

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on October 2, 2012 beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Cooperative Extension Office on 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  
Gary Fincher, Airport Manager

Others present: Scott Forbes, County Attorney  
Randy Gullede, IT

Chairman Baucom stated that they just had a very interesting and informative report from our Ag Extension personnel. Chairman Baucom noted that they do a lot of work in the county and they hit on almost all aspects of life in Anson County and voiced appreciation for their work. Chairman Baucom welcomed those present and called on Reverend Roy Blount of Ansonville First Baptist Church to deliver the **Invocation**.

**Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:** Chairman Baucom asked board members to notice several additions and changes to the Agenda placed in front of them. Chairman Baucom asked to add under Consent a Budget Amendment for the health department and she added Dave Smith under Appearances to bring a Tourism report. Chairman Baucom also added an item for the Airport under Administrative Matters noting additional information was included in the handout. Chairman Baucom asked if there were other additions or changes with Commissioner Sikes asking to add under Commissioner Concerns a discussion of the landfill and Anson Rescue. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that during Commissioner Concerns she wanted to ask a question about the recent land auction. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom reminded board members of their Ethics Policy that if there was any item on the Agenda that has the potential or you feel is a conflict of interest to let us know.

**Public Hearing:** The Clerk reminded board members the hearing was scheduled for Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Appearances:**

**Jennifer Lee – Setbacks on Fracking:** Ms. Lee reminded board members they were here as Anson County's WALL back in March to talk about hydraulic fracking. Ms. Lee noted they have grown since then and now have other counties involved and are now known as Pee Dee WALL. Ms. Lee stated that back in June fracking became legal in North Carolina and their message now is what we have to do to protect ourselves from fracking. Ms. Lee then introduced Ms. Linda Bruton to speak on their behalf. Commissioner Sims voiced that he was opposed to fracking and asked if one of the major water basin going north and south went through the middle of Anson County with Ms. Bruton answering yes. Ms. Bruton explained that it went from Chesterfield, South Carolina through the western area of Wadesboro and she was unsure if the Town of Wadesboro was included or not. Ms. Bruton felt the scary thing was that two dams were included in this area. Ms. Lee added that fracking could go down a few feet to as far as seven thousand feet. Commissioner Sims asked if they would hit this basin and cause damage with Ms. Lee answering they want to fracture it. Commissioner Sims wondered why the state approved the process with Ms. Bruton feeling those that voted in favor were a co-sponsor. Ms. Bruton stated that she owns farm land in Anson County. Ms. Lee stated that just because someone owns land doesn't mean they own the mineral rights under that land. Ms. Lee encouraged landowners to go to the Register of Deeds for a title search to see if they own the mineral rights and if not to purchase it. Ms. Lee explained that if you don't own the mineral rights a gas company can come in and buy the rights and frack a well on your land legally. Ms. Lee mentioned a force pool explaining that if your neighbors agree to sign a lease and you don't, they can force you to sign. Chairman Baucom asked what could be done with Ms. Lee answering that they need a legal Ordinance similar to the one adopted by the Town of Creedmoor. Ms. Lee suggested wording in the Ordinance that if fracking were to come it could not be within a certain distance to the Pee Dee River, a church or a school. Chairman Baucom asked exactly what the legislature passed with Ms. Lee answering there were no state environmental regulations for this law. Ms. Lee stated that they were required to have the regulations in place by 2014 which gives us time to have our Ordinance in place. Ms. Lee shared that after Governor Purdue vetoed this Mitch Gillespie pushed the House to overturn the veto and he does not have shell formation in his county. Ms. Bruton stated that she would like to see Anson County exempted because of the river and our water shed. Chairman Baucom proposed the appointment of a task force on fracking in Anson County and asked to work with the County Manager for a list of people to serve that will work with the board to have a policy or whatever it takes to protect our county. Chairman Baucom voiced that she wanted to see a systematic review of all the information that can be gathered. Ms. Bruton added that County Manager Gatewood and County Attorney Forbes had copies of the Ordinance from Creedmoor. Ms. Lee asked if all municipal boards could be involved with Chairman Baucom feeling they should map out a plan. Ms. Bruton stated that she has volunteer legal assistance for County Attorney Forbes from the Southern Environmental Law Center in Chapel Hill and the Duke Nicholas Environmental Center.

Commissioner Woodburn volunteered to assist Chairman Baucom, County Manager Gatewood and County Attorney Forbes. Ms. Lee offered to assist as well.

**Reverend Bishop and Minister Greg and Lenora Bennett:** Ms. Bennett appeared on behalf of her nephew Brandon Clark, a senior at Anson Senior High School. Ms. Bennett explained that he was one of a few invited to attend the Lead America Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. Ms. Bennett stated that Mr. Clark's selection was based on his academic record, extracurricular activities and community involvement. Ms. Bennett asked each board member to sponsor Mr. Clark financially so he could attend the event. Ms. Bennett stated the total cost of the trip was \$3,630. Ms. Bennett then introduced Mr. Clark's Grandmother, Ms. Lovelace White and his brother, Roger Clark. Ms. Bennett shared that Mr. Clark's mother passed away several years ago leaving his Grandmother to care for three boys. Ms. Bennett noted that last year Mr. Clark attended Arizona State and received college credit for participating. Ms. Bennett explained that last year his grandmother was employed and able to fund the trip but unfortunately she is one of many unemployed this year and therefore they need assistance to cover the program and travel. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Clark his plans for the future with Mr. Clark answering he wants to become a business man dealing with computer science or computer engineering and he wants to attend A&T University. Commissioner Sturdivant asked him to return to Anson County once he obtains his degree and start his business. Commissioner Sims asked about the Washington trip with Mr. Clark noting that he has been invited to the Presidential Inauguration. Chairman Baucom offered congratulations stating the board could not give taxpayer money but she would be glad to pony up and challenged other board members to do the same by giving their money to the Clerk. Ms. Bennett offered her phone number as 704-851-3034 or Ms. Lovelace at 704-272-8635. Vice Chair Streater asked how to make out the check with Ms. Bennett asking that the checks be made to Lovelace White. Ms. Bennett noted that all the money was nonrefundable as they have to have a lump sum to get him in the door.

**Dave Smith – Tourism Report:** Mr. Smith stated that he found a statute that requires the TDA to make quarterly presentations to the Commissioners and they have not been doing this. Mr. Smith then shared a handout of information with board members. Chairman Baucom noted that it has been mentioned. Mr. Smith stated that in 2002/2003 when they started out they had \$1,045,608. Mr. Smith stated that in 2010/2011 it decreased to \$568,314.16 or a decrease of 45%. Mr. Smith stated that the second page of the handout was put out by the state and shows the economic impact of tourism in Anson County. Mr. Smith stated that this year they had a 10.25% increase over the previous year and were number three in the state increase wise. Mr. Smith stated that he has been associated with TDA since 2004 and feels the major problem was that they met on a monthly basis with no definite plan of what they should be doing and consequently much was left undone. Mr. Smith shared that frequently representatives of various agencies would come seeking funding for their project with a potential of advancing tourism and the group would vote whether or not to fund. Mr.

Smith felt this led to the TDA not doing enough advertising in the right places to affect an increase in tourism especially when it came to putting heads in beds. Mr. Smith stated that for all the good the TDA did to increase tourism in Anson County and put heads in beds they were very ineffective. Mr. Smith stated that it was decided in 2010 that if we wanted to compete with surrounding counties for tourism we needed to have a larger budget than the declining occupancy tax provided. Mr. Smith stated to achieve this effective November 1, 2010 the occupancy tax was increased to 6% which is the maximum allowed by the state. Mr. Smith stated that this doubled our available revenue but still did not increase the amount spent on advertising which was desperately needed. Mr. Smith stated that even though the TDA had tried advertising over the years they had not been successful. Mr. Smith stated that the installation of a director in June 2010 to sit at the helm and formulate a plan to reverse the decline has had a positive effect. Mr. Smith stated that it wasn't immediate as it takes time to turn the ship around. Mr. Smith shared that the first thing done was to prepare and publish an attractive brochure that is in all North Carolina Welcome Centers and the State House in Raleigh. Mr. Smith shared that the next item was to develop an attractive and user friendly searchable web site at [discoveranson.com](http://discoveranson.com). Mr. Smith felt the group was not advertising in the right place and he learned by attending a Governor's conference that we needed to advertise at least five hours out. Mr. Smith stated that they were now advertising in Washington, DC, Richmond Virginia, Nashville and Chattanooga Tennessee, Atlanta Georgia and Montgomery Alabama through an agency in Ohio called Guest Quest. Mr. Smith stated that we were also present on their Facebook page and they tweet our information on twitter. Mr. Smith stated that if he gets the blessing of the TDA board he intends to add another marketing area to the mix to reach out to tourist. Mr. Smith noted they certainly have the money with an excess of \$80,000 in their war chest. Mr. Smith shared that they also have a monthly presence on [ncvisitorscenter.com](http://ncvisitorscenter.com) and the North Carolina Agri-tourism Networking Association email list serve in addition to sixteen different broadcast media event listings and tourism search engines including one that is international in scope. Mr. Smith stated that he can't take credit for all the gains made in the past year but it was his goal as director to maintain an upward trend for the future. Mr. Smith felt tourism was the front door to Economic Development and we need to keep the front door open. Mr. Smith stated that to ensure all of Anson County is represented and gains from the efforts of the TDA, they worked with Lilesville to develop the Cat Fish cook-off which blossomed into an annual event and in Peachland they helped to establish their first Wild Hog Roundup. Mr. Smith shared that he hopes to work with Morven to help them develop a Carolina Cornbread Bake-off and he plans to present this to the Morven Town Council next month. Mr. Smith stated that he plans to develop a resume of sorts for the motion picture industry that will be an additional page on the website listing our experience with pictures made in Anson County and promoting different locations within the county as possible sites for future filming. Mr. Smith announced that Cycle North Carolina would be bringing about 1100 cyclist through Wadesboro tomorrow around 10:00 A.M. and invited board members to the square and give them a big Anson County welcome.

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

**Amanda Reid**, Town Manager for Marshville, took this opportunity to introduce herself to board members. Ms. Reid shared that she came on board about three months ago and voiced appreciation for the relationship the town has with Anson County. Ms. Reid stated that she received her bachelors and master's degrees from Appalachian State. Ms. Reid shared that prior to coming to Marshville she worked with Cramerton and Burke County. Chairman Baucom offered congratulations to Ms. Reid, noting there were lovely people in Marshville. Commissioner Sims felt it was wise of Ms. Reid to come introduce herself with Chairman Baucom thinking it was very kind.

### **Administrative Matters:**

**Lease Renewal – Anson Flying Club and Land Acquisition:** Mr. Fincher presented the land acquisition contract submitted by the Baker Group to purchase private property ending through the fence operations as requested by North Carolina Division of Aviation. Mr. Fincher stated the reason being that private land owners have uncontrolled access to airport facilities, including the runway, and the F.A.A. disapproves of this practice as they consider it a security risk. Mr. Fincher explained that this would be funded by either vision 100 grant funding or state discretionary funds as determined by the Division of Aviation. Mr. Fincher noted the County Attorney had reviewed the contract. Jeff Kirby of The Baker Group was present to answer any questions. Vice Chair Streater asked the total cost of the 2.17 acres with Mr. Kirby answering part of the process was to establish a value and the appraisal was the first step to be done. Commissioner Sikes asked if we owned this land at one time with Mr. Fincher answering no. Mr. Fincher stated that you would think it was airport property because hangars are on the property but only the land will become airport property. Vice Chair Streater asked the amount needed from the county with Mr. Fincher answering 10% if discretionary funds are used but if its Vision 100 money the match has already been met. Commissioner Sikes asked if the next step was to put a fence around the entire area with Mr. Fincher stating another advantage to making this airport property was that wildlife review has suggested a perimeter fence and this moves us up on the list and now this property will be included in the fencing. Vice Chair Streater asked if we lease the hangars with Mr. Fincher stating they were privately owned. Vice Chair Streater then asked how it would work with us owning the property with Mr. Fincher saying the county would lease the land to the owner for \$1 a year. Mr. Fincher commented that he knows this sounds reasonable but we will collect tax from the hangar and the plane inside. Chairman Baucom added that they probably buy fuel from the airport. Mr. Fincher asked the board to approve moving forward on this by approving the contract with Baker Group. County Attorney Forbes stated that after making a few changes he was very comfortable with the contract. Commissioner Woodburn asked how they arrived at the appraisal fee with Mr. Kirby stating the process for purchasing land using federal money was very regimented and they had to go through the same process no matter the acreage being purchased. Mr. Kirby explained that they will have to get the land surveyed and appraised and then they have to get a second appraisal that reviews the first one and then they will extend an

offer. Mr. Kirby noted there were nine parcels that would require nine surveys, nine appraisals and nine review appraisals. Mr. Kirby stated that the contract was an estimated amount based on rate schedule. Chairman Baucom asked if the funds would be from Vision 100 or the state discretionary fund with Mr. Kirby of the understanding it would be from Vision 100. Commissioner Sikes asked if the county would pay 10% of the appraisal fee with Mr. Kirby stating that any federal or state projects done at the airport were a 90/10 split. Commissioner Sims commented that he was very proud of the airport and feels it is a key part to our Economic Development. Commissioner Sims feels if we want to bring in the big guys and the big corporations they will want to land locally. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the application. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Fincher shared that he had been to other airports and there were a lot of people making comments and asking questions about our airport. Mr. Fincher mentioned our ILS system feeling it was something to be proud of. Chairman Baucom felt Mr. Fincher was a big part of this noting that people coming in and out of the airport have nothing but good things to say about Mr. Fincher and the airport. Mr. Fincher mentioned the **Lease to the Flying Club** and the fact that we get tax revenue with the \$1.00 a year lease. Mr. Fincher added that the Flying Club was instrumental in affording local flight instruction and they also take people for rides when requested. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the Lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom called for a short break.

After the break, Chairman Baucom asked for a vote from board members on forming a task force to study the issue of fracking and bring the information back to the board. County Manager Gatewood interjected that we needed to study the issue on behalf of Anson County residents. Commissioner Sims felt an engineer was needed with Vice Chair Streater mentioning Ellen Huntley with County Attorney Forbes mentioning Lee Ainsworth with DOT. Chairman Baucom felt we might need to get Centralina Carolina to find us an engineer as we have a lot riding on this. Chairman Baucom thinks the state has gotten into something without a lot of careful thought and she would feel more comfortable with a study of the issue. Commissioner Woodburn felt we needed an engineer with credentials in the environmental area and agreed with contacting Centralina. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, that we develop a task force to study the impact of fracking on Anson County. Motion carried unanimously.

**Revisit Meeting Date for November:** Chairman Baucom stated that the board realized when setting their meeting dates last year for this year that we left it on Election day and asked board members their thoughts. Chairman Baucom mentioned that Vice Chair Streater was the only one up for election with competition and felt they should change to the next Monday. County Manager Gatewood noted that the next Monday was Veterans Day and county employees were off that day. County Manager Gatewood suggested Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> with Chairman Baucom noting Vice Chair

Streater couldn't be here the second Tuesday. After discussion, motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to move the November meeting to Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution Accepting High Bid for Property:** Chairman Baucom noted these were county owned properties or inherited that were no longer needed. County Manager Gatewood added that some have been on our books since 1972 and this was the first auction or sale we've had in recent history. County Manager Gatewood reported that all fifteen properties were sold for a total of \$29,750 plus we sold the timber from one parcel for \$4,950 for total proceeds \$34,700. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to approve the bids for the land sold at the county auction. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned that Commissioner Sturdivant had a question and asked if this was it with Commissioner Sturdivant asking if she could bring it up now. Commissioner Sturdivant then explained that the bid for No. 15 started at \$2,000 with Mr. Goodwin but when he found out the property may not have the timber on it Mr. Goodwin bowed out. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that she told Mr. Pratt to bid \$2500 then Mr. Dutton received a bid for \$3,000. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that it went this way until someone said \$4,000 and when she looked it was a homeless gentlemen bidding against Mr. Pratt. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Mr. Pratt ended up paying \$4500 for property he would have gotten at \$2500. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that the gentleman was from her area and she was wondering if there was a way we could prevent this from happening again. County Manager Gatewood stated that this was a public auction and from his observation everything was orderly and decent but he did pose her question to County Attorney Forbes. County Attorney Forbes noted there were several ways an auctioneer could handle this unfortunately if someone at an auction has a question about a bid at that time they need to pose the question to the auctioneer to have that person qualified. County Attorney Forbes stated that he did not know the rules of this auction but you can have people prequalified. County Attorney Forbes stated that it poses a great dilemma that in the future we may want to consider some type prequalifying and the auctioneer can handle that. County Attorney Forbes commented that it was an auction and those things have to be remedied at the time. Commissioner Sturdivant then asked what would have happened if the gentlemen would have gotten the bid and could not have given the 10% with County Attorney Forbes answering it depends on the stipulations of the auction. County Attorney Forbes stated it could have been rebid right then or depending on the policy and if they knew the second highest bidder they could have gone to them. County Manager Gatewood added that at a public auction we have no way to know if a person is homeless or their financial status because this was open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

**Manager's Report:** County Manager Gatewood commented that the auction went very well but was sorry we had this hiccup but they will take precautions next time to prevent this from happening. County Manager Gatewood stated that there was no way he knew the circumstances of all the residents of Anson County but they did

have a good turn out and it was well received. County Manager Gatewood noted the amount was \$34,700 and after visiting the properties he, Joe Dutton and Cathy Baxter wrote on a small piece of paper what they felt would sell. County Manager Gatewood stated that they thought thirteen properties would sell and two would be added back to the list but that did not happen. County Manager Gatewood shared that they anticipated between two and four thousand dollars so certainly what we received was right in line with their expectations. County Manager Gatewood added that what was not in line with their expectations was the fact that two of the properties would not sell but they all sold. County Manager Gatewood stated that there were around thirty more properties in our tax listing and there were thirty-five properties in the name of unknown. County Manager Gatewood stated that they were going through the legal process of making these properties available to sell and they will be listed on the next auctions which they hope will take place within the next twelve months. County Manager Gatewood stated that they took assets there were not income producing and made the income producing and we put these properties back on the tax roll. County Manager Gatewood added that the county owns several large parcels ranging from forty to eight-seven acres and we were developing an inventory of the timber assets and the potential value. County Manager Gatewood stated that he has one to add to the list as mentioned tonight by Commissioner Sims that is behind Morven Elementary School. County Manager Gatewood stated that if we retain the land we need to set up a management system for managing future timber resources in order to maximize the value from the property. County Manager Gatewood stated that the general election was fast approaching and one stop voting starts soon at the Charles Riddle Center, 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. County Manager Gatewood noted that early voting starts October 18 and runs through Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. County Manager Gatewood noted weekdays you could vote from 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. and on October 27 and November 3 voters could cast ballots between 8:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. County Manager Gatewood added that you could also vote on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. County Manager Gatewood encouraged members to contact the Board of Elections at 704-994-3223 for more information. County Manager Gatewood stated that we did not budget for all these expanded hours, the extra Saturday or the Sunday voting. County Manager Gatewood mentioned that we had to spend \$8,000 on an HVAC system at the library and in August there was flooding at Cooperative Extension and we spent \$1100 on repairs. County Manager Gatewood added that also in August we spent \$29,665 to replace a work truck for Parks and Recreation. County Manager Gatewood noted that in September we had a transmission go bad in our 2004 animal control truck with 149,000 miles and we were in the process of replacing for approximately \$4,000. County Manager Gatewood reported the balance remaining in contingency was \$39,497 showing that we've used 55% of our contingency. County Manager Gatewood updated board members on the new hospital saying that they expect to hear from the Certificate of need between Thanksgiving and Christmas. County Manager Gatewood shared that eight sealed bids for the Emergency Services Center were opened on September 11 with bids ranging from \$4,255,000 up to \$5,290,000 and that was just for construction. County Manager Gatewood noted that

all along he's been suggesting that based on current economic climate the building should cost around \$150 a square foot which equates to \$3,600,000. County Manager Gatewood noted that the LGC met today and he expects a report in the morning on their action on the 4.6 million dollars that we sent in for approval. County Manager Gatewood noted this was 3.6 million for construction and one million dollars to equip and furnish. County Manager Gatewood noted that for the next six weeks he would be working with our architect and the lowest bidding contractor to review all aspects of the plan to save money after which we will reconvene to see how we can bring this building to fruition for 3.6 million dollars. Chairman Baucom asked if approved by the LGC were we stuck with County Manager Gatewood answering that if approved this says that Anson County Government's finances were in excellent shape and we can afford to invest 4.6 million dollars. Vice Chair Streater didn't think this would be a wise thing to do when we're talking about the Ag Center with County Manager Gatewood thinking it would not be wise to invest more than 3.6 million dollars. Chairman Baucom voiced that we need to do something about housing and storing the vehicles with County Manager Gatewood stating that he would be back with a more definitive report. County Manager Gatewood noted that the audit was still on track for a December 1<sup>st</sup> publication. County Manager Gatewood reported a planning visit from four midlevel employees with NCACC on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. County Manager Gatewood encouraged board members to attend if possible. County Manager Gatewood shared a copy of the agenda for that meeting with board members noting one item for discussion was fracking and what we could do to protect our natural resources, our water supply and our citizens. County Manager Gatewood noted rave reviews and congratulated Uptown Wadesboro for the display of 2,976 flags on 9/11 in front of the courthouse. County Manager Gatewood reminded board members of Morven's October Fest on Saturday and People Fest on October 13<sup>th</sup>. County Manager Gatewood reported no vacancies at this time. County Manager Gatewood shared that at the November meeting Jeff Waisner would update board members on the Belk building renovation and the courthouse, inside and out. County Manager Gatewood noted that Lonnie and crew were doing a yeoman's job. County Manager Gatewood reported that McDonalds would reopen on September 24<sup>th</sup> after being closed for more than a month along with Pizza Hut and Harvest Ministries. Commissioner Woodburn shared that when he's had projects over budget he's taken the quotes received and pulled out items and done the work himself.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Baucom noted that she asked Mr. Gulledge to be here tonight to give a brief update on the web site and GIS. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Gulledge to speak to liability issues with IT. Chairman Baucom shared that she attended a planning retreat sponsored by the NCACC and one thing they mentioned was liability for data and how secure are we and how much data do we have that if it got loose we would be liable. Mr. Gulledge noted that about forty percent of IT was coordinating efforts and after the last discussion of the website, as requested he sent the link out so board members could review and he expected some feedback so he postponed developers but he never got any. Mr. Gulledge stated that because of the

delay the training got booked up in other places so tomorrow he will schedule another training session. Mr. Gulledge noted that they have to train the internal users to update their pages before we can turn them loose. Mr. Gulledge felt we were really close on the credit cards but because we're trying to do so many departments at the same time and on line PayPal made them jump through a lot of hoops on the first attempt just to establish an account. Mr. Gulledge stated that once we got the account established they passed us on to the credit card department and we were in the process of working out the details with the virtual terminal department. Mr. Gulledge feels we're close. Mr. Gulledge stated that the issue with security was one reason he wanted to go with an outside processing source instead of handling it inside. Mr. Gulledge shared that when we bring it inside we are responsible for all liability of the credit cards but if we pass it out to PayPal and let them process it we have no liability because we never see the credit card. Mr. Gulledge stated that he was pretty protective of our data and he gets in battles with certain departments about what data is public and what isn't. Mr. Gulledge referred to HIPPA feeling there were some training issues that need to be addressed to help employees understand the process and how secure things should be. Mr. Gulledge shared that things with the server were pretty much locked down. Chairman Baucom stated that she found out our liability does not cover data and the whole arena of computer stuff. Mr. Gulledge felt the most secure data we had to protect was the stuff surrounding the payroll information on the AS400 and that was probably the most difficult device to get in to. Mr. Gulledge explained that there was no access to the outside world and it was behind both firewalls and you have to have a secondary login to get in. Mr. Gulledge stated that the other devices do not contain any real data that is out there for the public to see. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Gulledge if GIS was fully functional with Mr. Gulledge answering yes and in fact it was more functional than he thought. Mr. Gulledge shared that he had this huge learning curve with the Assessor's office and he thought they were stuck on Version 3 and he's been holding off putting in new PC's there because they need to be trained on 10.1. Mr. Gulledge stated that after playing with it they hate the 10.1 interface and the 10.0 interface as far as the software goes and they love what is already done on the 10.0. Mr. Gulledge stated that he would like to see a time and place where funding was available to tweak some of the data that has been entered incorrectly for the last decade. Mr. Gulledge likened it to a jigsaw puzzle saying if one parcel is off the one next to it can't be right either and it goes on and on and there was a lot of that and he'd like to see that corrected. Mr. Gulledge stated that it would take a pretty big effort and that was why it wasn't done. Commissioner Sikes commented that there were a few departments having problems with different areas but they were not prepared to speak tonight. Commissioner Sikes feels they would like to show us the problems they are having and the things they can't do that they want to do. Commissioner Sikes mentioned the tax office, Carol Ann and DSS were having some issues that they want help with. Mr. Gulledge stated that Carol Ann had not mentioned a thing about having issues as it has all been the Assessor's office and Josie that come to him with problems. Vice Chair Streater mentioned a computer at DSS that has been down for about a week with Mr. Gulledge answering news ones are on the way. Mr. Gulledge explained that

the order was changed a couple of times which caused the delay. Mr. Gullledge noted two applications rolled out this week with one being Avatar at Health and NC Fast at DSS so there were a lot of updates to be done and there were fifty computers at DSS alone. Vice Chair Streater stated there were two people at DSS sharing a computer and we're not getting our money's worth. Mr. Gullledge asked if one was the contractor with Vice Chair Streater answering it was something about a bulb. Mr. Gullledge noted they were waiting on a back order part with Vice Chair Streater asking if we keep a spare computer around with Mr. Gullledge answering we do but right now all computers were accounted for and DSS just got the two spares he had. Chairman Baucom shared an email from a young man who is a contractor that builds church facilities all over the southeast. Chairman Baucom read the following email from Sean Rice:

I wanted to take a minute and brag on the folks in the Anson County Building Office. I went in to pull a permit for Wightman UMC and had the best experience I have ever had trying to pull a permit. Everyone was very helpful and kind. They are wonderful people. We hope to break ground in the next few weeks. I hope all is well with you.

Chairman Baucom stated that she wanted board members to know they were doing a great job and this guy was in inspector's offices all over the southeast. Chairman Baucom shared an invitation from Ansonville Fire Department for the commissioners to participate in their parade at 3 PM on November 3 and let them know by October 15<sup>th</sup> if you plan to ride. Chairman Baucom also noted that board members were invited to participate in the Wadesboro Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 13.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** approved minutes of the regular meeting dated September 4, 2012 and closed session minutes dated September 4, 2012.

**Tax Releases:**

## Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

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20215	Anson Crisis Ministry	2012	314.48	12-7-469	Real Taxes	Releases	Exempt Property-billing error
20226	Caudle, Shirley ET AL	2012	165.03	12-4-DF27138	Real Taxes	Releases	Qualifies for Farm Deferrment
20225	Caudle, Shirley ET AL	2011	178.23	12-4-DF27139	Real Taxes	Releases	Qualifies for Farm Deferrment
20224	Caudle, Shirley ET AL	2010	193.09	12-4-DF27140	Real Taxes	Releases	Qualifies for Farm Deferrment
20223	Caudle, Shirley ET AL	2009	112.04	12-4-DF27141	Real Taxes	Releases	Qualifies for Farm Deferrment
20217	Mauney's Food	2012	162.26	12-7-11882	Real Taxes	Releases	Business Closed
20218	Simpson, Michael Lee	2012	15.83	12-4-16129	Real Taxes	Releases	Deceased-Property not in Anson
20228	H & R Teal Properties	2012	1,072.28	12-7-6863	Real Taxes	Releases	Transfer Error by Staff
20220	Williams, George	2012	183.99	12-5-19299	Real Taxes	Releases	Value Adjt on Personal Property
			<b>\$ 2,397.23</b>				
					Real Taxes	Refund	
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21991	Alexander, Pamela	2012	6.48	1208-000018	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21992	Burch, Wanda	2011	21.52	1206-000197	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
19348	Chewning, Glenn	2012	3.22	1208-000297	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
20222	Chewning, Hazel	2012	254.50	1208-000298	Vehicle Taxes	Release	DMV Error Not Anson County
21986	Christian, Anithea	2011	27.61	1201-000242	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20221	Douglas, Willie	2011	133.21	1204-000546	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20227	Douglas, Willie	2011	58.57	1111-000515	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20219	Dunn, Crystal	2012	66.66	1208-000438	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
21981	Goodwin, Claudia	2011	36.20	1203-000570	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21980	Hightower, Franklin	2012	226.90	1207-000839	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21002	Horne, Charles	2012	57.33	1207-000882	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21984	Hough, Leroy	2012	56.91	1206-000843	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21988	Huntley, Stacey	2011	29.16	1110-000918	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21983	Lewis, Martha	2011	18.36	1105-001223	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20982	Lewis, Martha	2011	17.02	1105-001222	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
20214	Lisk Trucking Inc	2012	566.92	1208-000962	Vehicle Taxes	Release	DMV Error
20216	Rivers, Joe T	2012	20.40	1208-001392	Vehicle Taxes	Release	High Mileage
19349	Smity's Tire Service	2012	14.40	1208-001522	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21987	Stroupe, David	2011	3.88	1108-001613	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21989	Taylor, Sarah & Anthony	2012	71.28	1205-002206	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21001	Truman, George Jr	2012	26.55	1208-001699	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
21985	Vann, Johnny R	2010	9.42	1104-002253	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Proration
			<b>\$ 1,726.50</b>				
19347	Bennett, Catherine L	2011	46.47	1201-000086	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
19350	Merritt, Kennan	2011	37.92	1204-001557	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21990	Pegram, Eddie	2012	37.17	1201-000086	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21004	Williams Fuel Acquisition	2011	21.75	1203-002031	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21007	Williams, Earl	2012	5.65	1205-002454	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
21003	Williams, Marsha	2011	35.85	1203-002021	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	Proration
			<b>\$ 184.81</b>				
20221	Douglas, Willie	2011	12.90	1204-000546	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
20227	Douglas, Willie	2011	5.24	1111-000515	Vehicle Taxes	Release	Situs
20219	Dunn, Crystal	2012	6.72	1208-000438	Vehicle Taxes	Adjustment	Situs
			<b>\$ 24.86</b>				
			<b>4,333.40</b>				

**4,333.40**

**Tax Collector's Report:**





# Vehicle Property Taxes

**FY 2012-2013 - Current Ad Valorem Year - 2012**

**September 30, 2012**

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-	97,989.58	93,095.15	<b>86,806.04</b>
2011	145,510.44	114,926.78	87,325.91	95,750.68	95,742.23	92,779.98	99,798.88	105,721.28
2010	135,881.82	112,831.03	90,177.13	96,321.49	105,280.46	113,210.20	99,617.63	105,412.14
2009	128,615.80	146,889.60	101,431.08	92,017.58	142,346.13	122,954.66	105,356.06	126,604.54
2008	146,866.80	116,428.33	101,739.99	140,891.81	125,895.94	116,814.90	143,009.05	133,467.18
2007	147,628.44	124,665.05	117,102.74	123,039.32	123,109.03	122,820.41	170,641.96	123,647.78
2006	134,050.57	148,557.15	161,751.61	142,012.85	137,987.50	99,740.59	116,768.90	92,961.20
<b>Of Total Collections</b>								
<b>County Taxes</b>								
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-	79,453.29	74,992.07	<b>69,106.55</b>
2011	112,779.42	90,584.78	69,967.91	77,506.09	78,179.10	74,000.71	80,157.54	85,160.92
2010	105,909.91	87,696.46	71,814.37	77,687.74	85,353.85	92,298.88	81,964.93	83,870.76
2009	102,809.18	116,588.69	81,139.59	76,374.99	115,523.99	100,380.49	84,903.01	100,742.46
2008	117,025.16	93,602.22	82,363.60	114,310.48	102,403.58	96,140.94	114,934.99	107,462.61
2007	118,232.44	99,966.05	94,660.52	99,394.36	101,296.97	100,892.19	136,693.09	98,711.37
2006	106,565.99	118,369.14	127,982.67	114,089.37	112,058.69	81,031.47	94,236.09	74,206.32
<b>Current Year (2012) Ad Valorem Collections %</b>								
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-	47.69%	51.35%	<b>51.69%</b>
2011	70.77%	73.38%	73.16%	72.76%	76.20%	46.31%	52.39%	56.21%
2010	69.88%	72.48%	72.77%	72.93%	76.72%	49.60%	53.28%	55.79%
2009	71.75%	76.21%	76.30%	75.90%	81.22%	51.33%	51.04%	56.71%
2008	76.33%	78.07%	76.81%	78.93%	82.75%	49.30%	54.00%	58.06%
2007	78.59%	80.07%	79.35%	79.80%	83.27%	48.56%	56.62%	58.75%
2006	72.51%	76.05%	77.89%	79.28%	83.28%	44.96%	51.40%	53.34%
2005	78.26%	80.75%	79.62%	81.44%	84.88%	62.89%	63.59%	66.63%
2004	81.56%	82.47%	82.47%	82.41%	86.46%	59.82%	62.70%	64.56%
<b>History of Past Due Mailings</b>								
	02/10/11		11/08/11		02/14/12		10/01/12	
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	5,540	340,622.47	9,681	530,539.81	8,750	487,461.50	8,205	446,932.26
<b>Total Monthly Veh Billings</b>								
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>2012</b>	-	-	-	-	-	114,463.14	119,348.29	<b>111,716.60</b>
2011	89,908.51	112,682.82	131,078.36	132,080.06	113,690.51	120,478.19	119,999.02	107,672.23
2010	84,233.87	109,039.61	119,912.86	127,180.60	110,328.69	120,478.19	119,999.02	107,672.23
2009	96,355.94	120,189.92	124,415.00	140,069.44	125,068.34	143,621.80	130,748.72	142,216.63
2008	104,656.71	140,299.87	125,658.12	143,902.71	133,231.36	147,096.09	146,173.32	155,143.04
2007	114,734.32	147,713.65	134,495.46	154,241.50	139,609.75	152,547.25	147,152.11	159,800.15
<b>Accounts Receivable by Type</b>								
	Jun 2012		Jul 2012		Aug 2012		Sep 2012	
	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	83	4,791.68	80	4,617.73	80	4,645.34	223	15,514.56
Bankruptcies	42	2,205.54	40	2,050.28	39	1,982.70	39	1,995.03
Remaining Accts Receivable	4,055	223,738.09	8,171	447,543.91	7,854	429,554.16	7,352	401,078.13
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	6,118	334,594.80	2,313	127,507.91	3,130	178,127.30	3,935	234,386.45
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	10,298	<b>565,330.11</b>	10,604	<b>581,719.83</b>	11,103	<b>614,309.50</b>	11,549	<b>652,974.17</b>
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	216	15,340.90
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	-	-	-	-	174	13,195.45
<b>One Year Ago</b>								
	Jun 2011		Jul 2011		Aug 2011		Sep 2011	
	#	\$\$ Due Now						
Active Garnishments	166	11,958.85	158	11,858.58	198	14,785.09	186	14,052.79
Bankruptcies	1	5.15	1	5.18	1	5.21	1	5.24
Remaining Accts Receivable	3,628	211,509.83	7,979	444,886.23	7,433	414,489.22	6,917	385,311.41
Current Year AR (Taxes/Int)	6,232	334,268.26	2,353	124,102.70	3,065	164,684.73	3,772	203,373.92
<b>**Red = AR Dollars</b>	10,027	<b>557,742.09</b>	10,491	<b>580,852.69</b>	10,697	<b>593,964.25</b>	10,876	<b>602,743.36</b>
Garnishments Served by Mth	-	-	-	-	50	3,661.45	-	-
Garnishments Matured by Mth	-	-	-	-	50	3,661.45	-	-

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

<b>Fund Balance Calculation</b>					
		<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Two Months</b>	<b>Last</b>	
	<b>As of 09-30-12</b>	<b>Same Month</b>	<b>Ago</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Now</b>
		As of <b>09/30/11</b>	As of <b>07/31/12</b>	As of <b>08/31/12</b>	As of <b>09/30/12</b>
<b>Available Fund Balance</b>					
	Cash & Investments (General)	\$ 7,875,312	\$ 7,309,794	\$ 7,819,632	\$ 7,530,321
	Cash & Investments (22 Fund)	\$ 12,104	\$ 14,618	\$ 14,868	\$ 15,120
	Less Cash from General (other funds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (24,533)	\$ (61,867)
	Less Liabilities (w/out deferred revenue)	\$ 138,200	\$ 129,132	\$ 124,141	\$ 118,493
	Less Deferred Revenue (from cash receipts)	\$ (52,979)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)	\$ (43,474)
	Less Encumbrances	\$ (530,421)	\$ (156,399)	\$ (191,966)	\$ (212,006)
	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$ 7,442,217</b>	<b>\$ 7,253,669</b>	<b>\$ 7,698,667</b>	<b>\$ 7,346,586</b>
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>					
	Total Expenditures (Adopted Budget)	\$ 28,090,574	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175
<b>Total Available for Appropriation</b>					
	Total Available	\$ 7,442,217	\$ 7,253,669	\$ 7,698,667	\$ 7,346,586
	Total Expenditures	\$ 28,090,574	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175	\$ 26,598,175
	<b>Total % Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>26.49%</b>	<b>27.27%</b>	<b>28.94%</b>	<b>27.62%</b>
	<b>Available Fund Balance Requirement Per LGC</b>	<b>8%</b> <b>\$2,247,246</b>	<b>8%</b> <b>\$2,127,854</b>	<b>8%</b> <b>\$2,127,854</b>	<b>8%</b> <b>\$2,127,854</b>
	<b>% Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	<b>18.49%</b> <b>\$ 5,194,971</b>	<b>19.27%</b> <b>\$ 5,125,815</b>	<b>20.94%</b> <b>\$ 5,570,813</b>	<b>19.62%</b> <b>\$ 5,218,732</b>

**Monthly Jail Report:**

**ANSON COUNTY JAIL**

**October 1, 2012**

1. As of 9:00am today (October 1, 2012) the Anson County Jail (capacity of 60) held 49 inmates in Anson County; 0 inmates housed in the other County Jails; 1 inmate in DOC/Butner for medical/safe-keeping; and 2 inmates awaiting transfer to DOC.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>ADP</u>	<u>Total Booked</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
<b>2011</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>139</b>

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
<b>September</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>157</b>

**Budget Revision – Health:** to be handled by finance.

**Budget Amendment – Health Department:** to appropriate funds from contingency fund to cover cost of repairing health department work truck:

**AMENDMENT**

Anson County Budget Ordinance FISCAL YEAR 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:	Health Programs 11-5110-5181	\$ 4,000
Total Increase:		\$ 4,000

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures:

Decrease:	Contingency-Emergencies 11-9912	- \$ 4,000
Total Decrease:		- \$ 4,000

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2012.

**Commissioner Concerns:**

**Commissioner Sikes** voiced that about three or four weeks ago there was a wreck at Wal-Mart and it was slow getting an ambulance to the scene. Commissioner Sikes shared that the night policy has been that Anson Rescue would be dispatched and if they have not responded in five minutes Anson EMS would be dispatched. Commissioner Sikes commented that after this incident they received an email saying Anson EMS would be dispatched automatically the same time as Anson Rescue and that upset Anson Rescue. Commissioner Sikes noted that there was no way they could compete with someone that is setting in the building ready to go and they are volunteers. Commissioner Sikes shared that he, along with Chairman Baucom and Vice

Chair Streater met with them Monday night and at the present time they are keeping someone in the building at night so they can respond. Commissioner Sikes stated that they were also looking at putting an ambulance on twenty-four hours instead of just the twelve hours in the day but they can't do that without help from the county. Commissioner Sikes noted that right now they have members staying at the building so they can respond and he suggested they designate people to be responsible for certain nights rather than having them at home hoping someone else will respond. Commissioner Sikes was of the opinion that Anson County could not do without Anson Rescue and we can't put our people at risk waiting on an ambulance and they were trying hard. Chairman Baucom felt it was a good suggestion about people knowing the night they are expected to get up and respond. Chairman Baucom commented that the more she meets with Anson Rescue Squad and other volunteer organizations she recognizes their importance to us and she would hate to see us lose them. Commissioner Sikes stated that it was first said that no one from Anson Rescue responded but they did have three members in route but they did not get an ambulance because Anson EMS was already in route for one patient. Vice Chair Streater added that this is how they get some of their revenue with Commissioner Sikes adding that they can't survive without getting revenue from the wrecks. County Manager Gatewood stated that he was responsible for the memo that went out to Anson EMS saying respond as quickly as possible when an ambulance is dispatched. County Manager Gatewood stated that he does not want them holding back five minutes because he may be the patient and his life could be at risk. County Manager Gatewood shared that he has a meeting with Anthony Ratliff a week from Friday to discuss this issue to see if there is some way we can resolve it and make sure we keep the focus on the citizens in need of our services. County Manager Gatewood stated that who gets the call is irrelevant to him so long as we provide service as quickly as we can when an emergency call goes out. County Manager Gatewood stated that we support Anson Rescue Squad to the tune of \$24,000 a year and we plan to continue that support. County Manager Gatewood shared that he did not know if our budget would allow us now to support further financial help to Anson Rescue to make them twenty-four seven but he and Anthony Ratliff would discuss this. Vice Chair Streater felt if Anson Rescue went away today the county would have to equip each fire department with equipment to cut people out of vehicles. Commissioner Sikes noted that you also have drowning's and other things. Chairman Baucom stated if we have to increase our funding for them we need to do it at budget time and allow for it but it's one of those things that what better use of taxpayer money. Vice Chair Streater did not know if we already had something with them but felt the county needed some kind of contract with them. County Manager Gatewood noted we have a contract with Anson Rescue that runs through 2014 during peak daytime hours they are to respond to approximately every third call and for that consideration we provide \$24,000 worth of support plus they get the revenue from that particular call. Vice Chair Streater feels it important that we don't take revenue from them that they depend on to operate. County Manager Gatewood felt it goes back to the need and feels the citizens of the county would be upset if we allowed a system to exist where we delayed by five

minutes our response when an ambulance is dispatched. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Commissioner Sikes his comment about they responded but did not get the credit. Commissioner Sikes stated that they had three members in route but when Anson EMS checked in route with an ambulance they did not go for their ambulance they went to the scene since it was only one patient. Commissioner Sturdivant asked if they got the credit with Commissioner Sikes saying Anson EMS transported the patient. Commissioner Sikes mentioned the \$24,000 saying it was to support Rescue and not the ambulance that was on duty during the daytime. Chairman Baucom felt the board needed to look at this. Chairman Baucom felt we needed a seamless cooperative effort between volunteers and county units. County Manager Gatewood added that we need to continue to provide the very best service we can to those in need. Commissioner Sikes feels 1104 should be dispatched immediately as that is someone to do patient care. Commissioner Sikes felt this was a must especially during the critical time from 5 AM to 8:30 AM when Anson Rescue's ambulance goes on duty. Vice Chair Streater stated that from the meeting he attended his understanding is that 1104 is not an ambulance and can't carry patients but it is equipped with everything they need to care for a patient until the ambulance arrives. County Manager Gatewood felt there would be more discussions about this to make sure we are cooperating and providing the best service we can to the citizens of this county.

Chairman Baucom asked Commissioner Sturdivant if we took care of the land sale with Commissioner Sturdivant answering yes.

**Commissioner Sikes** mentioned the issue brought up tonight by Cooperative Extension about dead poultry and processing and asked for more information. Ms. Rywak shared that it was another opportunity that poultry producers have for disposal of dead birds. Ms. Rywak explained that typically most of our producers have some type of processing for mortality but due to the high number this summer they were taking them to the landfill. Commissioner Sikes shared that some came to him saying we can take our trash to the landfill but the rendering plant could not accept the birds and the landfill charged \$15 a ton and it upset some that they had to pay for them to cover them up just like regular trash. Vice Chair Streater asked about the machine with Ms. Rywak answering it incinerates them. Chairman Baucom asked if someone had to rent the machine and they bring it to the site with Ms. Rywak answering yes. Ms. Rywak stated their solid waste folks contacted Richard Goforth who put the workshop together and fifteen Anson County producers attended and saw the equipment at the workshop. Commissioner Sikes commented that in Union County the poultry growers carry all their birds to the landfill at no charge. County Manager Gatewood offered to look into this.

**Commissioner Woodburn** commented that he was approached by Mr. Ken Parker praising the county, Mr. Sessions and County Manager Gatewood in particular. North Carolina DOT did not check before doing work in the northern part of the county and cut a waterline. Commissioner Woodburn stated that citizens were without water

but Mr. Sessions and County Manager Gatewood got it restored very quickly and the citizens were very appreciative.

**Commissioner Sturdivant** stated that they have headquarters uptown. Commissioner Sturdivant stated that Attorney Robert Little donated the suite inside his building where Employment Staffing used to be to the Democratic Party.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to go into closed session for personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.aa(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.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to recessed until Monday, October 8 at 5:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Meeting time: 3 hrs.