$969,297.94

B. Unpaved Road Spot Improvements

Subtotal \$45,000.00

III. Trust Fund Safety Improvements (GS 136-182)

<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>

Subtotal \$0.00

IV. Funds reserved for surveying, right of way acquisition, acquisition, road additions, contingencies, overdrafts, and paving entrances to certified fire departments, rescue squads, etc.

Subtotal \$15,000.00

GRAND TOTAL \$1,029,297.94

Donald Perkins and Jesse Gibson – SRLS Examine our Books: Mr. Perkins stated that Anson County, the Board of Commissioners and the county in general really support the library in a wonderful way and they appreciate the support and the work they do for them. Mr. Perkins shared a handout of information with board members for fiscal year 2011-2012. Mr. Perkins called attention to the

investment category noting for the \$8,220 from the county to be a member of the region, \$110,469.50 of materials and professional salary were provided to the Hampton B. Allen Library by the SRLC for a return of \$13.44 of each \$1.00 of tax dollars invested. Mr. Perkins then called attention to the returns portion including the return value of each item listed. Mr. Perkins noted a total value of services of \$4,161,015. Mr. Perkins noted when this is compared to the investment of \$190,356 we get a return of \$21.86 for every one dollar of Anson County's tax dollars spent in the library. Mr. Gibson, the new Regional Director of the Sandhills Regional Library System, shared that they just received a federal grant in the amount of \$56,000 and a portion went to purchase the region two brand new servers and a new software PAC for their patrons. Mr. Gibson commented that they were bringing the library into the 21st century. Mr. Gibson noted this was a web 2.0 product based on the amazon model and once you click on their website you will immediately see a book cover come across the screen. Mr. Gibson noted this would be all the new titles available at the library and is updated every thirty days. Mr. Gibson explained that on the right hand side of the screen will be all the New York Times best sellers and only those available in the library will be shown. Mr. Gibson stated that you could review the book and others in the community can read your comments. Mr. Gibson stated that it was totally integrated with their subscription data base for homework help. Mr. Gibson shared that part 2 was LS2kids which is the child-friendly version of TCL's successful LS2PAC with the same technology with new features oriented to the youngest patrons. Mr. Gibson noted that the LS2mobile was a smart phone interface that allows people to connect with their library from any place with mobile or Wi-Fi Internet service. Mr. Gibson stated that LS2 Mobile can search a library's entire catalog and reserve titles that a borrower can pick up at a more convenient time. Mr. Gibson added that users can also check their account balances and, if they've had a change of heart, cancel holds on previously reserved titles. Commissioner Sims commented that over the years the region has been very kind to Anson County and voiced appreciation. Chairman Baucom voiced that she could not imagine living in a community without a library and stated that we could not do this on our own. Chairman Baucom stated that she loves the way they are able to calculate return on investment and feels the county should look into doing something like this for every tax dollar and the value of services provided. Chairman Baucom asked if this was a formula with Mr. Gibson answering yes. Chairman Baucom welcomed Mr. Gibson with Vice Chair Streater asking when Ms. Walter left. Mr. Gibson shared that she left August 1. Chairman Baucom mentioned a retirement reception for her on November 18th at Sandhills Community College from 2-4.

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District: Ronnie Morgan presented a meeting invitation to board members. Mr. Morgan reminded board members that Brown Creek was the first soil and water conservation district in the nation. Mr. Morgan noted this was their 75th anniversary and they want to have a dinner meeting for board members to update them on what is going on and what will be done. Mr. Morgan's invitation was for Tuesday, November 13th but he just learned that this was the same night as the Chamber's meeting. Chairman Baucom voiced that

it was the same night as the Chamber and she also had another meeting that night. Mr. Morgan explained that they were trying to push this in because of Thanksgiving and Christmas. After discussion, Mr. Morgan suggested having Ms. Rowell get with the Clerk to work out an alternate date. Chairman Baucom asked if they could just leave it this way and let the Clerk coordinate the meeting. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Morgan for thinking of them. Mr. Morgan stated that they were a combination of NRCS, the state conservation and the county.

Janine Rywak – Shared Local Foods Extension Agent Position: Ms. Rywak noted they were very excited about a new opportunity that has come their way. Ms. Rywak explained that Anson/Union/Stanly counties have been approached by North Carolina A&T University to work together to hire a dedicated extension agent that would work specifically in the area and responsibilities of local foods. Ms. Rywak stated that North Carolina A&T University would pay for half of the shared position and the counties would pay the other half. Ms. Rywak noted Anson County's cost share would be one-third of fifty percent. Ms. Rywak stated that the University would pay all travel cost for the position and would furnish the employee with a laptop computer. Ms. Rywak shared that the local foods movement has really kicked in in the past couple of years and on the national level buy local buy fresh has emerged because of food safety scares. Ms. Rywak added that public officials have come to see the emphases on local foods as a good policy for the community as well as an Economic Development tool. Ms. Rywak stated that according to the USDA in North Carolina we spend about thirty-five billion dollars a year on food and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture says if we would take at least ten percent of the money we spend on food and buy our food locally that would be three and one-half billion dollars in the local North Carolina economy. Ms. Rywak stated that they were involved in lots of different things and agents were not able to devote as much time as they would like to local foods and this person could do things they can't do. Mr. Rywak anticipates that this agent would work with small farmers to produce more local foods, identify more markets, to recruit and train new potential producers in local foods, work with them to improve their business management skills and increase profitability on the local level. Ms. Rywak stated that they also think that once this program is established they will have an opportunity to tap into the Mecklenburg area and if so then those dollars would flow back into Anson County. Ms. Rywak pointed out that Anson County's cost share for this position for this fiscal year would be around \$4,600 and starting July 1, 2013 it would be an annual amount of approximately \$9,300. Ms. Rywak anticipates the position to begin January 1, 2013. Ms. Rywak commented that the County Manager was supportive of the program and position and she has a staff vacancy that the state will not let her fill now so they have lapse salary to cover this position this year. Ms. Rywak noted that if approved, North Carolina A&T University would require a new Memorandum of Understanding be signed between the county and the university for the cost share agreement. Mr. Rywak stated that she has not received this memorandum but she wanted to share the information in hopes she will have the memorandum for the December meeting. Vice Chair Streater asked if this would be all new money next year

with County Manager Gatewood answering yes. Vice Chair Streater asked if things don't look good next year and we've signed the memorandum would we have to fund the position. County Manager Gatewood felt that by signing the memorandum we were agreeing to this year and not a long term commitment. Ms. Rywak was of the opinion that it was a long term commitment. County Manager Gatewood asked what happens if we don't have the funding for it in next year's budget. County Attorney Forbes felt it would be best to read the memorandum before making a decision. Ms. Rywak stated that the county currently has an agreement with North Carolina State University for their positions and this would be a separate MOU because it was a different university. Vice Chair Streater suggesting letting the Attorney and County Manager review the MOU before approval. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to table the matter until December. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Addresses to the Board:

Deb Arnason stated that she helped with early voting and gave out information on fracking. Ms. Arnason felt this was something the board needed to act on immediately. Ms. Arnason stated that in other states with fracking there were six hundred diesel trucks full of water and toxic chemicals per frack well running up and back and it does poison the water. Ms. Arnason shared that it also creates air pollution. Ms. Arnason encouraged board members to see the movie Gasland and agreed to arrange a showing at the library. Ms. Arnason shared a handout of information with board members and volunteered to get more if necessary. Ms. Arnason felt people were voted in office that will make fracking happen quickly. County Attorney Forbes stated that he was looking into this and did not want to copy other Ordinances in case it gets overturned in court they would take ours away too. Chairman Baucom felt a task force needed to be appointed to help with this and she and the County Manager have characteristics of people that should be on the task force. Chairman Baucom stated that she would love to know what legal standing the board has in this regard. Chairman Baucom felt they also needed to know how far under the surface of your land do you own and how far under the surface can the county talk about. County Attorney Forbes felt the county went to the center of the earth. Commissioner Sims felt we were more at risk than most counties because of the Triassic basin that comes right through the middle of Anson County. County Attorney Forbes shared that he also contacted the EPA feeling if we had the feds own our side it would be stronger.

Administrative Matters:

Jeff Waisner – Update on Belk Building and Courthouse Renovation:

Mr. Waisner stated that in the courthouse they were ready to begin work on the final quarter or the north end next to the post office. Mr. Waisner stated that they have completed the entire east side with the exception of one office that they were using as the pivot office. Mr. Waisner noted they were on schedule and hope to have these offices completed by March 1, 2013. Mr. Waisner encouraged board members to stop by and take a look. Mr. Waisner shared that they have tried to keep the integrity of the building. Mr. Waisner shared that for safety reasons they had to put a door through a

nineteen inch wall and they happened to find a door on the third floor that was one of the original doors. Mr. Waisner shared that they just removed the tile in front of the elevator and found the same small tile as in the rest of the courthouse and they hope after cleaning they will be able to use it. Commissioner Sims voiced that people in the county were especially proud of what was happening in the courthouse. Mr. Waisner reported that they've had water problems in the basement and the basement windows have light wells that are being used as trash cans and cigarette butt containers causing the water to puddle up. Mr. Waisner noted they have drains and sump pumps in a couple of them and in the next month they plan to build removal covers designed to match the color of the courthouse to help alleviate this problem and stop the water from going in. Mr. Waisner reported they were getting estimates now to clean and repaint the inside of the courthouse and depending on the amount it may be next year before this is done. Mr. Waisner mentioned the metal sign on the front of the courthouse that Chairman Baucom wants removed saying that according to Judge Wallace it has to stay. Mr. Waisner mentioned the Belk building saying they've started replacing some of the old brick and removing about a foot and a half of brick from the top. Mr. Waisner stated that the process has been longer than originally thought because the mortar joints are so thin you can hardly put the trial in there. Mr. Waisner noted that the new windows were scheduled to be installed next week. Mr. Waisner stated that all Belk signs will be removed except for the one on the very top and it will be repainted. Mr. Waisner stated that the awnings were being made and once this is complete the bricks will be coated that will allow them to all be uniform and look the same. Mr. Waisner shared that Mr. Broome feels once this building is complete people will be talking about this one and not the courthouse. Chairman Baucom asked about putting the false door at the end with Mr. Waisner answering the cost for the door was \$5500 so they were leaving the original brick and the coating will make them blend in. Mr. Waisner mentioned the glass installed in front of collections and DMV saying it was one-half inch shatter resistant tempered glass. Chairman Baucom asked if it was bullet proof with Mr. Waisner answering no that bullet proof glass was very heavy and our wood work would not support it and it would have cost \$23,000. Mr. Waisner gave thanks on behalf of Parks and Recreation for their new vehicle that was needed to transport tractors and mowers. Mr. Waisner pointed to the new awning at the Library noting the staff chose the burgundy color. Mr. Waisner shared that they remodeled the four restrooms in the Belk building with Mr. Waisner telling Commissioner Sims he needed to see the restroom in the courthouse.

Keith Gaskins – Fee Increase for Condemnations: Mr. Gaskins presented a handout of information to board members regarding condemnations. Mr. Gaskins explained that the condemnation process requires them to send two certified letters to property owners, advertise in the legal section of the local newspaper and hold a hearing. Mr. Gaskins stated that the average cost of the advertisement was \$100. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Gaskins if part of his role was to condemn buildings with Mr. Gaskins answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked if this was done based on a complaint or by sighting with Mr. Gaskins explaining that one of the local towns will

send him a letter when they condemn a structure and he has to inspect to make sure it constitutes being condemned. Chairman Baucom asked if the county had the ability to condemn structures with Mr. Gaskins answering yes. Mr. Gaskins stated that they give the homeowner or property owner a chance to make amends. Chairman Baucom stated that on some of our country roads she has seen buildings or barns that are interesting but falling in and asked if we should be paying attention. Mr. Gaskins answered that we could but who would pay for it to be torn down. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the request. Chairman Baucom asked if this was enough with Mr. Gaskins answering that he just needs enough to cover the fees and money they are spending. Commissioner Woodburn asked if there was any way to get more reimbursement from the property owners if they fail to keep their property in standards and let it get to the point it has to be condemned. County Attorney Forbes noted there were procedures for this. Commissioner Woodburn asked if anyone was trying to recoup any of these cost with Mr. Gaskins answering that he understands the town puts a lien on the property and the property owners generally forfeit the property and gives it to the town. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she talked with Sheriff Allen about a house in Lilesville and the procedure to get the house condemned. Mr. Gaskins asked that Ms. Whitlock send him a letter requesting it to be condemned. Commissioner Smith asked about the ones in Wadesboro with Mr. Gaskins answering he receives a letter from Hugh James.

Lula Jackson – Veterans Day Ceremony: Ms. Jackson and Mr. Ward were present to make board members aware of the Veterans Day Ceremony schedule. Ms. Jackson noted it was scheduled for Monday, November 12 beginning at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Ward shared that the ceremony will start with a parade at 10 AM and they will use the standard parade route with line up on Morven Road. Mr. Ward noted that they have commitments for fifty to sixty entries. Mr. Ward shared that the Buffalo soldiers will bring their horses and a health team will be on hand with free flu shots to eligible veterans. Mr. Ward noted that the ceremony will begin at 11 AM at the courthouse and two hundred chairs will be provided by the Armory. Mr. Ward stated that during the ceremony they will present the first Veteran of the Year award. Mr. Ward stated that after the ceremony they will move to Ray Shelton ball park where music and food will be provided free. Mr. Ward noted that Wendy's regional office in Atlanta has graciously provided them with over five hundred cups of Wendy's chili. Mr. Ward shared that through his office he enrolled over seventy people in the last twelve months for VA healthcare. Mr. Ward stated that he wants to make this the largest celebration in the county and extended a personal invitation for all board members to ride in the parade and attend the event. Mr. Ward shared that they have received contributions for this event and the funds included in their budget this year can be used for other programs. Mr. Ward shared that they also plan to make Memorial Day a nice event. Mr. Ward mentioned that Wadesboro Lumber donated an 8x8 shed to be used as their grand prize drawing. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Mr. Ward for all he does for our veterans. Mr. Ward shared that the strategy was to get veterans to take

ownership in order to get permanent resources in the county. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced that she volunteered board members to help serve food.

Chairman Baucom called for a ten minute break.

After the break, **Bank Proposals – Vehicle Loan Request** was the next topic of discussion. Chairman Baucom asked if this was in the budget with Mr. Thomas answering it was on a lease basis and the payment would not come due until December 2013 and it is in the budget. Mr. Thomas stated that they approved last year’s and the payment was due this December. Mr. Thomas noted this was on a four year rotation for the Sheriff. Mr. Thomas shared that they were purchasing six cars on state contract and each vehicle will be equipped with computers and other devices for a total cost of \$186,000. Mr. Thomas shared that Anson Bank gave us a rate of 2.5%, simple interest, no prepayment penalty at a total cost of \$195,972.82. Mr. Thomas shared that BB&T gave us a rate of 1.57% with a 1% prepayment penalty for a total cost of \$191,870.73. Mr. Thomas stated that we normally do not prepay leasing arrangements. Mr. Thomas shared that PNC Bank gave us a rate of 2.75%, simple interest, no prepayment penalty at a total cost of \$196,704.78. Mr. Thomas noted that all loans were for three years. Mr. Thomas recommended going with BB&T. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the loan with BB&T. Motion carried unanimously.

Vehicle Loan - Bank Proposal Comparisons				
	Anson Bank & Trust		BB&T	PNC Bank
	\$186,000.00		\$186,000.00	\$186,000.00
Financing Interest Rate	2.50%		1.57%	2.75%
	SIMPLE	INTEREST	SIMPLE	INTEREST
Prepayment Policy	No Prepayment Penalty		1% Prepayment Penalty In Whole on a Scheduled Payment Date.	No Prepayment Penalty
Terms	3 YEARS		3 YEARS	3 YEARS
Escrow Fees	None		None	None
Loan Closing Cost	\$465.00		None	\$250.00
Annual Payment	\$65,169.28		\$63,956.91	\$65,484.93
Loan Closing Cost and Fees	\$465.00		None	\$250.00
Total Loan Cost (3 years)	\$9,507.82		\$5,870.73	\$10,704.78
Total Cost	\$195,972.82		\$191,870.73	\$196,704.78

Proposed Policy for Personnel Ordinance: Chairman Baucom felt it was very straight forward; you can't bring your dogs and cats. County Manager Gatewood

requested approval by the board. County Manager Gatewood stated that we had a situation where an employee was bringing a large one hundred and ten pound dog to work on a regular basis. County Manager Gatewood stated that he received a complaint from a citizen and he acted on it with a very positive discussion with the employee. County Manager Gatewood shared that the behavior has stopped but he doesn't want it to spread. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Added to the Personnel Ordinance as follows:

Section 7 Pets or other animals in the workplace

It is the policy of Anson County Government that employees and staff are prohibited from bringing personal pets or other animals into the workplace. The only exception to this policy would be service animals, e.g., Seeing Eye dogs. This policy applies to all county buildings and vehicles, with the only exceptions being animal control and law enforcement vehicles.

October 23, 2012.

Manager's Report: County Manager Gatewood congratulated Vice Chair Streater on his win stating that had he lost and his opponent been in his seat he would have congratulated him as well. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members of the Christmas luncheon set for Friday, December 7 from twelve until two and as in past years asked the board's approval to close county offices for two hours to give all employees and retirees an opportunity to enjoy the festivities. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously. County Manager Gatewood asked the Clerk if he had missed anything. The Clerk stated that if any board member had any of their discretionary funds left they would appreciate them donating that for the luncheon. County Manager Gatewood congratulated Ms. Huntley on orchestrating another successful GovDeals sale. County Manager Gatewood shared that we have three items left to go and so far we've generated over \$31,000 on this sale. County Manager Gatewood added that this was the equivalent of one employee's salary and in one case the salary plus benefits. County Manager Gatewood stated that it was also health insurance premiums for a full year for 4.5 employees. Commissioner Woodburn commented that it could also pay for one of the Sheriff's cars. County Manager Gatewood announced another surplus auction scheduled for 12 Noon on December 5 on the steps of the courthouse. County Manager Gatewood shared that they have twenty-four parcels for sale ranging in size from one tenth of an acre to six acres. County Manager Gatewood stated that these properties were listed on our tax book in the names of unknown citizens. County Manager Gatewood shared that we have about forty-nine or fifty such properties. Commissioner Sims asked if it would be a conflict of interest for a commissioner to bid with County Manager Gatewood answering no. County Manager Gatewood congratulated Cathy Baxter and Joe Dutton for doing a super job in planning this sale. County Manager Gatewood noted that they were already planning another sale in April or May 2013. County Manager Gatewood stated vehicle tax revenues for October were \$149,524.62 making this our very best month since August 2007. County Manager Gatewood commended Joe Dutton and Rita James in sending out timely past due notices. Chairman Baucom asked if this included any penalties or if it was straight tax

with County Manager Gatewood answering it was taxes and penalties. County Manager Gatewood noted total collections for property tax from July through October 2012 were running about 1.5% ahead of the same period last year. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members that our tax collection rate of 92.68% was one of the lowest in North Carolina and our goal is to achieve 95% over the next two years. Commissioner Smith commented that we need more jobs here so the people will have a way to pay. County Manager Gatewood commented that we have some citizens in the county that he has been told have the means to pay their taxes and we've historically given them a pass for whatever reason. County Manager Gatewood stated that it was only fair and they were going after those individuals very aggressively. County Manager Gatewood announced a new list of Anson's Most Wanted would be compiled and hopefully publicized the first half of December. Chairman Baucom asked how effective this was with County Manager Gatewood answering it was extremely effective. County Manager Gatewood shared that the unofficial count for early voting indicated 6,310 ballots cast and a grand total for early voting and the general election came to 11,218. County Manager Gatewood noted the total cost was still being tabulated and he would have that next month. County Manager Gatewood again reminded board members that we did not budget for the extended hours, the extra Saturday or the Sunday afternoon and there were also a number of emergency called meetings that were not included. Vice Chair Streater felt we could make up the loss with lapsed salaries and not fill the position until next budget year. County Manager Gatewood felt that was a decision for the Board of Elections with Vice Chair Streater commenting not really if this board doesn't fund it until the new budget. Commissioner Smith felt we needed early voting because of weather conditions. County Manager Gatewood stated that he was just forewarning board members that some things happened that we had not included in the original budget for fiscal year 2012/2013. Commissioner Sturdivant added that what happened Saturday was not the board's or county's fault since it was vandalized. Chairman Baucom stated that she had in her report to mention this but the election workers at Wadesboro Primary School were freezing. Chairman Baucom stated that she went to the office to ask Ms. Ammons for heat and found it was just as cold in the office area. Chairman Baucom stated that they can't turn the heat on in that school until a certain date or a certain temperature or something. Chairman Baucom felt we might need to have a conversation about this or be prepared to provide some heaters. Commissioner Sims commented that we have people making little children be cold that are making tremendous salaries. Vice Chair Streater asked if the heat was on by the time the children get there with Commissioner Sturdivant answering no. County Attorney Forbes noted it was an energy savings plan and they do statistical analysis. Chairman Baucom commented that they were using money for children being sick and the ladies in the office were wearing coats. Commissioner Smith commented that he bet it was comfortable in administration. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced that it was all schools until a certain month. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would look into this. County Manager Gatewood recognized Dr. Firm and the Board of Education for allowing us to use the Charles Riddle center for early voting. County Manager Gatewood stated that we could not have managed that crowd on the corners of

downtown Wadesboro or here in the basement of the Government Center and applauded them for that consideration. Vice Chair Streater shared that Dr. Firn came out every day to make sure everything was working. County Manager Gatewood also congratulated interim director Steve Adams noting that he and his staff did a yeoman's job orchestrating early voting and the general election. County Manager Gatewood stated that they worked hard and it was a very positive election. County Manager Gatewood updated board members on our contingency reserve stating they appropriated \$69,197 and last month we had \$31,497 and this month we have \$31,497. Vice Chair Streater asked what was found out about the insurance at the school with County Manager Gatewood answering he has not inquired or been informed of the insurance status. Chairman Baucom asked if they were on our insurance with County Manager Gatewood answering they had their own. County Manager Gatewood stated that in our situation we would pay our \$1,000 deductible and the rest would be covered by insurance. Vice Chair Streater asked if any of our buildings could be vandalized like this with County Manager Gatewood answering that they've looked at where the units are exposed and where they are not and feels we are in pretty good shape. County Manager Gatewood stated that at Parks and Recreation we built a cage around the air conditioning units to prevent this from happening. County Manager Gatewood noted that at the library the unit was on top of the building and they are also contained nicely at the sheriff's office and jail. Commissioner Smith commented it would be no problem to get cameras and place them around. Commissioner Woodburn wasn't sure being on a roof was a sure fire method of being protected. County Manager Gatewood stated that last week he and Cathy Baxter met with Dr. Thompson and staff and they indicated that they expect approval of their certificate of need by the end of the year. County Manager Gatewood stated that as soon as that is approved they plan to begin construction in 2013 and hope to occupy the new hospital in 2014. Commissioner Smith asked if they had announced the location with County Manager Gatewood answering no but it will be on highway 74 west of the high school. Chairman Baucom asked if they were paying us for use of the property with County Manager Gatewood answering that as soon as everything closes they will pay us for use of the existing hospital building. County Manager Gatewood also shared that there was a building on that property that we were keenly interested in and the hospital has committed to doing everything possible to allow us to occupy that building one year from this month. Commissioner Smith asked if we had to purchase it with County Manager Gatewood answering no as it was part of the existing hospital property that reverts back to the county. Vice Chair Streater asked if that was the Dr. Dean building with County Manager Gatewood stating was Dr. Blasco's building. Vice Chair Streater asked if this was where the Board of Elections would be going with County Manager Gatewood stating that is where he would like to see them go. County Manager Gatewood mentioned that the existing hospital building was about 75,000 square feet with a basement, first floor, second floor and third floor. County Manager Gatewood felt it had been very well maintained and a new roof was installed within the last five years that they expect it to last another thirty or forty years without problems. County Manager Gatewood was of the opinion the building was large enough to perhaps with

some renovation to house our Department of Social Services, Health and Environmental Health, Animal Control, our Planning Department and maybe even our Council for the Aging and ACTS. Commissioner Sims asked what we would do with the older facilities with County Manager Gatewood answering we would sell them. County Manager Gatewood shared that he had the floor plans and next Wednesday he along with twelve department heads will tour the facility. County Manager Gatewood shared that following the tour they will brainstorm how we might maximize the use of that space. County Manager Gatewood shared that we also plan to get a cost estimate on what it would cost to retrofit it. County Manager Gatewood stated that with board approval they would proceed with the evaluation. Chairman Baucom shared again that she would like to see the two old buildings on the property that have reverted back to the county sold to a developer who would do something with them. Chairman Baucom stated that her preference would be living space apartments. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she would like to see apartments for school teachers. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to turn this into tax generating property. Vice Chair Streater asked if the hospital building contained asbestos with Commissioner Woodburn answering yes and it also has a bad chiller. Vice Chair Streater noted that they have promised to tear down the building if we want them to with County Manager Gatewood adding at their expense. Vice Chair Streater stated that he doesn't want to hold on to something that will cost of a lot of money down the road. Chairman Baucom asked if we could tear down the old A&P building for parking with County Manager Gatewood stating that would be his recommendation. County Manager Gatewood estimated it would not cost over fifty to sixty thousand dollars to demolish the building. Vice Chair Streater stated that with this plan he wants to make sure we look at everything. Commissioner Sikes wanted to be sure that each department going there agrees to go and wants to be there. Chairman Baucom voiced that she recalls the hospital folks saying they would pay to have it torn down to the tune of a million dollars and wondered if we don't tear it down could we have the million. County Manager Gatewood shared that he had that conversation in the meeting last week and they are taking it under advisement. County Manager Gatewood noted that they continue to work with Moseley and Messer on the Emergency Services Center reviewing every aspect to save money and the process was going well. County Manager Gatewood noted our goal was to not spend a penny more than 3.6 million and believes in another four weeks we'll be at that point and will come back to the board for approval to break ground. County Manager Gatewood mentioned that Golden Leaf responded no to our grant request and we've also contacted the state 911 board and their application window opens in January. Commissioner Sims asked why Golden Leaf said no with Chairman Baucom stating they don't like to do brick and mortar. County Manager Gatewood shared that we continue to work with J.B. Watson on the audit report. County Manager Gatewood noted he received an update from Deneal and we're still on track for the first week of December. County Manager Gatewood commended Rita James, Robert Thomas, Bonnie Huntley and the staff at J. B. Watson for keeping this target date in mind. County Manager Gatewood shared the following with board members regarding Anson EMS. County Manager Gatewood noted the group has made very good financial progress over the last several years and as of

June 30, 2011 they were within \$28,426 of breaking even. County Manager Gatewood stated that revenues for that fiscal year \$1,049,841, expenses \$1,078,087 for a deficit of \$28,246. County Manager Gatewood stated that in this fiscal year they fully expect to close the gap even further. Commissioner Sims shared that when he came on the board they were in debt \$176,000 and no one had made any effort to collect this debt. County Manager Gatewood mentioned the Agri Civic Center and the fact that it has been very well received by the community. County Manager Gatewood thanked Pee Dee Electric, CEO Don Spivey and Board of Directors for making the very first monetary contribution of \$10,000 towards the construction of our new Agri Civic Center. County Manager Gatewood gave the time line as follows: fiscal year 2013 our goal is to acquire the 31 acres from Wade Manufacturing; in 2014 we plan to hire an architect and begin the design phase; 2015 site development and 2016 construction. County Manager Gatewood shared the total estimated cost for the facility was around ten million dollars and the Ag community has committed 2.5 million. County Manager Gatewood was hopeful we could find a way to accelerate the plan. County Manager Gatewood reported a good meeting with Antony Ratliff, Chief of Anson Rescue Squad to review the contract and listen to their plans and concerns. County Manager Gatewood noted another meeting was held including Commissioner Sikes, Ryan Teal, EMS Director and Mr. Ratliff to discuss further the agreement and he anticipates a third meeting. County Manager Gatewood stated that we want to support Anson Rescue Squad and all of our first responders as best we can. County Manager Gatewood shared that last week he gave a County Manager's report to the Wadesboro Civitan Club and it went very well. County Manager Gatewood shared a copy of the report with board members. County Manager Gatewood commented that we have a problem in the county with litter and we need to find a way to resolve this. Commissioner Sims felt we needed to put a heavy fine on it. Chairman Baucom asked where he saw it most with County Manager Gatewood answering everywhere even on the downtown streets of Wadesboro. Chairman Baucom mentioned that they have a lady in their neighborhood that has a plastic bag and on her walks she picks up trash. Chairman Baucom felt the board should give her a commendation and in fact would like to see the board have a program for when they see someone doing something good they are recognized. County Manager Gatewood felt the Department of Corrections could also play a roll again in this with some of their road crews they used to have along the major highways. Vice Chair Streater was of the opinion they were still doing this. County Manager Gatewood shared that later this month he would be making a presentation to Rotary. County Manager Gatewood shared that last year Anson County Government ended up in 5th place in the United Way campaign with Premier Fibers contributing \$18,410. County Manager Gatewood shared that Hornwood contributed \$14,000, Anson County Schools \$13,000 and Anson Community Hospital \$12,766 and Anson County Government \$5,173. County Manager Gatewood noted our goal for this campaign was \$6,000 and right now we are just \$1500 shy of that goal with the firm commitments he has received. County Manager Gatewood noted the campaign ends on Wednesday, November 21st and asked if board members wanted to write a check or make a contribution to get it to Bonnie. County Manager Gatewood reminded board

members that county offices would be closed November 12 for Veterans Day, Thursday November 22 closed for Thanksgiving and also on Friday, November 23. County Manager Gatewood mentioned our last meeting when we talked about fracking and forming a local task force and reminded board members that the state has formed a mining and energy commission. County Manager Gatewood stated that this commission, in conjunction with other state agencies and other commissions has been directed to establish a modern oil and gas regulatory program that is designed to protect public health and safety, public and private property, protect and conserve the state's air, water and other natural resources. County Manager Gatewood believes there are fifteen members on this commission and DENR will facilitate the process and supply their expertise to the cause. County Manager Gatewood shared that they held their first meeting in Raleigh on September 6 and again on September 28 and elected Lee county Commissioner Jim Womack as chair person. County Manager Gatewood stated a third meeting took place on Friday, November 2 and they elected George Howard, President of Restoration Systems as Vice Chairman. County Manager Gatewood shared that this commission has a charge over the next two years to protect every citizen and the natural resources of this county when it comes to natural gas drilling, especially when it comes to fracking. County Manager Gatewood feels it would be wise for the board to give this commission six months to see where they are going. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would hate to avoid duplication of effort here in Anson County when we have the state level commission leading this charge. Chairman Baucom voiced that she was glad to know this but she has trust issues with the whole bunch up there and especially anyone from Lee County. Chairman Baucom feels the board has an obligation here and feels the two things could run parallel. Chairman Baucom feels we could learn from that group and we need to be informed of what they are talking about and where they are going. Chairman Baucom stated that this was going to be a very contentious issue and feels we are treading on shaky ground. Chairman Baucom felt the board would be on the line and recommended going ahead and be working in parallel with what they are doing so we have our own information. There were no objections from other board members. County Manager Gatewood mentioned the position at Cooperative Extension and felt it was needed and we have the opportunity to participate with Stanly and Union and we have the money in the budget for this fiscal year and next year it will cost the county around \$10,000. County Manager Gatewood stated that if it was a priority he would find the money but on the Memorandum of Understanding we need to see exactly what it says before we sign on the dotted line. Chairman Baucom voiced that she was in favor of the position and considered it an Economic Development tool.

*Commissioner Smith left during the Manager's Report.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom reported that Father Bye had accepted the appointment to Sandhills Mental Health Board. Chairman Baucom mentioned that some time ago the board passed a resolution to petition DOT to name the highway through Wadesboro for H. Pat Taylor. Chairman Baucom shared that the board could

name roads outside the city limits and for roads inside the city limits Wadesboro would have to adopt the resolution. Chairman Baucom suggested instead of highway 74 we do highway 52 north from Wadesboro limits to Ansonville limits and that would go right by the Lockhart property for Ms. Taylor and Triangle Brick. Chairman Baucom noted they were very instrumental in helping us acquire the property for Triangle Brick. Board members present agreed to name a portion of highway 52 north for Pat Taylor. The Clerk stated that they could only do five miles and that she would approve with DOT tomorrow that we will be using highway 52 north. Vice Chair Streater asked what happened to the Jesse Pratt request with the Clerk saying in her last conversation with Representative McGuirt she was told that he submitted one for Mr. Taylor and Mr. Ratliff and he did not want to push another one at this time. Chairman Baucom commented that we could get Gene McLaurin to do it. The Clerk stated that they could only do it for five miles with Vice Chair Streater saying that five miles would take them from the city limits of Morven to the state line. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to name a portion of highway 52 north for H. Pat Taylor. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom mentioned that the NCACC has a new president and his big initiative is mentoring for new county commissioners. Chairman Baucom noted a task force was working on a program and encourages experienced commissioners to go to Essentials of County Government. Commissioner Sturdivant voiced that she plans to attend. Chairman Baucom recommended attending this class.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve. Chairman Baucom mentioned the Retention and Disposition Schedule for the Register of Deeds and asked if anyone had read it. Chairman Baucom asked what was their legal responsibility with this with Commissioner Woodburn stating that is was a retention policy for the Register of Deeds office that says what records they have to retain, how they have to retain them and how long they have to retain them and what they can dispose of and what they can't. Chairman Baucom wanted to know what they were saying by approving the document. County Manager Gatewood took the assignment to read the schedule and discuss with council and come back next month. Vice Chair Streater then withdrew his motion with Commissioner Sims withdrawing his second. County Attorney Forbes commented that it appears to be a state statute and he did not know if the board had the authority to override if they don't approve. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve a, b, c, d, e, g, h, i, j and k. Chairman Baucom noted there were two additional budget amendments to be included. Vice Chair Streater then amended his motion to include the two additional Budget Amendments with Commissioner Sims offering a second. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Approved minutes dated March 3, 2012, October 2, 1013, October 8, 2012 and closed session minutes dated October 2, 2012 and October 8, 2012.

Tax Releases:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

				11/07/12			
20243	Freeman, James Michael	2012	219.80	12-5-5807	Real Taxes	Releases	2002 DW Double Billed
20244	Sargent Heirs	2011	5.36	11-5-15530	Real Taxes	Releases	MH Sold prior to Land Transfer
20245	Sargent Heirs	2012	5.90	12-5-15640	Real Taxes	Releases	MH Sold prior to Land Transfer
20240	Simmons, Lynn	2011	959.57	11-1-15987	Real Taxes	Releases	DW Billing Error
20241	Simmons, Lynn	2012	882.36	12-1-16082	Real Taxes	Releases	DW Billing Error
			\$ 2,072.99				
					Real Taxes	Refund	
			\$ -				
21016	Bennett, Rhonda	2012	11.82	1205-000154	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21018	Byrd, Annie T	2011	47.90	1203-000208	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22008	Cason, David	2010	34.20	1101-000193	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21014	Colston, David	2012	13.65	1207-000452	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20231	Cook, Brenda	2011	323.88	1110-000424	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20230	Cook, Brenda	2011	179.91	1111-000376	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20229	Cook, Brenda	2012	154.90	1207-000458	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20233	Deese, Tony	2012	6.31	1207-000539	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
21024	Grace, Cassandra	2011	8.24	1204-000743	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21011	Hall, Linda	2010	50.42	1005-000803	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21019	Harkey, Frances	2011	8.96	1202-000512	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22007	Harney, Selby	2012	27.45	1209-000700	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20234	Helms, Krista	2012	78.23	1205-000904	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
21025	Henry, Ida M	2011	15.87	1204-000885	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21005	Honeycutt, Patsy	2012	12.66	1206-000820	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21027	Ingram, Belinda A	2012	39.60	1208-000792	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22010	Jackson, Irene	2012	9.80	1210-000910	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21006	James, Derek	2012	64.16	1208-000816	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21999	Joseph, Pauline	2010	8.22	1207-001020	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21028	Kifer, James L	2012	92.25	1209-000914	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21026	Kiker, Thomas F	2011	13.14	1201-000830	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21023	Lee, Denise	2012	10.90	1209-000968	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20242	Little, Erica	2011	47.40	1109-001056	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
21015	Little, Mamie	2011	163.80	1108-001013	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21022	Lockard, Vonda	2011	15.50	1201-000923	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21029	Maye, Lakesha	2008	72.06	0901-000939	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21993	Mercer, Kesha	2010	8.82	1104-001492	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20235	Pinkston, Randy	2011	73.14	1202-001083	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20236	Pinkston, Randy	2012	25.05	1208-001292	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
21995	Ridgeway, Geoffrey	2010	42.56	1101-001283	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22005	Roberts, Bryan	2012	6.40	1206-001567	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22004	Roberts, Bryan	2011	10.84	1204-001903	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21994	Rowell, Tina	2012	22.40	1208-001441	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21996	Ryte, Rudy	2012	108.24	1209-001487	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22009	Sellers, Freddie	2011	32.50	1203-001690	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21013	Simon, Darryl	2012	59.84	1208-001482	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20246	Toure, El Hadji	2011	29.05	1111-001681	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20247	Toure, El Hadji	2012	37.04	1205-002302	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
21010	Watson, John B	2012	96.58	1209-001812	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22001	Watts, Rosa	2012	31.04	1208-001811	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
22000	Watts, Rosa	2011	55.02	1203-001987	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21997	Wilkes, Richard	2010	34.20	1008-001904	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21017	Williams, Julian	2012	19.83	1209-001863	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
			\$ 2,203.78				
22003	Davis, Patsy	2012	15.68	1207-000513	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22002	Harrington, Jessie	2012	6.60	1205-000866	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21030	Huntley, Joseph B	2011	21.39	1201-000729	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22006	Leak, William	2012	3.80	1205-001229	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21012	Little, Mottita	2011	10.64	1201-000914	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21020	McLeod, Michael	2012	17.15	1205-001516	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21008	Street, Donald	2011	17.12	1204-002128	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration

22003	Davis, Patsy	2012	15.68	1207-000513	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22002	Harrington, Jessie	2012	6.60	1205-000866	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21030	Huntley, Joseph B	2011	21.39	1201-000729	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22006	Leak, William	2012	3.80	1205-001229	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21012	Little, Mottita	2011	10.64	1201-000914	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21020	McLeod, Michael	2012	17.15	1205-001516	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21998	Streater, Ronda	2011	17.12	1204-002128	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22012	Terry, Rosa	2012	34.40	1209-001665	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
22011	Thomas, Brenda	2012	133.55	1206-001872	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
20232	Watkins, Thomas	2012	2.77	1208-001805	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Situs
			\$ 263.10				
20233	Deese, Tony	2012	0.57	1207-000539	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20242	Little, Erica	2011	6.16	1109-001056	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20235	Pinkston, Randy	2011	6.75	1202-001083	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20236	Pinkston, Randy	2012	2.51	1208-001292	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
			\$ 15.99				
			4,555.86				

Tax Collector's Report:

Remaining Accts Collectible	7,693	2,303,683.39	7,469	2,220,189.41	7,367	2,177,604.68	7,258	2,118,909.32
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	90	37,400.91	18,160	11,374,389.31	16,187	12,424,581.67	15,078	11,770,626.33
**Red = AR Dollars	8,292	2,533,650.70	26,222	13,824,028.78	24,138	14,827,419.65	22,910	14,112,040.67
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	11	1,330.34	1	270.09	1	665.00	1	370.09
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	62	29,747.92	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)		369,624.83		366,173.91		365,767.84		365,646.02

Budget expense Report and Fund Balance Update:

Fund Balance Calculation					
	As of 10-31-12	Last Year Same Month	Two Months Ago	Last Month	Now
		As of 10/31/11	As of 08/31/12	As of 09/30/12	As of 10/31/12
Available Fund Balance					
Cash & Investments (General)		\$ 7,359,765	\$ 7,819,632	\$ 7,530,321	\$ 7,025,982
Cash & Investments (22 Fund)		\$ 12,355	\$ 14,868	\$ 15,120	\$ 15,371
Less Cash from General (other funds)		\$ -	\$ (24,533)	\$ (61,867)	\$ (68,867)
Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)		\$ 120,103	\$ 124,141	\$ 118,493	\$ 120,688
Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)		\$ (52,979)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)
Less Encumbrances		\$ (821,497)	\$ (191,966)	\$ (212,006)	\$ (203,705)
Total Available		\$ 6,617,748	\$ 7,698,667	\$ 7,346,586	\$ 6,845,995
General Fund Expenditures					
Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)		\$ 28,090,574	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175
Total Available for Appropriation					
Total Available		\$ 6,617,748	\$ 7,698,667	\$ 7,346,586	\$ 6,845,995
Total Expenditures		\$ 28,090,574	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175
Total % Available Fund Balance		23.56%	28.94%	27.62%	25.74%
Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC		8% \$2,247,246	8% \$2,127,854	8% \$2,127,854	8% \$2,127,854
% Undesignated Fund Balance		15.56% \$ 4,370,502	20.94% \$ 5,570,813	19.62% \$ 5,218,732	17.74% \$ 4,718,141

Monthly Jail Report:

**ANSON COUNTY JAIL
November 1, 2012**

- As of 9:00am today (November 1, 2012) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held **49** inmates in Anson County; **0** inmates housed in the other County Jails; **0** inmate 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</u>	<u>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

3. 2011 Totals

January	59	113
February	61	136
March	56	144
April	59	170
May	59	145
June	53	162
July	58	124
August	66	177
September	62	126
October	57	136
November	60	132
December	46	104

4. 2012 Totals

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

Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation: appropriate funds from Courthouse, EMS, Belk, Lease County building maintenance budgets to help cover costs of maintenance equipment for Parks and Recreation Department.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	Parks and Recreation 11-6120	\$ 1,540
Total Increase:		\$ 1,540

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Decrease:	Courthouse Building 11-4165	\$ - 385
Decrease:	EMS Building 11-4263	\$ - 385
Decrease:	Belk Building 11-4264	\$ - 385
Decrease:	Leased County Building 11-4265	\$ - 385
Total Decrease:		\$ - 1,540

Adopted this 7th November, 2012.

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

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	Elderly Services Programs 11-5880-5885	\$ 1,263
	Total Increase:	\$ 1,263

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Elderly Services Programs 11-5880-5884	\$ 1,263
	Total Increase:	\$ 1,263

Adopted this 7th November, 2012.

Budget Amendment – JCPC Youth Srv Adv Council: to appropriate fund balance to refund overpayment for JCPC Youth Srv Adv Council Program for FY 2011-2012.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the fiscal year 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	JCPC Youth Srv Adv Council 11-5840	\$ 319
	Total Increase:	\$ 319

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	General Fund Balance Appropriation 11-4110	\$ 319
	Total Increase:	\$ 319

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2012.

Budget Amendment – Parks and Recreation: to appropriate donations of \$1,500 from Valley Proteins and \$5,000 from the Yost Foundation for football uniforms and equipment for youth football program at the Anson County Parks and Recreation Department.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the fiscal year 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	Parks and Recreation 11-6120	\$ 6,500
	Total Increase:	\$ 6,500

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Parks and Recreation 11-6120	\$ 6,500
	Total Increase:	\$ 6,500

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2012.

Budget Amendment – Sheriff/Jail: to allocate loan proceeds for the purchase of sheriff vehicles with equipment, titles and tags.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2012/13

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2012/13 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Increase:	Sheriff-Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 186,000
	Total Increase:	\$ 186,000

Section 2. General Fund Revenues:

Increase:	Sheriff-Jail 11-14310-4320	\$ 186,000
	Total Increase:	\$ 186,000

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2012.

Appointment:

Hampton B. Allen Library Advisory Board: Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the appointment of Johnie Pettiford to a three year term ending 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Sims voiced that this had nothing to do with EMS and Rescue. Commissioner Sims voiced that the fire chief's in his area asked him to mention the fire departments. Commissioner Sims explained that they were all volunteer and were having difficulty finding enough volunteers with some of the old people leaving and the younger ones don't seem to have time. Commissioner Sims shared that the volunteers spend a lot of their time and in some cases their own money and they are always trying to raise money and they desperately need more help and they wanted him to share this with the board. Commissioner Sims voiced that in addition to regular needs they believe that as we work this out with EMS and the Rescue Squad that they might have to do some extricating and they need some tools for this. Commissioner Sims stated that they wanted to make sure if this was needed there was always someone there to get that person. Commissioner Sims stated that they wanted him to say that any help we could send now or later would be appreciated. Vice Chair Streater asked if they were talking about all fire departments in the county with Commissioner Sims answering that just his two came to him but he presumed they were speaking for all the county fire departments. Chairman Baucom asked if a long time ago didn't the board help Morven with Vice Chair Streater thinking they gave each department \$15,000 a year. Commissioner Sikes stated that they had \$5,000 and we made one cycle going through all the departments and then it was stopped. Commissioner Sims did not believe his department got theirs with Commissioner Sikes saying they did. Commissioner Sikes stated that they started with Burnsville and Commissioner Sims was last. Mr. Thomas, Finance Officer, shared that every fire department did get their \$5,000 in rotation. Vice Chair Streater was of the opinion we gave the fire tax to all of them with Chairman Baucom remembering holding a hearing in Morven. County Manager Gatewood offered to look into this and report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sturdivant mentioned that she goes to the town hall meetings and on Monday night when she was in Lilesville they wanted to know about the status of the sewer meters for Peachland. County Manager Gatewood felt this was a question for Mike Sessions and would have him prepared to update the board at the next meeting. Commissioner Sturdivant mentioned that during her meetings to Raleigh and different conventions she has noticed other county commissioners wearing some type identification badge and asked if this board had identification badges. The Clerk answered no. Commissioner Sturdivant then asked if there was a reason they don't have them with the clerk answering they've never asked to order them. Chairman Baucom voiced that she would like to have one but she wanted one very well made with the magnate.

Mr. Thomas reported that 2012-2013 Peachland gets the \$5,000 and Polkton got theirs last year.

Commissioner Sikes referred to Anson Rescue saying that last time he gave board members information on what they had and what they do. Commissioner Sikes stated that he was not downing any other department as there are eight volunteer stations in the county that provide service and they all do a wonderful job for the communities. Commissioner Sikes stated that Anson Rescue was the only one that has ever had a time limit set on how they can respond or when they can respond. Commissioner Sikes felt it we were going to demand them to respond immediately we were going to help them be there twenty-four hours a day. Commissioner Sikes shared that he wanted to go ahead and start that and let them see how they could operate on the income they were getting so everyone could figure out what help they were going to need. Commissioner Sikes stated that they were the only ones in the county with heavy rescue equipment for major wrecks and over the past while there have been changes that directly affect them but they were not involved in making the changes. Commissioner Sikes stated that we talk about bickering from them but Mr. Ratliff was here and felt this was something we needed to do if we were demanding them to be somewhere twenty-four hours a day. Commissioner Sikes stated that just like the situation in Polkton if they were available twenty-four seven they would have better service coming to Polkton to help with wrecks. Mr. Ratliff explained that the nature of the rescue squad was volunteer and that means no one is there twenty-four hours a day. Mr. Ratliff stated that they answer wrecks and calls from home and sometimes it does take a little longer to get a unit out. Mr. Ratliff stated that being widespread across the county medical care may be provided rather quickly depending on the location of the incident but as far as getting transported or some of the advance life support equipment there it does take some time. Mr. Ratliff shared that they started the twelve hour seven day week coverage in October 2006 and initially it was five days and now it is seven. Mr. Ratliff shared that from 8:30 PM until 8:30 AM they rely on volunteers and half their work force that supports the paid truck are volunteers. Mr. Ratliff stated that they have hired approximately nine or ten volunteer paid personnel and most of those are also employed with Anson EMS which poses more problems. Mr. Ratliff stated that they would like the opportunity to either fail miserably or prove themselves by manning the truck twenty-four seven. Mr. Ratliff stated that they think they can fund it themselves for an extended period to see how things work out and asked the board's support and permission to do so. Chairman Baucom asked if this was part of the conversation with County Manager Gatewood with Mr. Ratliff answering pretty much. Chairman Baucom asked what was needed from the board with Mr. Ratliff answering that County Manager Gatewood was talking about another county contract with other proposals and they would just like to extend the hours on the existing contract. Chairman Baucom asked if there was a problem with this with County Manager Gatewood answering no problem at all and on the third meeting he was hoping to have shortly they would come to an agreement of terms and move forward. County Manager Gatewood felt an agreement was needed to protect the board and

citizens of the county. Chairman Baucom asked if they could go ahead with an agreement that spells out what they will do and what the county will do with Mr. Ratliff and County Manager Gatewood both answering yes. County Manager Gatewood asked everyone to keep in mind the county appropriates \$24,000 a year to Anson Rescue to support their rate service and to extend ambulance service twenty-four seven would just take a modification to our agreement which we've committed to doing as soon as we can meet. Vice Chair Streater asked Mr. Ratliff if by doing this they would make additional revenues to cover this with Mr. Ratliff answering he hopes so. County Manager Gatewood stated that they have estimated that it could reduce the Anson EMS revenues by about ten to fifteen percent and we need to keep that in mind as well. Chairman Baucom felt it could reduce the cost of Anson EMS with County Manager Gatewood stating the bottom line is it provides better coverage for the county and the citizens and that was his focus. Commissioner Sikes noted one thing that was suggested was that EMS could leave their truck in Polkton at night and it would be a big benefit to covering the county. County Manager Gatewood stated that he did not want to manage Ryan Teal's business for him and that was certainly a great suggestion and he would mention it to Mr. Teal. Vice Chair Streater felt it they were at the station as Mr. Ratliff was talking about the QRV would not have to roll. Chairman Baucom felt that was needed with Mr. Ratliff feeling they may not need it if it is manned twenty-four seven. Vice Chair Streater felt that would save EMS with County Manager Gatewood stating they would monitor it very carefully and bring back the numbers in a year to see how it is going. Commissioner Sikes felt 911 should be at the next meeting with County Manager Gatewood stating they could get Sheriff Allen since he was responsible for 911.

Commissioner Woodburn felt something was mentioned to the board sometime in the recent past but noted that waste oil and paint were no longer accepted at the landfill and wondered how that was handled. County Manager Gatewood stated that he would look into this and report by the next meeting. Chairman Baucom asked County Manager Gatewood if he had met the new landfill guy with County Manager Gatewood answering he had met the interim person but they have not permanently replaced the former manager. County Manager Gatewood shared that his name was Tim Fadul.

Commissioner Sims commented that this was just an assumption but if he missed seven or eight years ago paying his water bill and then he missed again last month would you count both of them against me with County Manager Gatewood stating he would have to ask that question of Mike Sessions. Commissioner Sims stated that he would like to see it changed like car insurance where if you get a ticket after so long a time if goes off your insurance and when someone doesn't pay their water bill and for ten years they pay it good and the eleventh year he messes up he should not have to pay for eleven and one. County Manager Gatewood stated that from a practical standpoint he would not hold a mistake fifteen to twenty years ago against him but if you don't pay your water bill we have an obligation to be consistent with all of our customers. Commissioner Sims wanted to know why there was no time limit and

what was it lifetime with County Manager Gatewood stating that he would hope that situation would not be held against him. County Manager Gatewood offered to discuss this with Mr. Sessions. Commissioner Sikes stated that he thought the last one was about fourteen years ago. County Manager Gatewood stated that if he doesn't pay his water bill or his mom doesn't he would expect it to be cut off and that is consistent across the board. Vice Chair Streater agreed that at some point in time it should come off your record and asked County Attorney Forbes if a speeding ticket stays on your record forever. County Attorney Forbes answered it does not. County Attorney Forbes stated that it would always be recorded there however you would not be paying a penalty and it would not count against your driver's license.

Chairman Baucom stated that they had come to the end of the agenda except for two closed session. Chairman Baucom stated that she needed a break before closed session. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to go into closed session for Contract Negotiations and Consult with the Attorney pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) to consider and give instructions concerning a potential or actual claim, administrative procedure or judicial action and 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 Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to go out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Meeting time: 3 hr. 35 min.