

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center.

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

Staff members present: Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Tiffany Randall, CPA, Finance Officer
Mike Sessions, Utilities Director
Landric Reid, Sheriff

Others: Scott Forbes, County Attorney
Janine Rywak, County Extension Director

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, noting it was the first meeting of September. Chairman Baucom voiced that they were glad to have everyone here. Chairman Baucom stated we did not have anyone to do the Invocation and read the following:

We meet to serve our community, to use our resources wisely and well, to represent all members of our community fairly, to make decisions that promote the common good. We recognize our responsibility to the past and the future, and the rights and needs of both individuals and the community. As trusted servants, we seek blessings on our deliberations, and on our efforts here today. May we act wisely and well.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners: Chairman Baucom asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Commissioner Sikes voiced that he had some things he wanted to add with Commissioner Sims saying he had a Commissioner Concern. Commissioner Sturdivant asked to add a matter for closed session with Vice Chair Streater asking to add an issue with a waterline for Flake Chapel Church. The Clerk reminded Chairman Baucom to add a Budget Amendment and Mr. Johnson. Commissioner Woodburn asked to add TASC Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities explaining that the lady working on the program was in the Belk building but she has to do her classes on Old Lilesville Road at mental health. Commissioner Woodburn stated that she is requesting to use space in the Belk building. Vice Chair Streater asked for explanation of what they do with Commissioner Woodburn answering

that TASC stands for Treatment Accountability for Safe Communities which is a bridge between the criminal justice systems and mental health providers. Chairman Baucom asked to put all this under Commissioner Concerns. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

Kit Brewer and Aaron Mehaffey – Hampton B. Allen Library: Ms. Brewer shared that she was the supervisor at the library and introduced the new director, Aaron Mehaffey. Mr. Mehaffey stated that he was excited to part of the county and working for the library. Mr. Mehaffey stated that he was excited to see what he can do with the library. Mr. Mehaffey shared a handout of information with board members that talks about what they accomplished with the summer reading program. Mr. Mehaffey stated that he was most proud of the fact that out of 15 libraries in the region, we placed fourth in the number of registered summer readers. Mr. Mehaffey added that we also had the highest number in the region of teen registered readers. Mr. Mehaffey shared that teen services was one of the main reasons he became a Librarian so this was exciting news to him. Mr. Mehaffey noted that they had a total of 27 different programs and the theme of the summer reading program was Every Hero has a Story. Mr. Mehaffey stated that they had local hero's representative of the police department, sheriff's office, EMS and fire department come and speak to the kids and teens present. Mr. Mehaffey stated that he also used the summer reading program to pilot a new program he is hoping to do more often at the library called Comics Out Loud where he presented some of the graphic novels from their collection and doing voices of the characters and a live reading. Mr. Mehaffey shared that the program received a very positive response. Chairman Baucom voiced that they were glad to have him here and she was very interested in the survey or questioning by Dr. Chow. Chairman Baucom stated that it sounds like there was a very thorough systematic planning process going on. Chairman Baucom feels the community will benefit from the process and she emphasized programs for our pre-school children and our elementary school children. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Mr. Mehaffey for what he does and invited him to return.

Sheriff Landric Reid – Building Security: Sheriff Reid shared that he has been approached by several people in the building about security. Sheriff Reid stated that right now we have a security officer at the door which is good but he thinks we need someone during the week as well. Sheriff Reid felt this needed to be discussed in closed session and asked if that could be done at the next meeting. Sheriff Reid stated that since he became Sheriff he has promised that he or someone from his office will attend every county commissioner meeting. Sheriff Reid felt someone from law enforcement should be at every meeting; adding that he did not want to wait until something happens to say we should have had security. Sheriff Reid felt it would be a good idea to have a security guard at the front door Monday through Friday. Sheriff Reid stated that he knows people don't like metal detectors but sometimes it is needed

for everyone's safety. Sheriff Reid felt we needed to look out for our citizens when they attend meetings. Commissioner Sims voiced that he would like to see a metal detector at the front door for everyone to walk through, including board members and employees. Sheriff Reid shared that he has had security meetings with several local churches and he has more planned. Chairman Baucom felt this was a double edge sword noting that the building belongs to the people and by the same token anyone could walk in here and harm those attending. Chairman Baucom commented that we are a nation divided and a state divided and if we can strike a good medium between safety and being a very intimidating place to walk into. Chairman Baucom stated that they would have him on the Agenda for next month. Chairman Baucom added that they are also going to talk about having a planning retreat and that might be a good time if it is convenient for him.

Public Addresses to the Board:

Priscilla Nunn: She was not here at this time. Chairman Baucom noted that she was going to talk with board members about her program ACCESS and how it is doing.

Toni Carpenter: Ms. Carpenter shared she just purchased a double wide home in January and moved it onto her parents land and it has been a long drawn out process. Ms. Carpenter stated that she has water and the power lines are set and all she is waiting on in the final inspection. Ms. Carpenter stated that the home has underpinning and in their conversations with the inspections department she was told to get it underpinned and get power. Ms. Carpenter added that there were several times he was very short and rude and they were having a difficult time getting it inspected because the inspector does not like the type of underpinning they have. Ms. Carpenter stated that the underpinning they have now is vinyl and when the process started there was no conversation about a style of underpinning that was needed to pass whether it be brick or anything of that nature. Ms. Carpenter added that not only has the underpinning been a problem but also the septic tank process has been an issue. Ms. Carpenter noted that she did not have a normal septic tank as hers sits about two and one-half maybe three feet out of the ground, which is tacky. Chairman Baucom asked the reason with Ms. Carpenter saying that is what he told them to do. Chairman Baucom asked if it was because of the way the land perks with Mr. Wallace asking to explain. Mr. Wallace stated that he has been in the manufacturing business for 40 years. Mr. Wallace explained that environmental came out and checked the land, adding that the first person had a problem with Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Wallace stated that as soon as the first environmental specialist pulled up he said no land in Eggtown perks which made Mr. Carpenter mad. Mr. Wallace stated that another environmentalist came and he reached down to get a little red dirt in his hand and said this red dirt was not good enough. Mr. Wallace stated that in all the homes he has put in they at least poured water in the hole to see if it drained. Mr. Wallace stated that after they set the septic tank on top of the ground they said she had to have 500 feet of line because the

red dirt is no good. Mr. Wallace added that when they put the septic tank in they took the same red dirt and put 12 inches of it on top with no gravel. Mr. Wallace wondered if the red dirt was no good in the ground how good was it going to be on top of the tank if it would not take water flow. Chairman Baucom asked if this was the environmental engineer with Mr. Wallace answering yes and it cost Ms. Carpenter \$5,000. Mr. Wallace added that the water tap cost another \$1200 and \$650 to run the waterline. Mr. Wallace stated that the inspector said they could not use vinyl for underpinning and they asked him where this was shown and he took them to his truck to look at the paper but it was not on the paper. Mr. Wallace added that the inspector said they could put metal around the home and it would pass. Mr. Wallace explained that when vinyl siding is installed correctly there is supposed to be 16 inches of a vapor barrier under it to keep a weed eater from hitting it or a rodent going through it. Mr. Wallace again stated that he has 40 years working in the mobile home industry and even Fred Poisson comes to him seeking legal advice on mobile homes. Mr. Wallace felt some of the Ordinances needed to be changed. Mr. Wallace stated that there were different classes of homes, explaining that "a" and "b" homes have vinyl siding and shingle roofs and a "c" home is metal on metal. Commissioner Sikes voiced that this was his Commissioner Concerns and he doesn't think they were informed well enough. Commissioner Sikes then made a motion that we let this go by and from now on we will be clearer about the situation. Commissioner Sims seconded the motion. Chairman Baucom noted that at this part of the meeting they can't vote on things but when they get to Commissioner Concerns that is when they can discuss it further. Commissioner Sturdivant referred to the pictures passed around earlier and asked if they were of her home with Commissioner Sikes answering yes. Commissioner Sturdivant commented that she has a beautiful home.

Neva Helms: Ms. Helms stated that she was so glad to be back in Anson County and not in Raleigh today. Ms. Helms shared that she was the legislative assistant for Representative Mark Brody. Ms. Helms offered congratulations to Commissioner Sturdivant for being reappointed to the State Martin Luther King Commission. Ms. Helms shared that they were still in budget negotiations and have another continuing resolution which will go to September 18th. Ms. Helms offered that Representative Brody did say there were so many component to the budget that they need to spend time on it. Ms. Helms stated that they hope to have a budget by September 18. Ms. Helms added that there were still some other bills they were working on, and some for Anson County, that have budget components in them and they are working on that along with other negotiations. Ms. Helms shared that Representative Brody and Senator McInnis are keeping tabs on these.

Administrative Matters:

RFQ/Engineering – Water Transmission Main: Vice Chair Streater asked for a closed session before discussion of this matter for contract negotiations. Commissioner Sturdivant offered a second to the motion and it passed unanimously. Vice Chair Streater asked Rita James and the clerk to attend the closed session.

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

In regular session, **Eddie Johnson**, Consulting Forester, shared that Mr. Gatewood had asked him to look at a piece of property at Little Park and he brought that to the Chairman's attention. Mr. Johnson explained that there is about 65 acres at the park of pine plantation about 17-18 years old that has never been thinned. Mr. Johnson stated that the area is #1 on the map he shared with board members and highlighted in blue and it needs to have every fifth row removed and between the rows about 35% to 45% of the trees should be thinned or removed to accomplish proper stocking level. Mr. Johnson felt the thinning should generate between \$250 and \$350 an acre. Mr. Johnson felt if more than the recommended percentage of trees is removed for the purpose of income, the stand would be left too thin and vulnerable to ice and wind shear. Mr. Johnson felt the thinning should have been done a couple of years ago because it is getting to the stage of stunting and there is some natural mortality going on. Mr. Johnson shared that there were some walking trails and whoever does the work needs to work very closely with the park manager and give consideration to the trails. Chairman Baucom asked if this was something that needed approval or as our forester could he just do this with the clerk saying this would be a board decision. Chairman Baucom added a stipulation that Mr. Johnson consult with Mr. Waisner because he is very concerned because they put a tremendous amount of work into clearing walking trails and people are using these and he doesn't want the trees in that area cut. Mr. Johnson felt because of the trails some areas might be impossible to be thinned. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve the thinning of the trees at Little Park. Chairman Baucom added on the condition he collaborates with Jeff and he doesn't mess up his walking trails. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Boothby: Mr. Boothby commented that he felt the county had the right person looking after the timber and Eddie would do a good job. Mr. Boothby referred to the name tag he had on noting that the Chamber of Commerce, with the work they are doing and moving forward for the economic partnership and because of the ambassador program they started, felt the name tags would call attention to their work. Mr. Boothby felt this was one of the little things they were doing to try to promote and help Anson County grow. Chairman Baucom stated that they were excited to have People Fest back. Chairman Baucom asked if they would have fireworks with Mr. Boothby answering that People Fest was through the Town of Wadesboro and Uptown Wadesboro and he did not have the details but he understands there had been consideration of fireworks. Commissioner Sturdivant asked how to get an application for a booth with Mr. Boothby saying she should contact Cindi Pope with the Town of Wadesboro.

RFQ/Engineering Services – Water Transmission Main: Mr. Sessions shared that the committee interviewed three companies, namely: LKC, McGill and LaBella and their recommendation was to hire McGill Engineers.

*Commissioner Smith joined the meeting at this point.

Commissioner Sims apologized for trying to exert an opinion since he was not part of the committee, adding that he did not wish to be part of the committee. Commissioner Sims stated that he has great respect for everyone on the committee and their knowledge and ability and Mr. Sessions but it is his personal belief that based on less facts than the committee had that LKC as a result of previous work they've done and previous information they have can do this quicker and perhaps that means more economical and he will vote for LKC. County Attorney Forbes asked Chairman Baucom for a moment and quietly had a discussion. Chairman Baucom asked those present to excuse them for a moment. After their discussion, motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to go into closed session for contract negotiations. Vice Chair Streater commented that he would like Rita and Mike Sessions to join the closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, Mr. Sessions stated that the committee recommends McGill Engineering. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to accept the committee's recommendation. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he was trying to get this thoughts together and a comment was made that regardless of which firm is selected it was going to take the same amount of time and asked what information was used to come to this conclusion. Mr. Sessions stated that he did not know that it would take the same amount of time but the only thing he said was that he did not want the board to think that when we start dealing with Raleigh that it will be an overnight thing. Mr. Sessions shared that from experience he knows it takes a good while. Chairman Baucom asked if this was permitting or what with Mr. Sessions feeling we also need to look at financing the project. Commissioner Sims asked if any of the work that some of the fellows from LKC has done previously could carry over in terms of time and getting this job done. Commissioner Sims stated that he has his own reason for the community and county being concerned about time. Commissioner Sims stated that he did not want something very valuable to this county to slip by us because of the timeframe and asked if anything would carry over to make things quicker. Mr. Sessions felt it needed to be looked at from the beginning. Commissioner Woodburn asked the time frame from the original study that we are talking about or the original work that was done earlier, noting he was not really clear on that. Vice Chair Streater commented that the original work that was done could not be found or that is what was told to the board in a meeting. Vice Chair Streater commented that no one knew who had it but now it seems someone has this information. Commissioner Woodburn asked if that meant that no one has been able to put their hands on it and do we think it could be produced if needed with Vice Chair Streater thinking that according to what has been said that LKC seems to have the information. Vice Chair Streater noted that

LaBella was his first choice. Commissioner Sikes asked if LKC has it would they furnish it with Vice Chair Streater feeling it was Anson County information and if anyone has it they need to turn it over to Anson County. Mr. Sessions was of the understanding that Hobbs has the information with Chairman Baucom feeling that meant it was not available. Vice Chair Streater stated that some of those that worked for Hobbs are saying the information is with LKC and wondered how they got it. Commissioner Sikes commented that he has a lot of feelings for those on the committee but he has issues and he doesn't know which way to go. Vice Chair Streater felt if the board wasn't going to offer it to McGill they needed to go to LaBella because the committee's third choice was LKC. Chairman Baucom then called for the vote on the motion to accept McGill. Motion failed 3 to 4 with Commissioner Woodburn, Commissioner Sikes, Commissioner Sims and Chairman Baucom voting against. Vice Chair Streater then made a motion to go with the second choice, LaBella. Vice Chair Streater felt it was not right, adding that the committee studied this and the general public has been calling him and other commissioners on this board for weeks trying to get them to go with LKC because one of their members that works there is from Anson County. Vice Chair Streater felt politics have gotten into this and it's wrong. Commissioner Sims commented for the record that he has never called Vice Chair Streater. Vice Chair Streater stated that he did not say Commissioner Sims called him, he said that people in the community. Commissioner Woodburn mentioned the feeling of the committee and was he to understand there is no way LKC can get the project done and if that was the concern. Mr. Sessions voiced that any of them could get it done. Mr. Sessions stated that the committee met with each firm and reviewed their qualifications and the first choice was McGill. Mr. Sessions added that he wanted Anson County to have their own separate engineer for this project separate from Wadesboro. Commissioner Woodburn asked Vice Chair Streater if that was also the recommendation from someone out of the county with Vice Chair Streater answering yes, they felt it was not a good idea for the county and city to have the same engineering firm. Commissioner Sims asked if that was from someone from Richmond County with Vice Chair Streater answering yes. Commissioner Sims felt they needed to tend to their own business. Commissioner Woodburn asked if during the process questions were asked on the finance side since they did not bring it up with Mr. Sessions answering that their finance person didn't say anything. Vice Chair Streater confirmed that she did not say anything but LaBella and McGill both had their finance person with them and they told the committee where they thought money might be available to do the project. Commissioner Woodburn stated that when he is talking with vendors he uses information from one to ask questions of the other to make sure he has good representation of their capabilities and what their resources are. Mr. Sessions noted the reason things were said from other counties was because people were checking references. Commissioner Sims then made a motion to accept LKC, adding that he believes Vice Chair Streater has a motion ahead of him for LaBella. Vice Chair Streater felt if you were not going to accept the first choice you should go with the second. Vice Chair Streater stated to the press that this has gotten so political that he does not think the commissioners can make an honest true decision. Chairman Baucom suggested that perhaps it would be appropriate and helpful if the

board as a whole met with the engineering firms that are interested in this project. Commissioner Sims felt it would only get worse and again offered his motion that LKC be accepted. Commissioner Smith then offered a second to Vice Chair Streater's motion to accept LaBella. Motion failed 3 to 4 with Commissioner Woodburn, Commissioner Sikes, Commissioner Sims and Chairman Baucom voting against. Chairman Baucom voiced that she was concerned for the future of the county and she is concerned for getting this line in on time and in budget. Vice Chair Streater shared that people called him telling him that we should let LKC have this project because one of the members is from Anson County and his daddy supported the ball teams. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that she received calls giving the same reasons why they should give this to LKC. Commissioner Sims felt this was more rumor than correct. Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Woodburn if anyone called him with Commissioner Woodburn answering that he heard from people but he had not heard anything about ball teams. Vice Chair Streater then asked Commissioner Sikes if he received calls from the public with Commissioner Sikes answering yes but they did not mention ball games or anything like that. Vice Chair Streater asked Commissioner Sims if he received calls with Commissioner Sims asking Vice Chair Streater if he had ever received calls from people as long as he has served on the board. Commissioner Sims stated that personally he felt Vice Chair Streater was getting into things that did not concern him. Commissioner Sims stated that he was not making a vote based on somebody who played ball and whose daddy paid. Mr. Sessions felt from the utility department standpoint he did not know if this had to be decided tonight and with this much question maybe it needed to be looked at in a different way. County Attorney Forbes stated that Commissioner Sims had a motion on the floor and asked Mr. Sessions to please not give the board advice. Chairman Baucom noted there was a motion on the floor and asked if there was a second. Commissioner Sikes offered a second to the motion to accept LKC. Commissioner Smith stated that he agreed with Mr. Sessions that the county should not get involved with the engineers employed by the city and felt the county ought to be big enough to listen to him. Commissioner Smith voiced that he did not care what kinship was involved. Commissioner Smith noted that we had a committee to recommend that McGill be the engineering firm, adding that he would not serve on a committee. Vice Chair Streater stated that he would not serve on another one. Vice Chair Streater noted this was the first time on his 27 years on the board, other than when they did not accept the committee's recommendation for the solar farm and we had to pay money for that mistake and he expects we may pay money for this one, that the board did not accept the committee's recommendation. Commissioner Sims asked County Attorney Forbes if everything they've done so far has been carried out in a legal manner with County Attorney Forbes answering yes and as a matter of fact, in talking about money the board is not allowed under an RFQ to submit money talks and they are not allowed to submit that. County Attorney Forbes added that this was a professional organization that you do not ask for bids you ask for qualifications to see if they are qualified. Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Sessions if he felt the qualifications for all three vendors were satisfactory with Mr. Sessions answering yes. Chairman Baucom asked when do we get in the money part and didn't

they have to accept bids with County Attorney Forbes answering that will be at a later date after you choose to see if they are able to do state regulations. Chairman Baucom commented that after you chose the vendor they could charge anything they want to with County Attorney Forbes answering there were other mechanism in place to stop that. Vice Chair Streater felt they would get a percentage of the project cost and it could be 15-20%. County Attorney Forbes stated that if he could anticipate the concern once you chose a firm they can't just come in and say we're going to charge this and we have to pay it. County Attorney Forbes stated there were other mechanism in line to curtail this and you are allowed to negotiate after that. Commissioner Sikes felt we should have a financial of what it is going to take from each firm with County Attorney Forbes saying they were not allowed to. Commissioner Smith stated that you are allowed to investigate their background. Commissioner Woodburn asked for example if we go through this process and when we start negotiation with the selected vendor and it's not successful do we shut it down and start over again with County Attorney Forbes thinking we could stop once we chose someone and apologized that he did not know the exact question on that once we chose someone to see if they are qualified. County Attorney Forbes stated that he was not familiar with the mechanics at this point. Commissioner Sikes felt this was an urgent matter that needs to get started. Commissioner Smith asked if this firm qualified for a bond of fifteen million dollars. Chairman Baucom answered that she did not know. Motion carried 4 to 3 with Commissioner Smith, Vice Chair Streater and Commissioner Sturdivant opposed. Chairman Baucom asked the next steps with Mr. Sessions saying we will have to meet with them and sign a contract. Chairman Baucom stated not until we know about the money and time. County Attorney Forbes stated that he would be glad to research this and give a full report on the next process.

Union County Public Hearing: Chairman Baucom stated that Union County was having a Public Hearing on the 20th of September about pulling water from the Yadkin River Water Supply and felt we needed to know what impact that will have on our water availability. Chairman Baucom shared that Mr. Sessions found someone with McGill who will meet with us next Tuesday. Chairman Baucom feels it was in our best interest to have someone at the hearing and invited board members to come by for the meeting next Tuesday. Mr. Sessions noted that McGill is sending someone to the Public Hearing on the 16th. Chairman Baucom feels this is very important particularly in the event of a drought and how that will impact our available water. Chairman Baucom stated that she saw their utility director on TV last night and he mentioned everywhere he got water from except Anson County.

National 4-H Week: Chairman Baucom noted that Roshunda Terry has requested permission to fly the 4-H flag at the courthouse the week of October 5-9, 2015 and asked board members if they were ok with this. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom stated that she would contact Jeff to do this and she will get the dates for this.

Fall Retreat/Planning Session: Chairman Baucom was thinking around the middle of October and asked board members if they wanted to have a planning session or continue flying by the seat of our pants. Commissioner Sims felt we needed to move forward and get a manager and asked where we were on that. Chairman Baucom asked the Clerk if we had any more application with the Clerk answering she had two applications. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to get them out to board members so they could be reviewing them. The Clerk noted the position was posted August 14th. Commissioner Sims asked the deadline with the Clerk noting the deadline was September 15th but this time she added or until filled on the ad. Chairman Baucom voiced that it sounded like the board was not interested in a fall retreat or planning session. Commissioner Sims stated that he would like to see us get a manager in the next few months, a good person and not somebody because we are in a hurry, then hold a planning session with the Manager and get it moving from there. Others agreed.

Priscilla Nunn was here and Chairman Baucom recognized her to speak at this time. Ms. Nunn volunteered if the board needs a facilitator for their planning session. Ms. Nunn came to update board members on ACCESS and to let them know that she actually lives 40 miles from here and they will get to see her often. Ms. Nunn thanked board members for her appointment to Centralina COG. Ms. Nunn stated that they started about four years ago and to date they have actually had 43 people come through their program. Ms. Nunn reminded board members of their mission which is moving people from poverty to economic freedom and they do that through classes. Ms. Nunn shared that they consider themselves a ministry not a program and they keep in touch with everyone once they complete the program. Ms. Nunn stated that they have had 16 to graduate and in order to graduate you have to go through programs for about four months, five days a week from 9 to 4 and attendance and tardiness is recorded. Ms. Nunn stated that all 16 that graduated actually got placed in different roles with jobs or community service but they found that of the 16 probably two-thirds are not in the same place they were when they graduated. Ms. Nunn stated that right now they are working with that two-thirds every Tuesday for two hours to try to figure out where they need help and to develop leadership skills. Ms. Nunn thanked board members for helping them get started and ask that they continue encouraging them and working with their folks.

Chairman Baucom called for a fifteen minute break.

During the break, Commissioner Smith and Vice Chair Streater left the meeting.

After the break, Chairman Baucom noted that according to the Clerk since they started with a quorum they can finish up.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Baucom stated that we have another big Economic Development project on the table known as Project Blue. Chairman Baucom stated that there was a meeting on August 6 with all the key players in from the state

and the Southeast Economic Development Partnership and people from Commerce, DOT, CSX and others. Chairman Baucom stated that the property locator for this company liked everything that was presented except that part of the road leading to the property needs to be resurfaced to the tune of about \$400,000. Chairman Baucom shared that we are in competition with Wallace, SC for this project. Chairman Baucom shared that she talked with our state senator and state representative and one or both hooked her up with Dr. Pat Mitchell of the Department Commerce and they are all hunting \$400,000 for Anson County so we can resurface this road. Commissioner Sims asked how it looked with Chairman Baucom saying she thinks Senator McInnis is talking with DOT to see if they have some money. Chairman Baucom shared that she had an email from his office today wanting to know where she came up with this amount and she thinks it came from the representative with DOT. Chairman Baucom noted there was a privately owned rail spur in the county and the owner is getting ready to expand and she and Vice Chair Streater met with him and in the consent agenda is a Resolution to CSX supporting this expansion. Chairman Baucom stated that this rail yard was strategically located between Charlotte and Wilmington for rail shipping back and forth and it is actually an inter modal facility where you take it off the rail cars and put it on trucks and distribute it. Commissioner Sims asked the location with Chairman Baucom saying if you ever go to Wal-Mart you've seen it. Commissioner Sims voiced a concern for more trucks on the highway near the high school. Chairman Baucom did not know the specifics but she did ask the board to support the expansion adding that it might be 50 jobs. Chairman Baucom thanked Commissioner Sturdivant and all those involved in gathering school supplies for our children. Chairman Baucom stated that she could not imagine a child in our school system without a backpack or a new pair of shoes thanks to our Sheriff, Commissioner Sturdivant and others. Chairman Baucom stated that she did not mean to leave anyone out, adding that it was hard for her to ask people for money but Commissioner Sturdivant does it with style and grace. Commissioner Sims commented that he did not believe there was an individual in Anson County, at least no one he knows, that does more for children than Vancine Sturdivant. Chairman Baucom noted that her love and interest were children and the elderly and the older she gets the more she appreciates this. Chairman Baucom stated that we have been recognized as the most generous county in North Carolina and it has to mean a lot to a child to go to school with a new uniform, a new backpack and new pencils and paper and she thinks we need to appreciate this. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation for Commissioner Sturdivant and all those that worked so hard to get those supplies for these children. Chairman Baucom shared that Sandhills Library System was doing a study about services to develop a strategic plan and she met with them to talk about services the library should be providing. Chairman Baucom stated that she stressed the need for children's programs, pre-k and elementary school and one of the reasons is because we need to make sure that as much as possible our children start public school ready to learn. Chairman Baucom mentioned the study that showed that the first 2,000 days is when you learn more than you will learn the rest of your life and if they don't get that upfront and they start to school they are already behind. Chairman Baucom shared that she, along with Commissioner Woodburn, Commissioner Sturdivant and

Vice Chair Streater and their spouses attended the state commissioner's conference. Commissioner Sturdivant added that they attended class with Chairman Baucom saying that you always learn something you did not know that you can come back and apply. Chairman Baucom referenced the FERK Public Hearing several years ago that dealt with relicensing energy companies and this is done every 50 years. Chairman Baucom shared that one of the things the agency required from Duke Energy, which at that time was Progress, is that they make some improvements to the river access. Chairman Baucom stated that she sent to board members a description of what they proposed and after no response she approved the proposal. Chairman Baucom stated that she also got the Assessor and Interim Planner to review the proposal and he thought they were going to take away the one boat access we had but they are not, they are going to improve it. Chairman Baucom noted that there will be two other areas for people to have access to the river but not necessarily a boat landing. County Attorney Forbes stated that it was his understanding they were going to expand that in Lilesville and instead of two ramps there will be four ramps. Commissioner Sims noted that that was one of our most unused natural resources in Anson County. Commissioner Sims commented that we have that major river that is pretty well locked down and if you go other places you have all kinds of activities going on along the river.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Approved minutes dated August 4, 2015 and closed session minutes of the same date.

Tax Releases:

Property Tax Releases/Refunds/Adjustments

		9/1/2015 for August Month End					
20765	Allen Family Cemetary	2015	85.07	157-158	Real Taxes	Releases	Land Value Correction
20768	Allied Wireless	2015	100.86	15-7-286	Real Taxes	Releases	Land Value Correction for Land Only
20764	CSI Leasing	2015	10.10	15-7-4054	Real Taxes	Releases	Listing Error Correction
20772	Crump R B	2015	99.11	15-1-4045	Real Taxes	Releases	Listing Error Correction
20770	Laney Robert M	2015	1,692.61	15-8-10037	Real Taxes	Releases	VA Exemption applied to wrong acct
20771	Laney Travis G	2015	154.36	15-4-10038	Real Taxes	Releases	VA Exemption applied to wrong acct
20767	McGinnis Charles	2015	258.03	15-7-12073	Real Taxes	Releases	Property sold prior to 01-01-15
20768	Pepsi Cola Bottling	2015	8.91	15-7-13798	Real Taxes	Releases	Listing Error Correction
20766	Poston Carol	2015	15.68	15-6-14308	Real Taxes	Releases	Listing Error Correction
20776-20778	Rojo Rodolfo	2013-2015	720.55	Various	Real Taxes	Releases	USA Court Order to Release
20779-20781	Rojo Rodolfo	2013-2015	3,455.95	Various	Real Taxes	Releases	USA Court Order to Release
			\$ 6,601.23				
			\$ -				
			6,601.23	*****			
Tax & Tag Together Refunds							
17083527	Adams, Timothy R		48.45	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14091417	Burroughs, Arlie D		3.81	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
27043095	Caraway, Tyrone		41.60	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14085187	Cook, Robin		17.79	Vehicle Totalled	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
16453477	Dhulipudi, Ramkishore		238.67	Vehicle Sold	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19208304	Edwards, Christie		80.13	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
27695022	Fair, Keith		52.26	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
25410471	Ford, Charles		20.70	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14087280	Lear, Frances		14.22	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14089746	Lear, Paula		50.31	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
189051	Livingston, Bruce		16.43	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
16685631	McCall, Tamara		28.20	Situs Error	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
19206565	Phifer, Marie		12.21	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
9215651	Phillips, Barry A		7.87	Registration Corr	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
23986020	Phillips, Barry A		79.83	Registration Corr	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
14085926	Streater, Helen C		6.04	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
200951	Sturdivant, Rosemary		11.61	Tag Surrender	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
24362546	Tyson, Clyde		49.23	Vehicle Totalled	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
17171740	Worley, Ronda		41.42	Vehicle Totalled	Vehicle Taxes	Refund	
			\$ 820.78	*****			

Tax Collector's Report:

Real Property Taxes

FY 2015-2016 Current Year Ad Valorem - 2015
August 31, 2015

(Total \$\$ Collections)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Year 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,891.33	1,432,820.37
Year 2014	370,053.62	357,819.90	369,675.17	199,370.89	437,305.42	202,181.68	153,640.24	1,882,078.48
Year 2013	303,777.73	411,460.82	256,681.87	153,925.51	122,514.28	179,074.87	62,285.51	1,345,310.70
Year 2012	591,530.54	394,773.55	234,592.51	179,365.23	196,487.21	165,789.97	139,879.76	1,330,911.40
Year 2011	273,110.53	759,834.02	326,631.55	153,989.93	109,921.59	207,718.61	78,897.91	1,033,340.38
Year 2010	313,652.81	740,139.07	332,344.50	132,854.57	142,607.79	132,015.62	64,025.06	698,291.83
Year 2009	307,485.71	379,919.02	360,236.26	261,656.33	87,022.22	149,915.40	75,012.59	562,659.35
Of Total Collections								
County Taxes & Late List								
Year 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,896.07	1,133,740.35
Year 2014	286,653.45	276,307.11	267,036.00	147,163.19	292,830.80	137,350.88	115,026.22	1,475,428.46
Year 2013	238,884.70	321,251.68	192,037.08	112,155.68	89,587.40	121,642.85	44,283.99	1,078,657.83
Year 2012	474,125.82	311,770.51	186,458.87	132,595.62	139,834.71	113,267.76	106,855.68	1,100,182.13
Year 2011	222,718.59	623,556.83	244,496.75	114,354.72	80,805.60	121,655.06	53,935.78	840,543.63
Year 2010	256,020.32	571,966.13	256,151.14	101,065.71	104,729.42	95,416.97	47,746.47	560,283.83
Year 2009	255,249.25	299,943.51	278,799.08	189,446.64	63,406.87	112,505.37	52,118.13	460,019.34
Current Year (2015) Ad Valorem Collections %								
Year 2015							N/A	9.95%
Year 2014	87.23%	89.15%	90.94%	91.75%	93.23%	93.87%		13.93%
Year 2013	87.53%	89.84%	91.02%	91.74%	92.21%	92.87%		10.02%
Year 2012	88.50%	90.66%	91.84%	92.68%	93.58%	94.00%		10.76%
Year 2011	85.77%	90.48%	92.07%	92.77%	93.20%	93.75%		7.87%
Year 2010	86.61%	90.64%	92.35%	92.95%	93.57%	94.09%		4.90%
Year 2009	87.03%	89.23%	91.26%	92.70%	93.11%	93.78%		4.47%
Year 2008	89.03%	91.28%	92.77%	93.40%	94.15%	94.62%		12.88%
Year 2007	90.58%	92.71%	93.76%	94.32%	94.78%	95.25%		12.95%
Year 2006	89.67%	91.88%	93.41%	94.53%	95.28%	95.78%		9.72%
Current Year (2015) Accounts Receivable Balance Remaining For County Taxes ONLY - Including Late Penalties								
Year 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,979.25	9,856,920.19
Year 2014	1,582,856.61	1,345,562.54	1,122,810.42	1,022,596.39	836,526.93	757,635.69	10,287,030.03	8,920,787.68
Year 2013	1,540,704.41	1,255,224.74	1,108,960.08	1,019,728.08	961,199.68	879,940.86	19,880.54	9,290,290.35
Year 2012	1,408,474.10	1,143,229.63	999,483.29	896,470.97	786,437.51	734,822.47	44,734.04	9,226,756.70
History of Past Due Mailings								
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
	2,419	2,362,763.93	5,543	4,420,774.02	3,360	3,308,737.72	3,729	4,334,411.25
Tax Scroll Billings								
	Tax Rate	Taxed Value	County Tax	Late List	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed	
Year 2015	0.801	1,359,925,855	10,893,015.61	19,159.56	1,839,301.39	769,154.92	13,520,631.48	
Year 2014	0.767	1,337,826,323	10,261,136.82	25,913.00	1,817,440.08	543,719.23	12,648,209.13	
Year 2013	0.767	1,337,123,638	10,255,747.03	38,016.08	1,646,610.96	506,563.47	12,446,937.54	
Year 2012	0.767	1,329,890,486	10,200,268.80	14,665.91	1,635,582.81	504,013.76	12,354,531.28	
Year 2011	0.767	1,323,056,075	10,147,848.87	13,689.32	1,639,958.48	499,585.19	12,301,081.86	
Year 2010	0.894	1,327,866,369	10,184,743.25	15,890.10	1,629,828.36	503,371.31	12,333,833.02	
Year 2009	0.894	1,074,350,757	9,604,696.60	38,844.26	1,596,904.94	419,657.98	11,660,103.78	
Utilities								
	County Tax	City Taxes	Fire Taxes	Total Billed				
Year 2015	-	-	-	-				
Year 2014	1,986,444.95	98,421.89	129,157.90	2,214,024.74				
Year 2013	2,006,288.46	87,240.23	120,629.50	2,214,158.19				
Year 2012	1,912,391.52	95,646.61	113,513.96	2,121,552.09				
Year 2011	1,903,727.55	96,335.67	112,271.30	2,112,334.52				
Year 2010	1,909,334.87	96,146.67	110,638.22	2,116,119.76				
Year 2009	1,997,433.34	93,637.75	102,680.57	2,193,751.66				
Accounts Receivable by Type								
	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	126	57,435.54	156	66,626.81	133	57,669.24	127	53,990.15
Accts with Agreements	33	10,339.98	31	10,020.48	29	9,835.40	29	9,883.16
Accts in Foreclosure	345	159,674.03	336	156,519.15	302	145,815.27	299	144,934.83
Bankruptcies	79	47,486.15	82	51,541.69	61	42,790.75	60	42,610.64
Remaining Accts Collectible	8,945	2,692,137.70	8,056	2,606,297.61	10,842	3,485,818.71	10,682	3,409,488.71
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	3,096	1,125,888.30	2,779	1,067,099.20	58	17,979.25	17,733	12,212,063.09
**Red = AR Dollars	12,624	4,092,961.70	11,440	3,958,104.94	11,425	3,759,908.62	28,930	15,872,970.58
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	9	15,785.25	11	5,031.79	6	1,067.57	7	2,581.35
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	40	11,015.11	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	172,385.23	-	171,741.36	-	93,702.34	-	93,327.29
One Year Ago								
	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now	#	\$\$ Due Now
Active Garnishments	159	62,894.79	158	62,482.20	146	58,557.10	138	56,347.02
Accts with Agreements	42	11,004.98	42	11,060.28	38	10,517.91	38	10,570.85
Accts in Foreclosure	321	138,604.42	308	133,202.56	284	124,480.83	284	124,945.31
Bankruptcies	105	63,720.90	104	62,839.62	86	49,852.64	86	49,885.75
Remaining Accts Collectible	7,392	2,280,383.82	7,323	2,253,638.45	11,314	3,315,383.46	10,554	3,214,994.13
Current Year Ad Valorem(All)	3,568	1,289,229.08	3,364	1,245,198.80	19,809	12,649,107.79	17,050	10,916,704.93
**Red = AR Dollars	11,587	3,845,837.99	11,299	3,768,421.91	31,677	16,207,899.73	28,150	14,373,447.99
	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$	#	\$\$
\$\$ Pd/Foreclosures/ by Mo	2	6,328.67	14	6,643.23	1	507.76	2	204.82
# Accts Given to ParaLegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnishments Executed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Setoff Letters Mailed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance owed on Debt Setoff(Call DSC239)	-	248,117.33	-	248,318.80	-	181,954.95	-	179,531.80

Electronic Transaction Report:

08/31/15

August 2015 Report - Board Meeting of 09/01/2015

Utilities Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	9,257.27	240	22	22
Aug 2015	9,231.86	222	19	21
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	18,489.13	462		

Utilities Dept -Draft Records & Unpaid Accts with Phone reminders

Month	Total \$\$ Draft Records	# Accounts Pd	Tot \$\$ Unpaid w/Phone calls	# Accts Reminded
Jul 2015	34,663.23	1,025	26,761.68	402
Aug 2015	40,673.22	1,034	38,545.29	444
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	75,336.45	2,059	65,306.97	846

Tax Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	7,592.91	33	8	22
Aug 2015	15,009.86	53	14	21
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	22,602.77	86		

Health Department Electronic Transactions

Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	1,047.96	20	13	22
Aug 2015	1,300.81	28	14	21

	22,602.77	86		
Health Department Electronic Transactions				
Month	Total \$\$	# Accounts Pd	# Days Electronic Pyt Used	# Working Days
Jul 2015	1,047.96	20	13	22
Aug 2015	1,300.81	28	14	21
Sep 2015	-	-	-	-
Oct 2015	-	-	-	-
Nov 2015	-	-	-	-
Dec 2015	-	-	-	-
Jan 2016	-	-	-	-
Feb 2016	-	-	-	-
Mar 2016	-	-	-	-
Apr 2016	-	-	-	-
May 2016	-	-	-	-
Jun 2016	-	-	-	-
	2,348.77	48		

Resolution – In Support of Rail Resources of North Carolina:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "RAIL RESOURCES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC."
TO EXPAND AN EXISTING RAIL FACILITY IN ANSON COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc." is operating a transload rail facility dba "Carolinas ReLoad" at 200 Kitty Bennett Road (SR1423) North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc." proposes to invest \$500,000 and to employ at least 50 persons when the company is fully operational; and

WHEREAS, "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc.'s" plans are consistent with local land use and state and local transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc.'s" plans conform with all applicable state and local ordinances and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Anson County Board of Commissioners is committed to work with the NCDOT in a leadership role to make transportation improvements that address the safety needs of the public, and contractors and employees of "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc.".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners:

Section 1: Anson County supports the location of the "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc." in Anson County, and confirms that its plans are consistent with and conform with state and local laws, plans and policies.

Section 2: Anson County endorses the application of "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc." to request financial support from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to assist in the funding of a rail industrial access track expansion to serve "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc.".

Section 3: The Anson County Board of Commissioners commits to work with the NCDOT to make needed transportation improvements necessary to protect the safety of the public, and contractors and employees of "Rail Resources of North Carolina Inc.".

Adopted this 1st day of September, 2015.

Budget Amendment: to appropriate funds from fund balance that were rolled over from prior fiscal year for purchase of a new Sheriff's Department vehicle.

AMENDMENT

Anson County Budget Ordinance FY 2015/16

BE IT ORDAINED by the Anson County Board of Commissioners that the FY 2015/2016 Budget Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund Expenditures

Increase:	Sheriff/Jail 11-4310-4320	\$ 30,000
	Total Increase:	\$ 30,000
<u>Section 2. General Fund Revenues</u>		
Increase:	General Fund Balance Appropriation 11-4110	\$ 30,000
	Total Increase:	\$ 30,000

Adopted this 1st day of September, 2015.

Appointment – Wadesboro Planning Board – ETJ: It was noted that Mr. Caple would replace Reverend Blount. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the appointment of Lee Caple. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Sikes mentioned the underpinning of the house and felt the people were not informed properly and shared pictures with those present so they could see how good the house looks. Commissioner Sikes noted the house was in a community by itself and only family lives there and he has one picture showing it is over 1,000 feet from the road. Commissioner Sikes was of the opinion board members should approve her request and have a better understanding from now on when people go to do something. Commissioner Sims offered a second to the motion. County Attorney Forbes noted there was an Ordinance in place that mandates it has to be metal and it can't be vinyl. County Attorney Forbes stated that at this time it is an Ordinance and in order to change it there is a process and it's not possible to change it at this time. The Clerk then shared copies of the minutes from the June 7, 2011 meeting where this was changed at the recommendation of the Planning Board. Commissioner Woodburn noted it was an update to the Manufactured Housing Ordinance. Chairman Baucom felt part of the problem is the young lady felt like it was not adequately explained with Ms. Carpenter saying they were not informed at all, he just said underpin. Commissioner Sikes commented that it was not on the inspector's paper work. Commissioner Sims asked the County Attorney if there was any way to help her tonight with County Attorney Forbes saying he would be happy to research this but he doesn't believe they can do anything right now. Commissioner Sikes noted the problem was that everything was done but she could not cut the power on so she can live in it. County Attorney Forbes said he would check the Ordinance tomorrow but at this point his legal advice is they can't approve this tonight. Commissioner Sikes asked if it was possible for the power to be cut on and make a decision later if they have to change it with County Attorney Forbes saying there may be some type emergency Ordinance but he wasn't sure because it has not been passed to certain degrees. Commissioner Sikes asked what it would take to change the Ordinance with County Attorney Forbes saying there are certain procedures required and they will need to hold a Public Hearing. County Attorney Forbes said he would research that and they could call him tomorrow and he would see if there is some type temporary solution until this can be permanently remedied. Commissioner Sims asked the County Attorney to do what he could for her. Chairman Baucom voiced a concern for the septic tank sticking up out of the ground saying it did not make sense to her. County Attorney Forbes

noted that was the Environmental man that required this. Ms. Burr of the health department said she would check on this. Chairman Baucom asked them to work on this and she doesn't understand the logic for metal because it will rust and particularly when the sides of the home are vinyl. Chairman Baucom noted that we have the health department and our legal brain trust working on this. Chairman Baucom apologized for her trouble.

Commissioner Sikes stated that we've been hearing so much about zoning lately and asked how we were progressing on this. Commissioner Sikes then recognized John Sikes from Burnsville, noting that area will be affected more when the By-Pass comes through and asked him to speak to the board. Mr. Sikes noted he lives in Peachland and his farm is in Burnsville. Mr. Sikes stated that he attended a meeting in Stanly County and they were asking what could we do to improve and the first thing that came up was the fact that Anson County is not zoned. Mr. Sikes felt with the new highway under construction we need to be proactive instead of reactive and go ahead and get our team in place and zone the county and do it county-wide and not just part of it. Mr. Sikes noted that the people in White Store will tell you that zoning doesn't kill you or change your way of life. Mr. Sikes stated that they bit the bullet there and did it and they have done it well. Commissioner Sims commented that they really like it with Mr. Sikes in agreement, adding that they chose it. Mr. Sikes asked the board to get it in place before it comes to us and we don't have an opportunity to make the changes we are going to want. Mr. Sikes felt this would be a positive thing and would bring more commerce and Anson County into the real world. Chairman Baucom added that it would give more certainty. Mr. Sikes noted that Commissioner Woodburn understands where he is coming from and we keep putting it on the back burner. Mr. Sikes commented that the back burner was out and the heat will come on to us so let's go ahead and move it to the front burner and do something with it. Chairman Baucom stated that we do have a land use plan and she believes this board approved it. Chairman Baucom felt Ms. Baptiste was a part of the plan as well as Centralina COG and we went into every community. Chairman Baucom questioned if this board approved the plan with the Clerk saying she would look for the one in her office. Chairman Baucom feels this needs to be put on the table. Chairman Baucom noted that the plan is based on the way it was being used then or what people said and reflects the feeling of the communities at that time. Chairman Baucom recommended we pull it out and get started on it the minute we get a new County Manager. Commissioner Woodburn said that would be his recommendation and that it be part of the planning retreat. Commissioner Woodburn stated that we did approve the Land Use Plan and it outlines what can be where as far as the best use and what the citizen's input provided to us. Commissioner Woodburn thinks we could use this for zoning but it does nothing to say what goes where. Commissioner Woodburn referred to the incidents we've already had where we find out something is getting ready to happen when it is getting ready to be built and actually the board needs to know about it when it's being planned to determine if it is suitable for the area they want to put it in or if it is not suitable and needs to be directed somewhere else. Commissioner Woodburn commented that this is

what zoning will do for us and the reason we need to get moving on it. Commissioner Sims stated that everything Union County will not allow or they do not want will come right down 74 to Anson County. Chairman Baucom stated that she has not seen much they didn't want. Chairman Baucom voiced appreciation to Mr. Sikes for his comments.

Commissioner Sikes noted that Premier Fibers keeps adding on and growing and they do it through the county and Ansonville is the one that serves them with water and sewer. Commissioner Sikes stated that Ansonville can't keep up with their sewer needs. Commissioner Sikes noted they were in a bind and he doesn't know what can be done but felt when a town like this is involved in what is going to happen when they keep growing should be involved in the planning and processing. Chairman Baucom asked Commissioner Sturdivant if she was going to get a meeting with them with Commissioner Sturdivant saying she is working on a meeting and everyone is invited. Chairman Baucom felt we could talk with them at that time and we should take Mike Sessions with us. Chairman Baucom noted they were a good company, they were progressive and they make unique products that from what she understands you can't get anywhere else in the world. Chairman Baucom stated that we don't want to lose them because they can't get a sewer line large enough. Commissioner Woodburn stated that sometime in the first few years he got on the board we were actually going around to the different municipalities and meeting with them and one of the things being talked about at that time was collaboration and looking at services that were duplicated between the towns and the county that we could combine and make it easier on everybody. Commissioner Woodburn stated that maybe it just lost interest but now it seems Ansonville has a pressing need and we might be able to work something out. Ms. Carpenter stated that they live in Ansonville and they do without water more than they have it and she knows the Town of Ansonville is trying to upkeep the line but there are a lot of weekends they go without water because the lines are down and they can't fix them. Ms. Carpenter stated that it was her understanding that Ansonville wants the county take it over but the county doesn't want to. Chairman Baucom asked if anyone has been approached with Commissioner Woodburn saying he had that discussion. Commissioner Sikes stated that he has been talking with Mr. Sessions about this and there are a lot of people that live on Mt. Vernon/Red Hill Road that want county water that doesn't come through there. Chairman Baucom felt that instead of having a planning retreat or as part of it we ought to involve the municipalities and bring them in and let's talk about these things. Chairman Baucom stated that we would have to look at the financial side of it and the service side because we can't go in and repair waterlines without charging. Commissioner Woodburn felt that was what we were looking at and if the town was willing to work out an agreement where the county would actually take that over and we'd get the revenue to afford it. Commissioner Woodburn noted it was not something that could be done in a few days because you really have to work out the details and determine what a win win situation is but he thinks there is a way to get there. Commissioner Woodburn thinks that is what happened back then as there was not a real pressing need and everybody was on their own and working fine but now it seems like there may be a reason for us all to come

together. Chairman Baucom stated that one of her concerns was that we may have helped Morven get grants to solve some of their problems but we have a big industry in Ansonville and also up in the Burnsville area sometimes the water flow is so slow we may need to be planning for a buster pump to get it on up the hill. Chairman Baucom asked the clerk to keep reminding them of these things. The Clerk noted that at one time she was putting old business on the Agenda but it kept staying old business and Chairman Baucom asked her to put that back.

Commissioner Sikes shared that he has had complaints about the grand jury room in the courthouse that the ceiling is falling in. Commissioner Sikes felt someone needed to go to the district court and look at the men's bathroom noting it was a disgrace. Chairman Baucom asked if this was in the jail with Commissioner Sikes saying it was the courtroom above the jail. Chairman Baucom felt this needed to be a big part of our planning as well because we are going to have some big issues at the jail and the district courtroom.

Commissioner Sikes asked if we were making any progress on our GIS system and getting someone full time to run it. Commissioner Sikes felt this was a big issue hurting the county. Chairman Baucom asked if we had money in the budget to hire someone full time to do GIS with Ms. James answering it was zero funded. Chairman Baucom asked if we had any money to support GIS at all with Ms. James answering we have the money we are paying the lady to do the mapping and that is it. Chairman Baucom asked what she does with Ms. James answering she does all the tax parcel mapping. Ms. James stated that she and Randy have talked extensively about GIS and the fire districts and how to help the ratings. Ms. James stated that they have not gotten together in the last two weeks but they have talked about what their plan of action needs to be. Ms. James noted no results yet. Chairman Baucom thought one time they mentioned going to Google and hiring it out with Ms. James saying he has made some contacts and they are trying to figure out the best economical way to go. Chairman Baucom added not only economical but reliable. Ms. James shared that they've had issues with our website in the last three weeks that they have had to address and that pushed GIS to the side.

Commissioner Sims mentioned that about 14 months ago Morven was given a surplus police car at the blessing of the board and at that time Peachland and Lilesville were promised that the next year they would be given a surplus police car so they might use it in their community. Commissioner Sims stated that it has now been two months in addition to the year they were promised and they would like to have their car. Commissioner Sims stated that whatever process or procedure they need to go through let's go through it. Chairman Baucom asked if that was Peachland or Polkton with Commissioner Sims answering Peachland. Commissioner Sims stated that he asked Polkton earlier and they told him they didn't need it. County Attorney Forbes asked if we have any that are surplus, noting the process would be to declare them

surplus first. The Clerk spoke saying she thought the Sheriff was working on this and would try to have something by December.

Commissioner Woodburn stated that he had a request from Ms. Kimberly Burr to use the conference room in Child Support in the Belk building for a program she is in. Commissioner Woodburn shared that she was currently teaching her classes at what used to be Daymark Recovery Services on Old Lilesville Road and her clients have to walk there. Commissioner Woodburn was of the opinion she had one to be mugged walking to Daymark and wondered if it would be possible to use the conference room or was there some other office around town she could use. Commissioner Woodburn stated that she works for what was the Partnership for a Drug Free North Carolina and she does classes. Commissioner Woodburn added that her clients are referred to her by probation and those are the people that may need some substance abuse or mental health treatment. Chairman Baucom asked if it was every day with Commissioner Woodburn answering it was 4 PM to 7 PM on Monday and Wednesday that she would need the conference room. Commissioner Woodburn stated that he thinks her office is in the Belk building. Chairman Baucom felt we needed to know about liability issues since this is not a county function. Chairman Baucom felt if someone was to go in the Belk building to do something that was not a county function, like Probation, and they got hurt we could be liable. Commissioner Woodburn felt we needed to look at the ins and outs of it and it may not even be possible we can do it. Chairman Baucom asked the County Attorney to look into this and report to the board. Chairman Baucom asked if email would be ok with Commissioner Woodburn answering yes. Chairman Baucom stated that if the conference room was available she did not have a problem with it and asked the clerk if she needed a vote. The Clerk answered yes, asking if she is in there at night will it require someone to sit at the door and monitor who comes in and if so, will she pay for Mr. Bennett to sit there. Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to investigate. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Baucom noted that we have to look at security, liability and cost for security and utilities.

Commissioner Sikes mentioned that on Dennis Road there is a church that is having water problems. Commissioner Sikes stated that this has been going on since they built the overhead bridge and felt we needed to check on this to see what we can do for them. Commissioner Sturdivant noted it was Flake Chapel Church. Chairman Baucom asked if it was flooding or what with Commissioner Sikes saying they were not getting enough water like the Red Hill people. Chairman Baucom asked if they were on county water with Commissioner Sikes answering yes. Commissioner Sikes added that the county sells water to Ansonville and it goes to Red Hill. Chairman Baucom noted that it was actually Ansonville's responsibility with Commissioner Sikes answering yes and they want to give it to the county.

Chairman Baucom stated that another closed session was needed. Motion by Commissioner Sturdivant, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to go into closed session.

Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sturdivant asked Rita and Tiffany to join the closed session.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, that we purchase the software for the Clerk of Court provided it meets all the expectations and we provide the funding as long as it is under \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Meeting time: 3 hr. 30 min.