AGENDA

Brad Chandler, Chairman
Keith Wood, Vice Chairman
Sonya Cox, Commissioner
Ronnie Mendenhall, Commissioner
Rick Morris, Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Monday, April 8, 2024
1014 MAIN STREET
DANBURY, NC 27016
6:00 PM

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Approval of the Agenda

II. Public Hearing

- **a. Resolution of Intent Declaring the Intent to Sell, Lease, or Convey Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital**

III. Public Comments

IV. Comments - Managers/Commissioners

V. Conflicts Of Interest

VI. Consent Agenda

- **a. Minutes**
- **b. Budget Amendments**
- **c. Tax Office Items for Approval**

VII. Information Agenda

- **a. Department First Quarter Reports for 2024**

VIII. Discussion Agenda

- **a. Proposed Purchase Agreement for Future Green Box Site**
- **b. Danbury Water and Sewer Rate Increase Request**
- **c. Agreement for RiverStreet Equipment Storage at Old Prison Camp**
- **d. Draft Policy for Food Trucks Operating on County Property**

e. **Tourism Development Authority Board Appointments**

f. **Scheduling Joint Meeting with the City of King**

IX. Action Agenda

a. **Health Department Tobacco and Vape Use Policy**

b. **Proposed Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Budget Request**

c. **JCPC FY 24-25 Funding Allocation Request**

d. **Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board Appointment Request**

e. **Danbury Water and Sewer Rate Increase Request**

f. **Agreement for RiverStreet Equipment Storage at Old Prison Camp**

X. Closed Session

XI. Adjournment

*Anyone with a disability(is) who needs an accommodation to participate in this meeting is requested to inform us 48 hours prior to the scheduled time of the affected group meeting

*Attachments may be delivered before or at the time of the meeting

*Times may vary due to times preset for agenda items

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: II.a.

Resolution of Intent Declaring the Intent to Sell, Lease, or Convey Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital

Contact:

Summary:
At their regular March 11, 2024 meeting, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners approved the Resolution Declaring the Intent to Sell, Lease, or Convey Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital. Per North Carolina General Statute 131E-13, a public hearing shall be conducted on the resolution of intent not less than 15 days after its adoption. All interested persons should be heard at the hearing.

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: VI.a.

Minutes

Contact: Interim Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown

Summary:
Minutes for Approval:

- March 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- April 1, 2024 Special Called Joint Meeting with BOT Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
March 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
April 1, 2024 Special Joint Meeting Minutes	4/6/2024	Cover Memo

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	**)**	**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS**
	)	**STOKES COUNTY**
COUNTY OF STOKES	**)**	**GOVERNMENT**
		DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
		MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024

Regular Meeting of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners

The Stokes County Board of County Commissioners, State of North Carolina, met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Commissioners' Chambers located in the Administrative Building in Danbury, North Carolina.

The following members were present for the meeting: Chairman Brad Chandler, Vice Chairman Keith Wood, Commissioner Sonya Cox (via phone), Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall, and Commissioner Rick Morris.

County Administration present: Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown, Finance Director Lisa Lankford, County Attorney Tyrone Browder, and Attorney Jennifer Michaud.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Chairman Chandler invited those in attendance to join the Board in the invocation, if so desired. Vice Chairman Wood delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Chandler invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve or amend the agenda.

Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown requested the following amendments to the agenda:

- Remove item VI (a) Stokes Family YMCA Update (information agenda) due to Director Derek Edwards being unable to be here due to sickness; Director Edwards has requested to be placed back on the April 8th agenda if possible
- Add Budget Amendment #57 to the consent agenda – copies have been provided to the Board and will be updated on the county website-agenda; Budget Amendment #57 appropriates the $25,000.00 Grant that Animal Control has received which allows the director to start spending the funding

Commissioner Mendenhall confirmed with Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown that the RiverStreet Networks Update will become item (a) under the information agenda.

The Board had no issues with the requested amendments to the agenda.

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the agenda with the requested amendments. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for public comments.

The following spoke during public comments:

Scott Crockett
Stokes County Habitat for Humanity
117 E Dalton Road
King, NC
Re: **Stokes County Habitat for Humanity**
Mr. Crockett presented the following comments:

- Just want to thank the elected officials that were able to come to the recent 25th Anniversary held last week and the recent house dedication
- Appreciate you being there and helping support Stokes County Habitat for Humanity

With no further speakers, Chairman Chandler closed the public comments.

<u>COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners</u>

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for comments from the manager/commissioners.

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Appreciate Scott coming to the commissioners' meeting today
    - Was able to make one of the two events mentioned today
    - Was able to get some real good education on what you guys are doing at your location in King – did not realize all you guys are doing – doing some great things
    - Drive by the other location all time but was in Raleigh that day and sorry I could not attend that event
- Welcome to everybody
- Have a long agenda so I will stop with that

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Welcome to everyone
- Will echo Commissioner Morris' comments concerning Habitat for Humanity
    - It is a great cause and for those who have not gotten involved, suggest you do, I am sure they can use the help
    - If you don't have a strong back, they would appreciate a strong wallet
- I want to applaud the King Chamber of Commerce on their recent award banquet held last week
    - It was well done
    - Couldn't help but think how when people get their heads together and want to work, good things happen (had people from all over the county at the event)

- Want to mention the Aged 60 Plus Food Bank and More – Food Distribution held last Thursday
    - They fed 105 families with 580 pounds of food and juice
    - That event is going strong in Sandy Ridge
- That is all for me

Commissioner Cox commented:

- Sorry I was unable to attend today's meeting, in Florida visiting my grandchildren – they are on spring break
- Here with you all in spirit
- Apologize for not being able to attend the Habitat for Humanity Event but was working that day – will be coming to events later on
- As Commissioner Morris stated, long agenda today, ready to get going

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Welcome everybody here today and to those watching livestream
- Would like to say to the group, missed the Chamber of Commerce Banquet and the Habitat for Humanity events due to being under the weather since last Wednesday – was just able to get out of the bed yesterday – had informed the county manager that I was under the weather
- Really wanted to attend the Habitat for Humanity Events, really did, you do great work
- Missed the Chamber dinner, I think it is the first Chamber dinner I have missed in about 8 or 9 years – always a great event
- So thankful that I am able to be here today – I was determined to be here for today's meeting
- I did; however, miss a press conference this morning at Forsyth Tech – they are initiating an athletic program beginning with the upcoming school year
    - With my athletic background, I was one of the main members of the Board of Trustees supporting this new program and the day of the press conference, I was unable to attend – it was around noon today
- I had to prioritize my meetings today – couldn't make both with our meeting at 2:00 pm today – I chose my commissioner meeting
- Thank you all for being here and so glad to be here today
- I will stop there, Mr. Chairman

Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown commented:

- Just want to say welcome to everyone here today and to those watching online – thank you for being here today
- Want to remind everyone that the county offices will be closed this Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday and the Easter Holiday
- Hope everyone has a good Easter

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Attended the Habitat for Humanity, it was a wonderful event – thank you for the invite
- Had to leave a little early but was there early and talked with staff and also got to meet some of the participants who are now homeowners
- Can't say enough about your staff and I think your goals and objectives are what Stokes County is all about
- It is not just a handout, it is a situation where it is a hand up, but they are working to get that home, it is not just a free give me
- I think that is what makes your program so important, it has that "buy in" from the participants – think that will carry on for generation after generation
- Thank you for also coming and speaking today
- I will echo what Vice Chairman Wood said about the Chamber of Commerce Banquet - it

was a wonderful event that involved people from all over Stokes County especially showing leadership – all the way from people in the high school level to adults who are running a business and still finding time to help people in need
    - It shows a unified Stokes County, quoting Vice Chairman Wood, "when we do that, it is nothing that we can't solve"
    - Hopefully that event will keep bearing dividends
- With that, we do have a long agenda today but want to thank everyone for being here today

With no other comments, Chairman Chandler closed the commissioners/manager comments section of today's meeting.

Conflicts Of Interest

Chairman Chandler asked if any Board member had a conflict of interest with any of the items presented on the agenda for the meeting or one that could be perceived as a conflict of interest.

No conflicts of interest were stated by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Minutes

Budget Amendments

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve or amend the consent agenda which included minutes and budget amendments.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Budget Amendment #57. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

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RiverStreet Networks Update

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Vice President of Business Development Greg Coltrain for the RiverStreet Networks Update.

VP Greg Coltrain presented the following RiverStreet Networks Update: (presented a power point presentation which is available from the Clerk to the Board) (Vice President of Marketing Mike Meinel was also present for the meeting)

- Appreciate the opportunity to provide the Board today an exciting update about the Broadband service here in the County
- Want to cover where we are and how things are going, with a quick recap for the citizens of

Stokes County and some of the new commissioners

- In 2015, Stokes County invited us to come in and do an assessment to see how we could begin to build a fiber backbone that would traverse the core part of the County to be able to reach the underserved rural parts of Stokes County
- At that time, the County provided RiverStreet an $1.8 million grant; RiverStreet accommodated another $8,488,955 million both totaling $10,288,955
- Constructed fiber cable of 239.15 miles with an additional 107.38 route miles constructed – that would provide service to approximately 2,886 citizens of the county on that core backbone
- In 2023, we added a layer to that with a proposed fiber route under some Connect America CAF II Funding that we received
    - The CAF II Funding allowed us to continue that backbone further which picked up another approximate 45 fiber route miles with a proposed fiber route of an additional 73 miles (proposed route miles with CAF II and GREAT Grant Funding was 124.61 miles)
    - Total route miles added = 239.70
- Discussed Phase I – which is underway (CAF II Award Summary)
    - 10 Year Federal Funding = $236,900
    - Total Project Cost = $1,361,065
    - Funded locations passed = 120
    - Structures passed = 378
    - Route miles = 41.67
    - Cost per eligible location = $11,342
    - Cost per structure passed = $3,601
- Discussed Phase II (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund I Support Build)
    - 10 Year Federal Funding Support = $746,538
    - Total Project Cost = $3,061,092
    - Funded location passed = 4,05l
    - Structures passed = 793
    - Route miles = 73.42
    - Cost per eligible location = $7,558
    - Cost per structure = $3,860
- GREAT Grant 2022 (Phase III)
    - GREAT Grant Summary
    - County Match = $1,263,315.50
    - RiverStreet Match = $1,263,315.50
    - Grant Awarded = $4,000,000
    - Total Project Cost = $6,526,631
    - Fundable locations passed = 1,319
    - Route miles = 124.61
    - Cost per fundable passing = $4,948
    - Cost per locations passed = $3,376
- Project (Entire Overview)
    - County Match
        - 2015 = $1,800,000
        - 2022 = $1,263,315
        - Total = $3,063,315
    - RiverStreet Match
        - 2015 = $8,488,955
        - New Cash = $6,007,034
        - Support = $983,438
        - Total = $15,479,427

        - GREAT Grant Awarded = $4,000,000
        - Total Investment = $22,542,742
        - Route miles = 478.85
        - Locations passed
            - Fiber = 4,810
            - Wireless = 10,250
    - Service Availability
        - Available Now (3,147)
        - Under Construction (141)
        - Future Build (1,152)
- Discussed how citizens can go to the RiverStreet Website www.myriverstreet.net to see if service is available, under construction, or a future build
- Discussed and presented maps to show current projects in the Aaron's Corner/Hart Road and Moore Springs areas – Sisk Road Project will be starting very soon
- All areas in the county have been designed and we are working on finalizing those designs in the next few weeks
- Discussed and presented a map showing the wireless towers that are online in Stokes County which service is available from those towers
- Will be happy to answer any questions

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Spoke about the Hanging Rock State Park - Vade Mecum Project – getting ready to spend approximately $13 million at Vade Mecum – will be turning Vade Mecum into a Wedding Destination/Conference Center – there will be a need for internet services once this project is completed - questioned if getting internet services for that proposed project has been discussed

VP Coltrain responded:

- Personally, not familiar with the project but someone in our organization may have already been contacted about the project
- The typical process for that would be for us to discover how it lays in with the current build design, proximity, and location
- Will work with the state to accommodate that project

Commissioner Morris confirmed with VP Coltrain that the focus is still to get unserved/underserved folks first and that RiverStreet's goal is to make sure that we are helping to accommodate getting those builds that are geographically contiguous to or within reach of the network that we have built in the County.
VP Coltrain noted that the speaker later in today's meeting from NC Department of Information Technology will be speaking more about that during his presentation and that those who don't have service should already be identified within the state and they would be fundable in future rounds of grant programs in the state.

VP Coltrain continued his presentation:

- Know the County has matching funds of approximately $1.1 - $1.2 million that has been moved to General Fund
- Know some of that funding may have already been obligated
- Would ask you to at least try to keep Broadband out there in the back of your mind for possible future grant programs that are coming down the pipe – would be good to help draw providers to come and serve the area
- Briefly mentioned the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) Program:

    - A federal program that has $42.45 billion in it to expand high speed internet access programs to include all 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands
    - North Carolina is allocated to receive $1.53 billion along with $900+ million from NC Broadband Deployment
- This round will be coming later this year (end of 2024)
- We want to continue the partnership with the County to take the layers already constructed to add more locations in the future
- Believe BEAD is a five-year timeline from the award period (best case end - by the end of 2029)

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Questioned if there will be a time when we know that everyone in Stokes County has access to internet services

VP Coltrain responded:

- Believe the state is working diligently to try to help every county in NC isolate that – there is some very hard work being put into identifying those locations to be able to quickly see who has service and does not
- I think NC Deputy Secretary (Broadband/Digital Equity) Nate Denny say that the state currently feels like based on the number of underserved and served locations and the money that they have available in the current grant programs and the BEAD Program that we should be able to hit this out of the park and get everyone served in the State of North Carolina by the time it is over with

VP Coltrain turned the presentation over to VP of Marketing Mike Meinel.

VP Mike Meinel continued the power point presentation:

- Also appreciate the opportunity to be here today
- RiverStreet has a pretty cadence for marketing:
    - Provides education about RiverStreet
    - Send out information cards
    - Do social media about fiber coming to and when fiber is in a specific area along with a postcard that fiber is in your area
    - Have a local office in Danbury that employs people who live in Stokes County
    - Have a referral program where a subscriber can receive a $50 bill credit for referring a friend
    - The best place to find out information, check for available service, pre-register for service is at www.myriverstreet.net (will be notified immediately when service is available)
    - Also do radio/newspaper ads, billboards, videos, google search ads, social media ads, chamber memberships, and county landing pages
    - Hoping to do some local events later this summer
    - Willing to partner with the County to expand marketing in Stokes County
- Also provide promotional opportunities each quarter – last quarter's promotion was signing a two-year agreement and receive $200 worth of Amazon gift cards
- The next promotion coming up will be – sign a one-year agreement and either choose from three (3) $50 bill credits or an Amazon device
- Also offer plans where you do not have to sign a contract
- Mention briefly about opportunities for business customers
- Would be happy to answer any marketing questions

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

There were no other questions or comments from the Board.

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Experienced a recent issue with RiverStreet service and received excellent service to get the situation resolved

Chairman Chandler expressed the Board's appreciation for today's update.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

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Tax Office Agenda

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Tax Administrator Richard Brim to present the Tax Administration Report.

Tax Administrator Richard Brim presented the following items for discussion: (detailed information available on the March 25th agenda or from Tax Administrator Brim)

- February 2024 Report
  - Tax Collections Status Report for FY 2023-2024
    - Have collected approximately 97.27% of the budget
    - Approximately $863,000 ahead of where we were last year at this same time
- Real and Personal Refunds less than $100.00
  - Seven (7) tax bills totaling $300.67
- Real and Personal Releases more than $100.00
  - One (1) account totaling $246.80
- Real and Personal Refunds more than $100.00
  - Seven (7) tax bills totaling $1,501.95
- Present Use Late application:
  - One (1) application
- Request the following be moved to the April 8, 2024 consent agenda:
  - Real and Personal Releases more than $100.00
  - Real and Personal Refunds more than $100.00
  - Present Use Late Application
- Happy to answer any questions

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Mendenhall commended Tax Administrator Brim and his staff for the hard work and for the detailed report presented each month – great job.

There were no other Board comments other than – great report.

Chairman Chandler, with full consensus of the Board, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the Real/Personal Releases/Refunds more than $100 and the Present Use Late Application on the April 8th consent agenda.

Animal Control Fee Change Request

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Chief Animal Control Officer Tommy Reeves for the Animal Control Fee Change Request. (proposed fee request change can be obtained from the March 25th agenda located on the county website, the Animal Shelter, or Clerk to the Board)

Chief Animal Control Officer Tommy Reeves presented the following information regarding the Animal Control Fee Change Request:

- Request to increase some of the fees at the Stokes County Animal Shelter:
    - Quarantine Days - increase to $15 from $10 per day
    - Adoption rates for cats - increase to $125 from $100
    - Adoption rates for dogs - increase to $175 from $100
- Increase for adoption rates is to take care of the spade/neuter costs
- Currently, the County is losing money on all adoptions and the goal is to increase the adoption fees just enough to where the County would break even

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Appreciate all the information included in the agenda showing a comparison of surrounding counties' fees – did a great job helping to justify the need for the increase

Commissioner Cox commented:

- No questions on the increase, but question whether this might impact someone's ability to adopt an animal
- Is there any assistance available for someone who wants to adopt an animal but can't afford the fee

Chief Animal Control Officer Reeves responded:

- Do have people who will sponsor a particular animal to be adopted from time to time
- Normally we do not tell people that particular animal has been sponsored until the application has been approved because we do want to be sure they are able to take care of the animal
- We do try to work with people if at all possible
- We also changed the surrender fee language not the amount of $40 – currently it states $40 per animal – new language $40 per animal or $40 for 3 if pups, letter of cats, or feral cat colonies which will hopefully help reduce the overpopulation of cats and stray dogs

Commissioner Cox continued:

- Noted she had not seen as many postings on Facebook about animals that were needing immediate adoption, questioned if that is just not being put out there as much or if there were more animals having to be euthanized
- Confirmed with Chief Animal Control Officer Reeves that records are mandated by the state regarding euthanizing animals

Chief Animal Control Officer Reeves responded:

- A lot of our animals are being adopted out thanks to Friends of Stokes Shelter (FOSS) – they are a great help along with several other rescue organizations and adoptions handled at the shelter (this past week – completed 6 adoptions)
- Just wanted to mention that the entire staff got Rabies certified by the state veterinarian – this will enable us to do rabies clinics across the county

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Has the adoption rate increased or staying stable since you started as Chief Animal Control

Officer

Chief Animal Control Officer Reeves responded:

- It is really hard to say with only being there three months
- The shelter adopted out roughly 100 animals last year (doesn't include those going to animal rescue organizations)
- We are trying to catch on a lot of backlogged calls that were there before I came
- We are trying, as I stated when I took the job, to serve the community the best that we can

Chief Animal Control Officer Reeves requested the fee changes be moved to the action agenda today so it can be advertised and posted to take effect April 1, 2024.

The Board had no issues moving the item to the action agenda today.

Chairman Chandler, with full consensus of the Board, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to move the item to today's action agenda.

Health Department Tobacco and Vape Use Policy

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Health Director Tammy Martin for the proposed Tobacco and Vape Use Policy for the Health Department. (proposed policy can be obtained from the county website – agenda, Health Department, or Clerk to the Board)

Health Director Tammy Martin presented the following information regarding the proposed Tobacco and Vape Use Policy for the Health Department:

- North Carolina Medicaid Manage Care is mandating that Health Department Campuses be smoke and vape free
- The policy applies to all employees, clients, contractors, and visitors when visiting within the facilities and grounds of the Health Department
- Mandated because of receiving Medicaid funding
- Policy is effective July 1, 2024
- Signage will be changed on the Health Department Campus in Danbury and King
- Environmental Health staff will be mandated to follow these guidelines – the Administrative Building will not be included in the mandate
- Would request it be placed on the April 8th action agenda
- Will be happy to answer any questions

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Mendenhall confirmed with Health Director Martin that the policy does apply to anyone inside their closed personal vehicles while on the Health Department campus.

Commissioner Morris confirmed with Health Director Martin that the campus at the Health Department would encompass the parking lot directly in front of the facility and to the right of the facility with those parking spaces in front of the DSS facility not being included.

Commissioner Morris noted that it would probably be a good idea to let everyone know the boundaries of the Health Department area, so they understand.

Vice Chairman Wood confirmed that the effective date is July 1, 2024.

Chairman Chandler, with full consensus of the Board, director Interim County Manager/Clerk

Brown to place the proposed Health Department Tobacco and Vape Use Policy on the April 8th action agenda.

Proposed Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Budget Request

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Stacey Elmes for the proposed Maintenance of Effort Budget Request. (proposed MOE Budget Request can be obtained from the county website – agenda, DSS, or Clerk to the Board)

DSS Director Stacey Elmes presented the following information regarding the proposed Maintenance of Effort Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2024-25:

- Maintenance of Effort funding is a required mandate and is located in NC General Statute 122C-116 (Duties of counties: appropriation and allocation of funds by counties and cities)
- Proposed MOE Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25:
    - Transportation to Substance Abuse/Mental Health Treatment = $10,000.00
    - Med Assist Event = $10,500.00
    - Narcan Kits = $12,000.00
    - EMS – Community Paramedic Program = $100,000.00
    - Insight Human Services = $75,000.00
    - Monarch = $130,000.00
    - Sheriff's Department = $22,320.00
    - Stokes Friends of Youth = $7,000.00
    - Parenting Path = $10,000.00
    - Stokes Partnership for Children = $10,000.00
    - Stokes County Mental Health Association = $7,000.00
    - NC 211 = $5,000.00
    - Total Proposed Budget Request = $398,820.00
- Basically, the same budget as the current year – some small amounts changed

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- It looks almost identical to the previous budgets over the eight years
- Have my support

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Good with your proposal
- Did notice that there was only $7,000 proposed for Stokes County Mental Health Association, with so much talk these days around mental health, do you feel that mental health is addressed enough in other areas

DSS Director Elmes responded:

- The original requested from Mental Health Association was $7,000 and also this year's request
- We can certainly allocate more to them but that means taking away from other agencies, which is fine if that is the desire of the Board

Commissioner Morris responded:

- I guess I would say if there were others who do not spend their allocation, mental health would be a top priority to reallocate the funding

DSS Director Elmes responded that does happen about this time of the year and I start calling to

see who could utilize extra funding, will definitely contact Mental Health Association if extra funding is available.

Vice Chairman Wood confirmed with DSS Director Elmes that any unspent funding goes back to the general fund.

Commissioner Cox commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Morris regarding mental health
- Do hope that we can talk to VAYA about some additional resources for mental health in Stokes County
- Think it should be a real high priority to get as many resources as possible for mental health in Stokes County
- Good with Director Elmes' proposal for MOE funding

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Will echo the comments made today by other commissioners regarding mental health, which is a huge problem, not just in Stokes County, but across the United States along with drug problems
- Have no issues with DSS Director Elmes' proposed budget
- Know that you are looking at fiscal year budgeting as we go into the last quarter, just let us know if you need to move funding around

With full consensus of the Board, Chairman Chandler directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the proposed MOE Budget Request on the April 8th action agenda.

JCPC FY 24-25 Funding Allocation Request

Chairman Chandler turned the floor to NC Department of Public Safety Area Consultant Rich Smith for the JCPC Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funding Allocation Request. (FY 2024-25 JCPC Funding Allocation can be obtained from the county website – agenda or Clerk to the Board)

Area Consultant Rich Smith presented the following information regarding the JCPC FY 2024-25 Funding Allocation Request:

- Appreciate the opportunity to present the FY 2024-25 JCPC Funding Allocation Request
- JCPC Chairperson Jerrell McGee sends his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting today – in Surry County Superior Court today
- Do have program representatives here to answer any questions
- JCPC anticipates that the FY 2024-25 JCPC allocation for Stokes County will be $166,918.00 – the same as last FY
- JCPC distributed the request of proposals on December 6, 2023, heard proposals on January 16, 2024, and made final funding recommendations on February 20, 2024
- JCPC allocation does require a 30% match
- The following is the JCPC Allocation Request:

	JCPC Legislative Allocation for FY 2023-24	County Match	JCPC Legislative Allocation for FY 2024-25	County Match
Stokes Friends of Youth	$ 55,619.00	$ 16,686.00	$52,619.00	$ 15,786.00
Parenting Path	$ 31,000.00	$ 9,300.00	$34,000.00	$ 10,200.00

Childrens Center of Northwest NC-Why Try	$ 11,084.00	$ 3,325.00	$11,084.00	$ 3,325.00
Insight Human Services	$ 20,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Childrens Center of Northwest NC-Teen Court	$ 49,215.00	$ 14,765.00	$ 49,215.00	$ 14,765.00
Totals	$ 166,918.00	$ 50,076.00	$166,918.00	$ 50,076.00

- The JCPC received funding requests in the amount of $169,918 which is $3,000 more than the 2024-25 JCPC Legislative Allocation of $166,918
- JCPC was unable to fully fund the request for Stokes Friends of Youth Family Counseling and Anger Management Program
- Will be happy to answer questions

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

The Board had no questions about the JCPC Request.

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Have no issues with the request but just wanted to say that I am impressed that just because we fund a program doesn't mean that you don't scrutinize it by reviewing the numbers and the success of the programs
- If a program is not doing what the expectations are – you address that need along with looking at future funding
- Want to thank JCPC and the program directors for the services you provide to Stokes County

The following program managers provided information about their programs included on the JCPC funding request:

Erica Harger – Program Manager
Insight Human Services

- Been serving JCPC providing substance abuse counseling and treatment to youth in Stokes County since 2011
- Goal: Provide individual, group, or family counseling using evidence-based treatment models as well as case management services to address the problems of substance abuse and complications that accompany it
- Over the last 3 fiscal years, an average of 43 youth assessments were recommended to treatment services, the remaining youth were recommended to receive prevention, education services – of those receiving substance abuse counseling treatment – approximately 70% were terminated with satisfactory or successful completion
- Insight does not keep a waiting list – try to schedule referrals within 7-10 business days
- Assessments are used to identify risk factors, clinical assessment needs and provide recommendations which will assist judges, court counselors, school personnel, and community agencies to place youth in the appropriate placement of services
- One strength – if youth are recommended to Insight, they will always receive some type of service – either treatment or prevention
- Prevention services are not covered by JCPC, but all JCPC youth will receive a service if needed

Sharie Hall – Program Manager
Parenting Path – Parent Teen Solutions

- Mission: Prevent and Treat child abuse and neglect by strengthening families enhancing those family/parent/child relationship and creating hopefully safer and more stable communities; also, to help prevent any hardship for these families through our services
- Our agency serves ten (10) counties in Northwest North Carolina with a variety of evidence-based programs/services
- Serve Stokes County – two (2) main programs
    - Parents/Teens Solution
        - In-home behavior intervention evidence-based model where we are with the families for an average of five and a half months (3 hours a week in the home) – working on relationships, school issues, problem solving skills
    - Parent Support
        - Evidence-based curriculum that provides parenting skills and interventions to enhance the family as a whole (meets one hour a week for up to three months)
- For the past few fiscal years, have gone over the estimated number of families to serve – need is definitely there
- Programs and services are free to the families
- Have a collaboration with Insight where we provide presentations to the Insight After School Program for their parents' nights that is held three times a year

Tamara Veit - Director
Stokes Friends of Youth

- First would like to thank Stokes County for the support provided for decades to Stokes Friends of Youth
- These match dollars support our community service and restitution programs – average about eight worksites a month – in Stokes County – they are primarily non-profit except for a nursery that just came on board that is helping with job skills for the kids
- Our mixed counseling program, speaking of mental health, is a skill building level counseling program – filling the gap where agencies can't
- In the current fiscal year, we were estimated to serve eleven youth by June 30th, right now we are already at ten
- The program has flexibility - if we find out that there is a substance abuse issue – we refer to Insight, if psychiatry services are needed, we find outside sources to handle those problems
- New program this year, Anger Management – dealing with youth that have some big life troubles – program teaches coping skills – estimated to serve twelve this fiscal year, have already serviced seventeen – three classes currently happening at Meadowbrook Academy
- Also offer a mentoring program which is not funded by JCPC – research shows that mentoring is one of the strongest things that you can do – need volunteers

Robin Testerman – Executive Director
Childrens Center of Northwest NC

- Stokes Teen Court
    - Peer sentencing program designed to provide a meaningful and educational alternative Team Court accepts non-violent offenders ages 11-17 that have committed misdemeanors and students that have been truant
    - Primary goal is to offer kids a second chance – the second chance holds them accountable for their actions through sanctions that are imposed by their peers
    - Team Court offers additional requirements – youth may be referred to one of the programs that has already been presented today
    - Also do educational classes, offer drug/alcohol assessments, essays and apology letters (try to do things to help the youth understand what they have done and take responsibility for it) (for example had a group of kids do graffiti on some buildings in the Town of Dobson – made the kids clean off the graffiti, apologize to the building

owners/church and actually speak to the commissioners owning up to what they did and how they repaired the harm of what they did in the community)
    - Goal this fiscal year was to serve forty students, have served fifty-four – of those served, 100% of the participants received no new criminal complaints with 97% successful completing the program
    - Have received support (volunteer hours) from the 17B Judicial Judges, local magistrates, Stokes County Clerk of Court, Stokes County Sheriff's Office, and the King Police Department – Stokes County working together for the kids
- Why Try
    - A resiliency program that is new – an evidence-based resiliency education program for middle and high school students
    - Work to improve social skills, decision-making while improving their peer support
    - Ten-week series with lessons being taught by two trained facilitators who were really engaged with the kids (two hours a week with activities – even helped with homework if needed)
    - Fiscal Year 2023-24 – offered one session with a goal of serving 12 youth
    - Guidance counselors and juvenile court counselors have made 21 referrals to this program
    - Enrolled fourteen students from the three middle schools within the county, graduated ten students with an 86% attendance rate (have two more events this summer – a culinary camp that is funded by VAYA and a career assessment which includes job interviewing skills in at Hanging Rock State Park)
    - The program will finish in June and will be happy to furnish the end program results
    - Historically, our Why Try Program in other counties, 90% of the youth have no new charges and have demonstrated improvement in areas of social skills, positive peer and family relationships, emotional engagement, and educational engagements
- One thing to mention is that North Carolina received an "F" in mental health and one of the main reasons is the number one cause of death for a youth from ten to fourteen is suicide
- We really focus and work with the youth on thinking things through
- Why Try helps the person being bullied but also kind of helps the bully - other ways to engage, think critically before you act and say or do things

With full consensus of the Board, Chairman Chandler, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the proposed JCPC Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funding Allocation Request on the April 8th action agenda.

Bridge #37 Replacement Project

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Commissioner Rick Morris regarding the Bridge #37 Replacement Project. (information regarding Bridge #37 Replacement Project can be obtained from the county website or Clerk to the Board)

Commissioner Rick Morris presented the following information regarding the Bridge #37 Replacement Project:

- Received a call a few weeks ago from District #9 Engineer Pat Ivey in regard to NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Project to replace Bridge #37 on NC 268 over Big Creek
- Engineer Ivey noted that he had met with a landowner whose property will be impacted by the replacement of the bridge
- Thought it would be a good idea to put the item on the discussion agenda, may want to revisit the planning of the project
- NCDOT considered the following two (2) alternatives for the replacement of the NC 268

bridge
    - Replace in its current location with an 18-month road closure and 15-minute detour
    - Replace on new location to the north of the existing bridge while maintaining traffic (no closure)
- A southern alignment option has been considered but that alignment resulted in the intersection of NC 89 being too close to the NC 89 bridge over Dan River creating a potential safety hazard
- Based on initial discussion with County EMS, the road closure option was not desired; therefore, NCDOT proceeded with the north alignment alternative
- A Stokes County citizen was not pleased with how the alignment was going to impact his property and asked NCDOT to consider going back to the road closure option
- EMS officials have since indicated that they will "adapt" to whatever the NCDOT decides
- Recent bridge replacement projects where a road closure was implemented resulted in significant public complaints about the detour
- The Board has weigh-in on which alternative is the best option for citizens
- I also want to suggest the possibility of holding a public hearing on the issue which would be ideal so that citizens who will be impacted can voice their opinion
- Suggest holding a public hearing at the April 22, 2024 Board of Commissioners' Meeting
- This would help the Board in making a joint decision with NCDOT (at least a recommendation)
- Would encourage anyone who would like to express their concerns regarding the replacement bridge project, to speak at the public hearing on April 22, 2024
- The item would also be placed on the April 22nd discussion agenda with hopes to provide NCDOT with the best recommendation for all those involved

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown commented:
- Have representation from NCDOT here at today's meeting if the Board has any questions
- If consensus of the Board, the public hearing can be advertised and posted in order to let the public know of the upcoming date

Commissioner Morris added:
- Would like for Amber to get with Emergency Services folks to do some analysis on what the impact will be regarding the options
- Already have a fifteen-minute detour on Highway #89 where the road is closed due to a washed-out place in the road which repairs are tentatively scheduled for the summer
- May need to include the impact of that road closure if the bridge replacement project shuts down another road within the same area

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:
- Think Commissioner Morris did a really good job summarizing the situation and the options that have been put before us
- I do like the idea extremely well to have a public hearing on April 22nd to receive citizen input; there might be situations that we don't know about
- Think it is very important to give citizens a chance to express their opinions
- Kind of know which way I would like to go but do want to hear what our citizens do have to say before I completely decide – citizen input could change my mind
- Worked with Engineer Pat Ivey, who has always been good to deal with, when I was superintendent with the school system (dealing with an issue at King Elementary School)
- Reiterated that having a public hearing is a good idea

- One thing that I want to say, my mind can be changed after citizen input on April 22nd

Lauralyn Dossett (adjacent property owner) from the audience requested to speak to the Board.

Chairman Chandler allowed the Ms. Dossett to speak to the Board.

Ms. Dossett commented:

- Just want to clarify what is the purpose of the meeting on April 22nd – to determine whether closing the road while a new bridge is put back in the same place or whether to keep the road open and place the bridge in a new location which affects Mr. Mabe and myself – what is best for the citizens and Emergency Services

Chairman Chandler responded:

- Overall, we will receive public input
- We will get Emergency Services regarding response times
- The Board will evaluate all aspects of the choices – closing the bridge for 18 months and replacing it in its current location or using the current bridge while a new bridge is constructed in a different location
- All things will be on the table

Ms. Dossett expressed her appreciation to the Board for being allowed to address the Board today and for holding a public hearing on April 22nd.

Mr. Oakley Mabe addressed the Board:

- Thanked the Board for listening to the comments during the meeting
- According to the Freedom of Information Act that I finally got (with an attorney) from the Department of Transportation, they have already had their input, they had their input from your departments and all of them agreed they would adjust
- So, this is going to be a second public information thing because they are covering their tracks
- They have already surveyed the place four times and tried to survey it a fifth time and I stopped them last Thursday because they called me wanting to survey again
- They did not even know that part of the places that they were surveying, where that they had surveyed over and over is covering part of my septic system
- The information that I have gotten from NCDOT consistently does not match the truth very well
- They tell me that the bridge needs to be moved because the folks in Stokes County do not want the road to be closed except in the Freedom of Information that we received, which they have already said they did, the folks from Stokes County had really good sense and said that we will work with it just like we worked with you before - no problem
- All of that went down and apparently the people at DOT had accepted the fact that they were going to replace it in place
- Well for some strange reason, if you will read and I asked in the Request for Freedom of Information, remember it cost me $729 to get a lawyer just to get them to answer me
- As soon as the Freedom of Information Request went to DOT, then they wrote to the Sheriff in Stokes County requesting them to put in writing and talk about what the delay would be in response time
- They would not even have any information about this until I managed one way or the other to get them to send Pat Ivey out there to talk to me; he would never have come at all
- They all said that they had input from me and Ms. Dossett about this project before it happened

- The way I discovered it was that I saw a stab and they did send me a letter saying they were going to survey
- I thought common sense would simply say to just put the bridge back, didn't really pay much attention to it until I realized it was going on too long and decided that I had better find out about it, so I called DOT
- They told me then that they were going to move it
- Then I sent a request to see who decided to do that
- Apparently, everything was going for it to be replaced in place, but something hit, somebody with a lot of power and I got an idea of who that is and I think his name has already been mentioned – we are going to move it to the North, we are going to move it and take off the side of that hill
- Please, please, go by there and look
- That creek that goes down through there has been running through there millions of years
- Did you know there used to be an iron smelter (Moore Fuller) just up the creek – that creek is full of those cinders that has washed down
- When the creek got down to where that bridge is, it turned, why would it turn, because it hit something so hard that it turned the creek
- If you look out my back window at the bottom of the creek it is black because that is what that is – it is iron, and I have chunks of iron from that creek
- What they want to do is spend $3.25 million to move that mountain somewhere – I have asked them where they are going to move it to – their answer was that they did not know, it would be up to the contractor (estimated at $3.5 million)
- Suppose you want to buy a car and you don't care how much money you spend on it, I just estimate it is going to cost $30,000 and then when you go to the car place and it is a $100,000, we just write you a check, that is what they are doing with taxpayer money in this case
- They are going to take a year and a half to do it
- I have pictures of the creek, the bridge, the whole thing – you need to just go look at it
- I have had experience with DOT before with bridge on the other side, I tried to give them the other side of the road, they could have straightened the road and put it across Dan River, that bridge needed to replaced
- They only thing they would have had to move was that old store that has eventually burned down
- They could have moved the bridge over, the answer was they didn't want to redraw the plans
- If DOT is a bureaucracy that is out of control with taxpayer money and all the lawyers, you can find
- I hope that you all do not fall for this kind of stuff that is going on
- Why is the road not been fixed up here on Highway #89, it has been months now
- You let them try that stunt in some place besides the northern end of Stokes County and see what happens
- I saw them replace a bridge in Greensboro over four lanes in about three weeks' time, but they can't fix that hole up there, they can't straighten the road up there
- Does Stokes County get an allocation each year from the state on how much they are going to spend on roads, I don't know the answer to that question
- My question, where are they going to move all that dirt from that mountain that they are planning to move – still don't have an answer to that question
- My daddy gave them dirt to put in where the current bridge is located – that bridge that is there needed to be replaced then – that was exactly the place it needed to go
- I own part of Lynchburg Road there
- The old Lynchburg Road was a wagon road that is still there – that bridge at that time needed to be replaced and the replacement bridge went in the right place
- They claim that they can't see, they told me the visibility is so much better when we move it

and take over part of my yard (next to my building) which is over the septic lines – it will be so much better
- If you go by there, stop, get out and move anywhere in any of that direction and see if there is any difference in the visibility for oncoming traffic for yourself
- We can't just move it to the South, which would eliminate moving a mountain, because the entrance to the other bridge is not the right thing – all that is just so, so
- What you get, what I have gotten over the years from DOT, I have had to deal with them because that land sits between two streams
- Everything that comes to the northwest corner of Stokes County goes across my property
- My daddy bought that property years ago and worked hard everyday to pay back the money he borrowed

Chairman Chandler stated the following to Mr. Mabe:
- I appreciate your passion, I really do
- Thank you for coming before the Board today
- Appreciate the comments from you and Ms. Dossett
- We have got to go with a public hearing
- I will just say this, I hear you

Mr. Mabe continued:
- I just wanted you to know what has happened before

Commissioner Morris confirmed with Mr. Mabe that his position is that he wants the bridge replaced where it currently is located.

Mr. Mabe added:
- It is the cheapest on the taxpayers
- It can be done the fastest, no sense in taking a year and a half to replace that bridge

Commissioner Morris also confirmed with Ms. Dossett that her position was also to replace the bridge where it currently is located.

Ms. Dossett added:
- The elevation there it is very high
- Had to recently dig a well and it is solid granite – that is what they will be blasting out to move that mountain
- Worried about my property but also worried about what this would do to the creek, endangered species, runoff, the Dan River – so many things that have not been adequately addressed
- Will welcome the opportunity to speak at the public hearing on April 22nd

With full consensus of the Board, Chairman Chandler, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to schedule a Public Hearing for the April 22, 2024 meeting and place the item back on the agenda for discussion for that same date.

Proposed Purchase Agreement for Future Green Box Site

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Public Works Director Stewart Easter for the proposed Purchase Agreement for a Future Green Box Site. (proposed purchase agreement can be obtained from the county website – agenda or the Clerk to the Board)

Public Works Director Stewart Easter presented the following information regarding the proposed

Purchase Agreement for Future Green Box Site:

- Have been working on strategic planning for future County needs as it relates to my department
- One of those plans is the growth of the King area and the need for an additional Green Box Site for that area of the County
- With the help of Tax Administrator Richard Brim, have recently found an ideal location for a future Green Box Site – located on Mountainview Road which is off of Friendship Road (which is less than two acres and already zone (M2) - the appropriate usage)
- Location is east of King and would also benefit portions of Germanton and Walnut Cove areas
- Seller – Dean Slate and wife Jill T. Snyder
- Portion of parcel #6923-86-6651
- Purchase price is $25,000.00 per acre, excluding easement area (not to exceed two acres)
- Owner will have the property surveyed (no cost to the county)
- The hope is that this new site would give some relief at the Pinnacle Greenbox Site, right now, the Pinnacle Site is being overrun, had 7,467 vehicles through the Pinnacle Site in February
- Have already had 7,516 vehicles through the Pinnacle Site since March 1st (not counting this week)
- County Attorney Browder has drafted and approved the proposed Offer to Purchase and Contract included in today's agenda
- Would like to proceed with this purchase if so desired by the Board
- Payment of the purchase price shall not be due until July 15, 2024 – ca be included in the FY 2024-25 budget

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Think Stewart and I have experienced quite a few things with the greenbox sites
- When we were dealing with redoing Walnut Cove and Pinnacle, I took a lot of telephone calls from community people and know that Stewart did too
- He and I took the brunt regarding the one in Walnut Cove, but the site turned out great – will give compliments to Stewart and his group on how well it turned out
- Still received a lot of calls regarding how well the one in Walnut Cove turned out
- Lived in Stokes County all my life
- Know the people selling the land – Dean and I graduated from high school together
- Dean happens to be a surveyor that is why Stewart noted that the seller would do the surveying
- My only question: (know the property location well – live near Hawkins Road) have you measured from where the landfill is on Sizemore Road (use that site myself) going back toward Hawkins and turning right on Hawkins and going that way up to the top of that hill where the intersection is with Friendship compared to going from the landfill turning right going toward Quaker Gap hitting a left before you get to the church, go to the end of the road which is going to bring you out at the same location if you went straight at the top of the hill
- Saw where you stated it would help Walnut Cove, the eastern side of King, and also help Germanton

Director Easter responded that he had not measured those roads mentioned by Commissioner Mendenhall but would be happy to do so.

Commissioner Mendenhall continued:

- This has nothing to do with who the sellers are, thank the world of both of them, just want to make sure that is the best location for that area you are talking about
- Reiterated that he just wanted to make sure that was the very best location

Director Easter responded:

- One of the reasons that we honed in on this location is because it is already zoned
- Another reason, it is across from a salvage yard and don' think there would be a lot of opposition

Commissioner Mendenhall confirmed with Director Easter that the seller had contacted the owners of the salvage yard and believe they have no issues with it being a greenbox site.

Director Easter noted that he had spoken with the owners of the property about some old vehicles on the property that would have to be moved and on the last visit to the property noticed some of those vehicles had already been moved.

Director Easter commented:

- Feel like if I get closer to King, there may be some pushback

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Agree that if you do go closer to King, there will be more pushback

Chairman Chandler commented:

- First of all, kudos to the manager and to you, Stewart, for actually thinking a few years down the road
- To just be honest, there is not a lot of people knocking down our door wanting to sell property for a greenbox site
- Think the price is reasonable with a lot of cooperation from the seller
- Will definitely do what Commissioner Mendenhall has requested, but is there a time limit on the purchase agreement

Director Easter responded:

- Put in the agreement that the seller would survey the property by April 1st but that was with the anticipation that it would have been on an earlier meeting – can be changed
- The seller has agreed to defer payment until July 15th which would allow the County to budget for the purchase in the upcoming FY 2024-25 budget if so desired by the County

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Also wanted to speak about the Retreat that the Board held recently and the fact that the County's financial advisors would be returning to the Board with information regarding funding allocations – how much the County can afford
- Just like the new addition to the jail funded by the County about seven years ago (that payment schedule is for forty years with USDA)
    - One of the points noted by former Sheriff Mike Marshall in regards to the jail addition was the revenue the County could receive for housing other counties' inmates – basically pays for itself
- Everyone knows King is growing – do want a measurement from the landfill on Sizemore Road to where the proposed site is located

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Do like your proactive approach, as mentioned earlier, dealing with a growing problem

- Difficult to get sites for greenbox locations even though there may be better locations
- I think I would be supportive of your recommendation

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- I just want to say, we have worked on these sites together, being proactive like you are – that is how we can stay ahead of the game – being proactive and not having to be reactive to a situation
- I appreciate you being proactive

Commissioner Cox commented:

- I agree with Commissioner Mendenhall wanting to know how far the proposed location is from the Landfill on Sizemore Road because it is probably only about two miles away
- It seems like to me that would be a little close to the other site although I do agree that we are probably going to need another site soon
- I do applaud Director Easter for being proactive and starting to look for a site; however, I know Stewart was not here the last time (I wasn't on the Board either) when the land was purchased in Pinnacle for moving the dumpsite
- Nobody really knew what that would cause apparently until after the land was already purchased
- I really don't want the Board to make a mistake like that again – what a previous Board made buying property that was not usable for the purchase
- Want to take our time and really do our homework on this and just really research it and make sure it is the smartest decision so that we don't end up with land that is not usable – can't be sold - the County gets stuck with land that is not usable – like that land in Pinnacle
- Reiterated the County should really take the time to make sure this is the best decision

Chairman Chandler questioned Commissioner Cox an amount of time the County should take.

Commissioner Cox responded:

- That is a good question
- Do not know what the process was regarding the other land purchase
- Obviously, things were not done in an appropriate manner, or they would not have ended up buying property that was not going to be usable for the purpose they intended it for
- Questioned if there was a need to have a public hearing so that everyone that lives around there will have an opportunity to speak their mind before we buy it instead of after like what happened before

Chairman Chandler responded:

- Don't have a problem with holding a public hearing
- After we get all the facts, at some point in time we just need to make a decision
- Just don't want this to be put off for the next two years

Commissioner Cox agreed with Chairman Chandler about not putting the item off for two years but do think it could be resolved within a couple of months – just want to get the information we need to make sure this is the right spot.

Chairman Chandler requested Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to research when the property was purchased in Pinnacle for a greenbox site and why the property did not work out.

Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown responded:

- Can do further research, but off the top of my head, the main concern was the property could not get rezoned for the purpose it needed to be

- It wasn't zone already for the correct usage

Commissioner Cox added:
- It was not the zoning
- When we got ready to talk about moving it, there was a huge outcry from the neighbors and the church nearby – no one wanted it moved to their neighborhood
- It wasn't a zoning problem

Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown responded that she would do further research and bring it back to the Board.

Chairman Chandler confirmed with Commissioner Cox that it would be fair if we have the manager and Director Easter do the items requested by Board members, compile that information, and bring back to the Board for further discussion and decide then whether to hold a public hearing.

Commissioner Cox added:
- Just don't know what all the pitfalls were the last time
- Just want to make sure the Board does not fall into that same situation again this time
- Need to also make sure if it is really worth it to put something that close to the other site when you know most people already use the Landfill at Sizemore Road which is probably only 2-3 miles at most from the site being considered
- I just question whether that makes sense to put another site that close to the site at Sizemore Road

Chairman Chandler responded:
- Do not want to speak for Stewart, but I think what he is getting at is that he is looking at population growth
- So, as we look to have a strategic plan, and take note of what is being done in an area, it may not be in terms of density or closeness, but it is the population, so then you are overrunning another area that may be close by – we get a lot of complaints about the volume of the traffic
- Directed Stewart to come back with all the information for further discussion

Commissioner Cox continued:
- If Pinnacle is being overrun, and some of those people could go use Sizemore Road right now and they are not choosing to, the question is whether they will choose a site that is only a couple of miles from Sizemore Road or whether they will keep going to the Pinnacle site because it is more convenient and closer
- Questioned Director Easter if the City of King had their own greenbox site

Director Easter responded:
- The City of King did have a recycling site, but it has closed
- Now we are getting those folks coming to bring their recyclables to the Pinnacle site
- City of King offers trash pickup for their residents

Commissioner Cox continued:
- A lot of the new houses being built within the city limits will have free trash pickup, don't know if that is going to increase the volume that much more at our sites

Director Easter responded:
- Agree those within the city limits will have free trash pickup but some of those developments being built east of King are not within the city limits
- That population is what I was looking at

Chairman Chandler requested the manager and director to add the Planning Director to the next discussion to make sure we have everyone at the table.

Chairman Chandler questioned the Board if there were any further comments.
Chairman Chandler confirmed with Director Easter he could be ready for further discussion at the next meeting.

With full consensus of the Board, Chairman Chandler, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the item on the April 8th discussion agenda.

Draft Policy for Food Trucks Operating on County Property

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown for the Draft Policy for Food Trucks Operating on County Property presentation. (proposed Draft Policy for Food Trucks Operating on County Property can be obtained from the county website – agenda or the Clerk to the Board)

Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown presented the following information regarding the Draft Policy for Food Trucks Operating on County Property presentation:

- At a previous Board meeting, the Board directed staff to work on creating a food truck policy for operating on county property and at the Government Center in Danbury
- Food trucks had been previously allowed on county property, there has been no policy or schedule
- Human Resources or the manager would reach out to a food truck giving employees an option hoping to increase employee morale
- Economic Analyst Tory Mabe who also works with tourism for the County created a survey
- Surveys were sent out to local restaurants owners and food truck operators around the County to complete and give input on this topic
- Staff took this survey feedback and utilized similar policies from other jurisdictions to draft a policy for food truck operating on county property
- The policy includes an application that allows a food truck vendor to request to operate their food truck on county property
- Draft policy can be amended, this is something for the Board to work from

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Need to make sure the scheduling is not on a court date – parking is already an issue on those days

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Have the same concern mentioned by Vice Chairman Wood

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Think the policy looks pretty good
- Now that it is out in the public, curious to see if we get any concerns/comments from the local restaurant owners, the food truck operators, or the public between now and the next meeting that we need to factor into the final policy

Commissioner Cox commented:

- I think we need to let it sit on discussion till next meeting to give food truck owners,

restaurant owners, and the public time to review the proposed policy to see if there is any feedback before we move further with the policy
- Don't have any questions about the draft policy

Chairman Chandler commented:
- Would like to have a department named in the policy that is charge of making sure the applications are renewed/authorized according to policy
- A lot of times things fall by the wayside when no one is told policy-wise that the applications/authorizations need to be renewed according to the policy and no one is assigned to do it
- Agree with the other commissioners that we need to wait to see if there is any feedback before moving forward

With full consensus of the Board, Chairman Chandler, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the item on the April 8th discussion agenda.

Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board Appointment Request

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown for the Town of Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board Appointment Request.

Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown presented the following information regarding the Town of Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board Appointment Request:
- The Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees currently has a vacancy and is in need of a new member
- There are five members on the Board: two elected by the fire department, two appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and one appointed by the State Fire Marshal
- Elmer Manuel served as one of the two appointees from the Board of County Commissioners for many years and unfortunately passed away in January
- Danbury Volunteer Fire Department has made the recommendation of Mr. Jud Burns who would be an ideal candidate

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to nominate Jud Burns to serve on the Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees. Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

With no further nominations, the motion passed unanimously.

With no further nominations, Chairman Chandler closed the floor for nominations.

With full consensus of the Board, Chairman Chandler, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the item on the April 8th action agenda.

ACTION AGENDA

All attachments presented on the Agenda are available in the attachments of the Agenda on the County Website and are available upon request from the Clerk, with the exception of the minutes approved which are located on the County Website under the minutes tab.

Demolition at 1075 Dodgetown Road

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion regarding the bids for Demolition at 1075 Dodgetown

Road which were presented at the March 11, 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Morris noted that he would like to confirm one thing with Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt before the motion.

Commissioner Morris confirmed with Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt that the demolition did not include the block building with a grease pit that is currently being used by RiverStreet.

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt added:

- The only buildings (3) not included in the demolition is that building, the commissary building and the main prison building

Commissioner Morris moved to award the bid to EMR Services, Inc for the amount of $104,857.50 for demolition on 1075 Dodgetown Road. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any further discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Danbury Planning and Zoning Board ETJ Appointment

Chairman Chandler noted that Jacob Elsdon was nominated at the March 11, 2024 meeting to serve on the Town of Danbury Planning/Zoning Board – ETJ Appointment.

With no further applications, Chairman Chandler did not open the floor for nominations.

Chairman Chandler polled the Board for the appointment for the Town of Danbury EJT appointment:

- Commissioner Mendenhall – Jacob Elsdon
- Commissioner Morris – Jacob Elsdon
- Chairman Chandler – Jacob Elsdon
- Vice Chairman Wood – Jacob Elsdon
- Commissioner Cox – Jacob Eldson

Chairman Chandler noted that the Board unanimously appointment Jacob Elsdon to serve on the Town of Danbury Planning/Zoning Board – ETJ.

Final Offer for Two Parcels on Merridon Drive

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to accept the final bid offers for the following two parcels on Merridon Drive:

- Following offers were received from United Investment Properties, LLC:
  - **Parcel #5996-00-10-7059**
    - DB/PG 770/2429
    - Merridon Drive, Pinnacle, NC 27043
    - Offer for the sum of $3,500.00 for Lot 66
  - **Parcel #5996-00-19-7936**
    - DB/PG 770/2429
    - Merridon Drive, Pinnacle, NC 27043

- Offer for the sum of $3,350.00 for Lot 65

Vice Chairman Wood moved to approve the offers from United Investment Properties, LLC for Parcel #5996-00-10-7059 in the amount of $3,500.00 and Parcel #5996-00-19-7936 in the amount of $3,350.00. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any further discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Verizon Tower Booth Mountain Lease

Chairman Chandler requested Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt to provide the Board with updated information from Verizon regarding the Tower Booth Mountain Lease. (proposed lease can be obtained from the county website – agenda or Clerk to the Board)

Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt presented the following information regarding the Verizon Tower Booth Mountain Lease first presented at the March 11, 2024 meeting:

- As directed by the Board have negotiated with Verizon Lease Consultant Shiree Alexander regarding Booth Mountain Lease
- Below is Verizon's new offer:
  - New rent amount: $1,166.00 per month commencing on August 1, 2024
  - New rent escalator: Fifteen percent (15%) every five (5) years (next increase on August 1, 2029)
  - Additional renewal terms: Six (6) additional five (5) year renewal terms
  - Rent guarantee: Verizon Wireless will modify its termination rights under the Lease to guarantee your rental income at an amount of $69,960 for the next 60 months

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion regarding the new offer from Verizon regarding the Tower on Booth Mountain.

Vice Chairman Wood moved to approve the new offer submitted by Verizon for the Tower located on Booth Mountain. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any further discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

DSS Director Stacey Elmes noted that the number on the first copy provided to the Board for reports in 2023 (first Whereas) was 266 but should have been 577

Chairman Chandler presented the following proposed Proclamation proclaiming April 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month for the Board's consideration:

CHILD PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION – APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, in calendar year 2023, 577 reports were made to child protective services in Stokes County;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable assets and will shape the future of Stokes County;

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse;

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

THEREFORE, we, the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Stokes County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2024.

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve the Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2024.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2024. Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Chandler read the Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2024.

Animal Control Fee Change Request

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve the Stokes County Animal Shelter Fees requested by Chief Animal Control Officer Reeves which were presented at today's meeting.

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the Stokes County Animal Shelter Fees requested by Chief Animal Control Officer Reeves which were presented at today's meeting. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any further discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

NC DIT Broadband Update

Presentation on Broadband

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to NC Department of Information Technology Director Jeffrey Brooks for the Presentation on Broadband. (presented a power point presentation - information regarding the Broadband Update can be obtained from the Clerk to the Board)

NC Department of Information Technology Director Jeffrey Brooks presented the following information:

- As I go through the presentation, welcome any questions that you have
- This is my 43rd Board presentation – my job is to serve you and your residents
- What we do should totally be focused on Stokes County
- Hope the presentation today will give you confidence that we do indeed have solutions in place to help make sure all of your citizens get Broadband coverage
- When you think about Broadband being local, the fundamental component is the service component, as I stated, our job is to serve everyone in Stokes County
- There is a lot of funding available and more to come to help get broadband to everyone in Stokes County
- Our team is responsible for the development and initialization of three programs:
    - Completing Access to Broadband (CAB)
    - Stop Gap Program
    - Broadband Pole Replacement Program
- In addition to those programs, we provide outreach to all 100 counties and also interact with local citizens (engage with Councils of Governments, Cooperatives, Service Providers, Manufacturers, and Community Groups)
    - Get approximately 50-60 calls per month from citizens across NC
        - Respond to each call within 24 hours
        - We listen to the issue and respond by email – each county manager gets a copy of that email sent to the citizen
        - We always say that the email is being sent to the county manager so that the person knows that the county manager and the elected leadership are actively involved in working on Broadband in Stokes County which is true in Stokes County
- Have an ongoing Broadband survey which for the last 18 months, Stokes County has the highest responses to the survey across NC which is 10.8%
- Stokes County Summary Data
    - Unserved – 2,347 addresses
    - DSL Only – 2,990 addresses
    - No internet devices – 14.54% of all h/h
- Mission of NC Division of Broadband and Digital Equity is to promote the expansion of access to Broadband for citizens and businesses within the State

- Grant programs are appropriated by NC General Assembly with certain requirements set in state legislation
- Many of us take for granted the basic tasks that can be performed online
- Not having internet access at home means people must travel to libraries, community centers, etc. to perform certain tasks
- As a state, there was $971 million put into Broadband funding in 2021 and 2022 – one of the highest numbers in the country
    - $30 million came from state funds
    - $941 million came from American Rescue Plan Act (APRA)
- There is $1.57 billion coming from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)– that funding can't be brought into NC until all other funding is spent, but it is a continuum of funding
- While I was in another county last month, the question came up whether there was enough funding – I can say that money is definitely not the issue
- Provided a summary of funding:
    - Infrastructure - $971 million
        - $380 million – GREAT Grant ($350M APRA; $30M State CIF)
        - $400 million – Completing access to Broadband (CAB)
        - $90 million – Stop Gap Solutions
        - $100 million – Broadband Make Ready Accelerator (Broadband Pole Replacement Fund)
        - $1 million – Broadband Mapping
    - Awareness and Digital Literacy - $50 million
        - Improve awareness and enable all NC citizens to realize the benefits of high-speed internet through digital literacy allowing access to the digital economy
    - Administrative - $15 million
        - Supplement North Carolina's capacity to support Broadband expansion efforts
    - Ensure availability of internet service at speeds of at 100/20 MBPS - $1.57 billion
- It is not just building infrastructure, it is not just cable, fiber, poles, trenching, etc.
- It is also about affordability
- It is making sure they know the devices that they need
- It is making sure they know the benefits that they get from having internet
- Talked about the comments received from citizens – work from home, need internet for school children, etc.
- Discussed the Office of Digital Literacy and Equity (ODEL) and the local focus:
    - ODEL team works with counties, municipalities, school districts, service providers, and community groups
    - Information solicited by ODEL regarding proven programs, ideas, and outreach activities
    - ODEL shares feedback to help NC Communities create programs supporting access to broadband
    - A key objective is to ensure all eligible citizens are informed about the FCC's Affordable Connective Program
    - ODEL Funding will be available to Stokes County and should be awarded soon
- Major Programs
    - GREAT Grant (Growing Rural Economics through Access to Technology)
        - The first statewide state funded grant program in the country
        - Started in 2018
        - Stayed very, very small until ARPA funding came in
        - The GREAT round that closed in May of 2022, had 305 applications
        - Legislature determined how the GREAT applications were going to be scored, this is how the decisions will be made and these are how these grants are going

to be awarded
    - Requested $1.77 billion in total project costs – total of $380 million awarded
- CAB Project Funding & Eligibility
    - It is not a grant program; it is a procurement – it is a state decision
    - County Eligibility
        - A county is considered ineligible to participate in either the GREAT or CAB Programs:
            - If a county has entered into a contract with an ISP on or after May 1, 2021 and
            - Has used federal funds for a Broadband infrastructure project unsupported by a state program
    - The state is actually buying stuff – don't think it is a good idea to sit in Raleigh and try to determine what is needed in Stokes County
    - The idea was to do a lot of due diligence because we want to mitigate risk especially where county funds are involved
    - The next step was to get the county involved
    - Through all of this, we have always defined that there is going to be an evaluation committee that is composed of two people – perhaps myself and someone who works for me, the county manager, and another county employee – want the county to have this active and dynamic engagement in the process
    - Discussed maps provided in the power point presentation which is used for as a CAB planning tool – showing how Hexbins are used
    - The county will determine if they wish to invest in a CAB project – there are matching funds requirements
    - Stokes County received more that $8 million in ARPA Funding – it is severely disadvantaged in terms of the amount of funding that is available to it through the CAB Program
    - If you got less than $8 million, you have the greatest opportunity to maximize the money available through CAB
    - Unlike the GREAT Grant where the maximum amount is $4 million, the CAB maximum amount is $8 million
    - The nice thing is that if you do a CAB Program in this fiscal year, then right back-to-back, you have the opportunity to do another CAB Program next year which potentially represents up to $16 million for a county in a very short period of time which is even advance of the BEAD Funding coming in
    - Sixty-one counties in NC received more that $8 million in ARPA Funding
    - We are here to help counties
    - We don't have a focus on technology or topology
    - Our job is to be an advocate for a county and to have a singular bias toward supporting the county
    - Last July, we issued a RFP and asked providers if you want to participate in our programs, you have to be pre-qualified – 69 companies applied – passed 40 out of 69 – asked very specific questions in terms of financial operational, and technical – trying to access capacity capability and competence – requested 3 years of financial statements with some companies trying to finagle that
    - Before BEAD comes in, we will do this again – existing companies will have to renew, and new companies will have to qualify
    - If you are investing in a project, we ask for a form called a county commitment form which represents a placeholder that states the amount of funding the county will invest in a particular project
    - Counties contributions can be ARP, SLFR, Revenue Replacement, or non-ARPA from the county's general fund

        - Will come back and talk with your county's evaluation team, next we schedule a GIS Meeting, after that if everything checks out and the county is still good to go, we will schedule a meeting with our internal folks to make sure we are on the same page understanding the county's dollars and if areas are to be prioritized
        - We will produce a scope of work which will be reviewed by legal and other parties and provided to the county for review – after that, it will be posted (Actually posted 8 last week with another 8-10 this week)
        - Once that process is completed, services providers can protest any address for the first 10 days of the 45-day process (if service is already available, it has to be taken off the list)
        - After 45 days, everything from the service providers is rechecked and forwarded to the county manager/evaluation team other than financial and bank statements
        - We will have a bid response focused solely on Stokes County
        - Quarterly reviews with the service providers will be required in order for the county to know what is going on – transparency
        - At the end of the day, two from my team and the two from Stokes County's evaluation team review all the applications received for Stokes County
        - It will be left up to the Stokes County's evaluation team because the criteria is what is the best value for Stokes County
        - We have sufficient technical, financial, and GIS expertise to make sure that any question the county has can be answered
        - Our team understands all this stuff, but our job is not to say what we think is great, our job is to help the county manager/evaluation team make the best decision for Stokes County
        - We are here to advise the County
        - Once a decision is made by the County, the state becomes involved with procurement along with a third-party consultant who is setting up a risk analysis profile
        - After all this, the bid is awarded to the vendor
        - Then we decided based on the risk analysis profile when reporting from the county is due and how often we go on site
    - Stop GAP Program
        - Stop GAP designed for niche issues
        - Don't involve the manager like other programs
            - Will take input from county manager, service providers, and citizen calls received
            - Build a list of where we may want to go – suggest sites to be built
            - Can do more than one Stop GAP Project in a county until the funding is exhausted
        - Competitively bid proposals
            - Prioritization for unserved addresses in the County
            - Will work with counties to ensure unique needs are addressed
            - Often small pockets not well served by larger projects
            - Also like to serve state parks, welcome centers, county facilities, community anchor institutions, major agricultural locations, etc.
        - Looks like the Stop Gap Program would pay about 85% of the build and the provider would pay about 15% of the build with the County not having any obligation at all to get the build done
        - $90 million in funding to support projects across the state
        - Expected in summer of 2024
    - Broadband Pole Replacement Program

        - Oriented towards pole owners and ISP's
        - Aeiral Installation
            - IOU's and cooperatives typically install 17 to 28 poles per mile
            - Telcos generally install 15 poles per mile
        - On average, 1-2 poles per mile are replaced
        - Pole issues – decay/deterioration, relocations, etc.
- Counties face challenges in 2024
    - Access to quality education is critical to the future of every county in NC
    - Many rural counties have declining populations and declining tax bases
    - Both rural and urban counties have increased costs to deliver services
    - Many in our population are at risk for health-related issues
    - The development of new or expanded local businesses are critical for employment and county tax revenues
- Reiterated his job and his department's job which are to serve and support Stokes County
- Will be happy to answer questions

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Appreciate the information provided to the Board tonight
- Would like for you to expand on the comment about CAB Funding and the fact that even if we said no, there would be more funding coming down later

Director Brooks responded:

- Right now, we have 43 counties that are funding CAB Projects (smallest amount is $25,000 and the largest amount $6.8 million)
- Think the idea at the time the legislation was passed, legislators noted that they were hearing a lot about Broadband from counties
- Legislation decided that they would put a lot of funding out there, but counties would have to step up and put into the project as well
- The issue is that there was a delay of about a year because of arguments among other things between the Treasurer and service providers regarding who would own the funded network infrastructure assets along with other delay issues
- This delay pushed GREAT funding back almost a year which pushed CAB funding back a year
- During that time, you had these other projects that would come to the forefront for counties that actually got enough money to say what do we want to do with excess CA funding
- Legislature will come back in session in April and will probably stay in session until June or July
- Our organization, association of county managers, association of county commissioners, the Rural Centers, and other groups have all pushed the Legislature to make changes in the match requirements – it is going to be on the table
- We asked for this in the long session, and nothing happened, did not move
- Hopefully, something will change – personal opinion is that something will change so that we can free more of this money and get it out
- Have $213 million that I have to have out and working across the state by the end of this year (has be to under contract)
- For those counties that Broadband has been a priority, I think the Legislature will probably change the match – I can't predict what will actually happen
- If you want to do a CAB Project and you have committed funds, we are here to get it done and get it done as quickly as possible
- If we get it done quickly, fiscal year rolls over, there is another $8 million available

- If you don't do a CAB Project, we will still do everything that we can to get funding into the county
- Legislature originally stated that there would be BEAD, GREAT Grant, and Stop GAP; however, the GREAT Grant is 100% incompatible with BEAD guidelines
- Right now, we believe that BEAD is going to be CAB and Stop GAP

Commissioner Morris continued:

- Do you have any programs that you do multiple awards such as more than one contractor gets selected to work in the same county

Director Brooks responded:

- The answer is yes, you can have dominant providers in certain areas of the county

Commissioner Morris continued:

- The County currently has a lot of investments to make on various things
- We just recently had a meeting with our financial advisor who stressed the importance of timing
- We have got to figure out when we can invest and how much we can invest and then prioritize these things – have a lot to figure out

Director Brooks responded:

- It is a consistent refrain and a fair refrain because you are juggling all of these things
- I would be doing a disservice if I come to you as a salesperson and try to sell you to be on the CAB Program
- I would be doing a disservice on the other hand if I did not come and say this is what I hear, I don't know I am not the official lobbyist for our team – but let you know what I hear, and what could happen

Commissioner Morris confirmed with Director Brooks that all the CAB funding had to be spent before any BEAD funding was available.

Director Brooks continued:

- All of the $400 million in CAB funding has to be spent before we begin to bring BEAD funding in (statewide)
- When you think about it, it is kind of logical, money is money – what would I do with $1.57 billion when I still have CAB funding and Stop GAP funding

There were no other questions from the Board.

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Appreciate the thorough report/presentation
- Do like the fact that you are very responsive and transparent – like the fact that when you receive calls from Stokes County citizens, you actually call everyone back along with letting the county manager know about the calls

Director Brook concluded that it is our job to serve you – Stokes County.

Chairman Chandler concluded by expressing the Board's appreciation for today's presentation.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to enter closed session.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to enter closed session for the following:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3)

- To consider the initial employment or appointment of an individual to any office or position, other than a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners or any other public body, or to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness of any public officer or employee, other than a member of the Board of Commissioners or of some other public body pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered closed session.

Adjournment

The Board reentered the open portion of the meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chairman Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amber Brown **Clerk to the Board**	**Brad Chandler** **Chair**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	**)**	**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS**
	)	**STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT**
COUNTY OF STOKES	**)**	**DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA**
	)	**MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a Special Called Joint Meeting with the Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday April 1, 2024 at 12:00 noon with the following members present:

Board of Commissioners:
Chairman Brad Chandler
Vice Chairman Keith Wood
Commissioner Sonya Cox
Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall
Commissioner Rick Morris

Board of Trustees (BOT):
Chairman Rick Morris
Member Brad Chandler
Member Sonya Cox
Member Ronnie Mendenhall
Member Keith Wood

County Personnel in Attendance:
Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown (via phone)
Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt
County Attorney Tyrone Browder

LifeBrite Community Hospital Staff:
Hospital Administrator Pam Tillman
Administrative Assistant Kristi Blaylock

Chairman Chandler called the Special Joint Meeting with the Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to order for the Board of County Commissioners.

BOT Chairman Morris called the Special Joint Meeting with the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners to order for the Board of Trustees.

INVOCATION

Chairman Chandler invited those in attendance to join the Boards in the invocation, if so desired. Commissioner Mendenhall delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Chandler invited those in attendance to join the Boards in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion for the Board of County Commissioners to approve today's agenda.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion for the Board of Commissioners to enter closed session.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to enter closed session for the following:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3).

Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any discussion/question/comments.

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

BOT Chairman Morris entertained a motion for the Board of Trustees to enter closed session.

BOT Member Chandler moved the enter closed session for the following:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3).

BOT Member Wood seconded the motion.

BOT Chairman Morris opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Both Boards entered closed session.

Both Boards exited closed session.

OPEN SESSION

BOT Chairman Morris opened the floor for any motion from the Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

BOT Member Mendenhall moved to give LifeBrite Hospital Group formal, written notice of failure to pay when due and payable, payments due under the lease agreement for LifeBrite Hospital in Danbury, North Carolina and direct the Stokes County Attorney to give the notice.

BOT Member Wood seconded the motion.

BOT Chairman Morris opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any motion from the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to give LifeBrite Hospital Group formal, written notice of failure to pay when due and payable, payments due under the lease agreement for LifeBrite Hospital in Danbury, North Carolina and direct the Stokes County Attorney to give the notice.

Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Chandler entertained a motion for the Board of County Commissioners to adjourn the Joint Meeting.

Vice Chairman Wood moved to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, BOT Chairman Morris entertained a motion for the Stokes Renolds Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to adjourn the Joint Meeting.

BOT Member Cox moved to adjourn the Joint Meeting. BOT Member Mendenhall seconded the motion.

BOT Chairman Morris opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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Amber Brown	**Brad Chandler**
Clerk to the Board	**Chairman**

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: VI.b.

Budget Amendments

Contact: Lisa Lankford, Finance Director

Summary:
Budget Amendment #58 To budget monies awarded through a grant to the Sheriff's Department. These funds will be used to purchase equipment that will help equip officers with tools to operate more effectively and safely.

Budget Amendment #59 To transfer funds from the Service District Fund Balance to pay off two loans for South Stokes Volunteer Fire.

Budget Amendment #60 To transfer funds from Work First Travel to the Equipment line to purchase computer equipment for the agency.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Budget Amendments 58-60	4/5/2024	Cover Memo

Revised 04/30/2007

AMENDMENT NO : 58

STOKES COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Sheriff's Department			
100.4310.512	Equipment-NC State Grant #3-2024	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00
				$ -
	Total	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To budget monies awarded through a grant to the Sheriff's Department. These funds will be used to purchase equipment that will help equip the officers with the tools needed to operate effectively and safely.

This will result in a net increase of $100,000.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	General Fund			
100.3301.441	NC State Grant #3-2024	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00
	TOTALS	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00

SECTION 2. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Budget Officer and to the Finance Director.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2024.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

Department Head's Approval — Date 4/4/24

County Manager's Approval — Date 4/4/24

Finance Director's Approval — Date

Appendix A
Scope of Work, Sub-Grants, and Annual Budget

As part of this grant agreement, you are required to provide a description of how you will spend the grant funds in compliance with the specific purpose as stated in the Appropriations Act ("Scope of Work"). You are also required to submit information related to any potential sub-grants and a budget for the grant funds. **Please attach additional sheets as necessary.**

1. Organization: Stokes County Sheriff's Office

2. Grant ID:

3. Scope of Work
Objectives, Results, Performance Measures:

Recipient shall detail below how the organization will spend the grant funds in compliance with the specific purpose(s) as stated in the Appropriations Act. The description should include objectives to be achieved, expected results and performance measures. The description should also include anticipated timing of those objectives, expected results and any services provided.

Objective(s): How do you plan to spend your grant funds? What project(s) do you want to accomplish?	The Stokes County Sheriff's Office plans to use the funds to purchase equipment that will help equip the officers with the tools needed to operate effectively and safely.
Expected Results: What do you hope will be accomplished through the projects supported by these grant funds?	- Increase the safety for our jail staff - Help continue to combat the drug problems in Stokes County - Replace outdated equipment for the safety of the officers - Improve the efficiency of the jail operations and safety of inmates through software/ equipment upgrades
Performance Measure(s): List the steps it will take to accomplish the project(s) supported by these grant funds. If the project is programmatic, list the estimated measurements for project outcomes.	Purchase the necessary equipment to improve the operations and safety for the officers and inmates. Purchase a drug detection dog to help combat the drug problem in Stokes County Upgrade the recording system for interviewing suspect to assure accurate and well documented interviews with suspects and victims for court proceedings.

4. Sub-grants:		
a. Does the Recipient anticipate that it will sub-grant or pass down any funds to another organization?	Yes ☐	No ☑
If yes, answer the following:		
b. Name of Sub-recipient	c. Program Name	d. Amount to Sub-recipient

5. Budget:

Below are general expenditure descriptions that can serve as a *guide* for preparing the organization's budget related to the grant award. Please provide a breakdown of estimated expenses for each category below or as an attachment.

The following budget is for the time period beginning (02/08/2024) and ending (06/30/2025).

EXPENDITURE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Employee Expenses (ex. *Salaries, hourly wages for grant project management /program related staffing*).	0.00
Administration Expenses (ex. *utilities, telephone, data, lease related expenses*)	0.00
Goods Expenses (ex. *supplies and equipment*)	100,000.00
Contract and Services Expenses (ex. *Designers, Architects, Builders, Programmatic Service Providers*)	0.00
Other Expenses (*ex. related charges not assigned above and **described by recipient in breakdown below***)	0.00
Total Balance of the Project Fund (*Grant total amount*)	100,000.00

Provide a breakdown of estimated expenses for each category below or as an attachment.

Expenses will include stab-resistant vest for the jail staff, a drug detection K-9, replacement of outdated firearms, a new interview recording system, less lethal pepperball guns, and upgrades to jail rounds documentation software. – Total budget expense of $100,000.00

Please note, you will sign off on this appendix as part of executing the Grant Agreement (Contract).

Printed Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Revised 04/30/2007

AMENDMENT NO :59

STOKES COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Service District Fund			
209.4340.510	Capital Outlay Equipment	$ 512,909.89	$ 300,655.87	$ 813,565.76
	Total	$ 512,909.89	$ 300,655.87	$ 813,565.76

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
To transfer funds from Service District Fund Balance to pay off two loans for South Stokes Volunteer Fire

This will result in a net increase of $300,655.87 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Service District Fund			
209.3991.000	Fund Balance	$ 512,909.89	$ 300,655.87	$ 813,565.76
	TOTALS	$ 512,909.89	$ 300,655.87	$ 813,565.76

SECTION 2. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Budget Officer and to the Finance Director.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2024.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

Department Head's Approval — Date 4/4/24

County Manager's Approval — Date 4/4/24

Finance Director's Approval — Date

FIRST HORIZON

COMMERCIAL LOAN PAYOFF STATEMENT

Date: 2/27/2024
Client Name: SOUTH STOKES VOL FIRE DEPT INC

Loan Account Number: 98005089
Effective Date: 3/28/2024

Estimated Payoff	$178,345.77
Payoff Quote Fee	
Total to Remit	$178,345.77

This amount is valid until the end of the business day. After that time a daily accrual amount of $ 14.24 will be added to the account balance until payment is received.

- **ANY FEES OR CHARGES INCURRED AFTER THIS PAYOFF IS QUOTED WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTOMER.**
- **PLEASE INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT WITH YOUR REMITTANCE.**

Payoff Quoted By: L. Moore

Upon full satisfaction of the indebtedness owed, we will release the deed of trust/mortgage in accordance with applicable law. You will not be sent a copy of the prepared or recorded lien release. If you are in need of that documentation, please contact the appropriate county.

These figures are subject to final verification upon receipt of funds by us. We reserve the right to adjust these figures and refuse any funds which are insufficient to pay the loan in full for any reason, including but not limited to error in calculation of payoff amount, inadvertent clerical errors, previously dishonored check or money order, additional fees or charges, or additional disbursements made by us between the date of this payoff statement and the receipt of funds.

Wire Transfer Instructions for Payments

Consumer and Commercial Payments
First Horizon Bank
ABA/Routing # 084000026
Credit Account GL #1130103913
For credit to: [Loan #]
In the name of: [Name on Loan]

Note: Wire Transfers must be sent to First Horizon Bank regardless of brand.

Please remit to:
Loan Operations
3451 Prescott Road
Memphis, TN 38118

FIRST HORIZON

COMMERCIAL LOAN PAYOFF STATEMENT

Date: 2/27/2024
Client Name: SOUTH STOKES VOL FIRE DEPT INC

Loan Account Number: 98001852
Effective Date: 3/28/2024

Estimated Payoff	$122,310.10
Payoff Quote Fee	
Total to Remit	$122,310.10

This amount is valid until the end of the business day. After that time a daily accrual amount of $ 10.40 will be added to the account balance until payment is received.

- **ANY FEES OR CHARGES INCURRED AFTER THIS PAYOFF IS QUOTED WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTOMER.**
- **PLEASE INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT WITH YOUR REMITTANCE.**

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Stacey S. Elmes
Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Lankford, Finance Director
Amber Brown, Interim County Manager

FROM: Stacey Elmes, DSS Director SE

DATE: April 5, 2024

RE: Budget Amendment

The attached amendment is to move funds from the Work First Travel line to the Equipment line due to the need to purchase computer equipment for the agency.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Revised 04/30/2007

AMENDMENT NO: 60

STOKES COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
100.5310.314	Work First Travel	$ 50,000.00	($50,000.00)	$ -
100.5310.510	Equipment	$53,558.70	$50,000	$ 103,558.70
				$ -
	TOTALS	$ 103,558.70	$ -	$ 103,558.70

This budget amendment is justified as follows:
This amendment is needed to purchase computer equipment.

This will result in a net increase of $0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
				$ -
	TOTALS	$ -	$ -	$ -

SECTION 2. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Budget Officer and to the Finance Director.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2024.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board — Andrea Brown

Department Head's Approval — Stacy Elmes — Date 4/5/24

County Manager's Approval — Andrea Brown — Date 4/5/24

Finance Director's Approval — Lori Lalford — Date 4/5/24

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: VI.c.

Tax Office Items for Approval

Contact: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator

Summary:
Items for Approval on April 8, 2024
1. Real and Personal Releases more than $100.00.
2. Real and Personal Refunds more than $100.00.
3. Present Use Late Application.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Tax Office Agenda	3/20/2024	Cover Memo

TAX COLLECTION STATUS REPORT

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED BY MONTH FY 2023-2024

CURRENT 2023 TAX	COUNTY	SCHOOL OPERATING EXP	USE VALUE TAX BILLS	INTEREST PEN & FEES	OCCUPANCY TAX	KING (FIRE)	RURAL HALL (FIRE)	WALNUT COVE (FIRE)	SERVICE (FIRE)	CITY OF KING	TOWN OF WALNUT COVE	DANBURY	EDU DEBT BLDG FUND
JULY	163,536.56	146,939.74	7,795.98	1,352.98	-	6,519.48	1,548.96	2,485.96	23,355.97	32,094.14	9,091.38	359.96	20,674.21
AUGUST	7,426,240.95	6,671,510.70	4,972.46	1,017.60	-	272,986.91	47,808.32	166,790.42	915,413.80	2,112,037.16	287,954.25	18,529.35	909,912.35
SEPTEMBER	477,054.28	427,148.89	6,944.25	1,591.62	-	17,273.15	3,300.99	8,792.80	60,638.08	134,042.45	25,560.60	554.80	58,952.92
OCTOBER	327,298.11	294,071.97	2,774.03	611.46	-	6,641.44	1,112.28	7,723.88	39,063.05	47,519.79	89,064.98	541.21	40,306.95
NOVEMBER	336,484.51	302,332.55	1,120.87	243.13	-	9,929.63	2,104.92	9,426.86	45,529.58	79,153.88	10,216.04	1,478.86	41,297.29
DECEMBER	1,164,408.95	1,046,128.09	7,628.43	1,203.14	-	31,486.89	7,430.82	36,533.80	143,734.16	322,550.05	60,713.91	3,914.45	143,181.09
JANUARY	3,710,649.57	3,333,620.52	5,955.84	9,459.15	-	39,196.18	8,283.42	39,431.16	771,961.39	212,751.44	73,647.23	4,316.24	455,388.57
FEBRUARY	130,306.74	117,117.30	239.01	8,833.36	-	4,038.21	1,109.15	4,454.71	19,112.03	17,280.67	2,065.59	201.41	16,448.96
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	$13,735,979.67	$12,338,869.76	CONT'D	CONT'D		$388,071.89	$ 72,698.86	$ 275,639.59	$2,018,808.06	$2,957,429.58	$ 558,313.98	$29,896.28	CONT'D
BUDGET AMT	$14,121,812.00	$12,686,282.00	CONT'D	CONT'D		$398,586.00	$ 79,404.00	$ 283,977.00	$2,073,099.00				CONT'D
BALANCE	$ 385,832.33	$ 347,412.24				$ 10,514.11	$ 6,705.14	$ 8,337.41	$ 54,290.94				
PERCENTAGE	97.27%	97.26%				97.36%	91.56%	97.06%	97.38%				

PRIOR	COUNTY	SCHOOL OPERATING EXP	USE VALUE TAX BILLS	INTEREST PEN & FEES	DOGS	KING (FIRE)	RURAL HALL (FIRE)	WALNUT COVE (FIRE)	SERVICE (FIRE)	CITY OF KING	TOWN OF WALNUT COVE	TOWN OF DANBURY	EDU DEBT BLDG FUND
JULY	35,114.97	31,777.22	-	12,255.40	24.00	1,758.29	106.91	622.74	5,225.37	3,981.01	629.05	31.91	4,687.92
AUGUST	26,104.41	22,804.82	-	10,256.66	3.36	545.75	138.25	1,002.02	3,900.51	2,728.07	(413.52)	-	3,529.53
SEPTEMBER	18,399.57	17,164.18	-	7,414.39	42.00	735.91	72.59	548.38	2,621.22	3,000.97	848.35	-	2,612.70
OCTOBER	14,769.76	13,440.85	-	6,559.63	30.00	214.07	90.40	503.52	2,172.29	3,739.42	337.75	-	2,061.50
NOVEMBER	21,049.79	18,871.88	-	10,014.34	5.91	633.16	244.73	342.49	2,270.21	9,376.44	1,510.38	-	2,968.89
DECEMBER	12,900.72	11,683.21	-	5,672.69	-	68.38	9.42	416.25	1,962.07	3,718.87	974.96	85.55	1,827.20
JANUARY	21,333.74	19,067.75	-	9,583.58	6.00	462.85	-	385.69	3,618.60	3,635.80	973.02	78.18	3,026.37
FEBRUARY	16,896.97	15,550.59	-	8,561.89	-	170.48	40.82	292.22	2,306.65	7,604.63	1,544.72	53.47	2,501.77
MARCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUB TOTAL	$ 166,569.93	$ 150,360.50	$37,430.87	$ 94,631.02	$ 111.27	$ 4,588.89	$ 703.12	$ 4,113.31	$ 24,076.92	$ 37,785.21	$ 6,404.71	$ 249.11	$ 1,709,378.22
BUDGET AMT	$ 300,000.00	$ 200,000.00	$30,000.00	$225,000.00	$ 250.00	$ 5,500.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 7,000.00	$ 42,000.00				$ 1,729,554.00
BALANCE	$ 133,430.07	$ 49,639.50	$ (7,430.87)	$130,368.98	$ 138.73	$ 911.11	$ 1,296.88	$ 2,886.69	$ 17,923.08				$ (20,175.78)
PERCENTAGE	55.52%	75.18%	124.77%	42.06%	44.51%	83.43%	35.16%	58.76%	57.33%				98.83%

STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION REFUND REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REFUNDS LESS THAN $100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)

NAME	ADDRESS	BILL NUMBER	LEDGER	AMOUNT
CHAD JOYCE LOGGING LLC	3408 AMOSTOWN RD SANDY RIDGE, NC 27046	874661-2023-2023	100.3100.160	$5.61
			209.3100.160	$1.37
			211.3100.160	$0.69
			112.3100.160	$5.03
CHAD JOYCE LOGGING LLC	3408 AMOSTOWN RD SANDY RIDGE, NC 27046	874661-2022-2022	100.4140.390	$5.43
			209.3100.160	$1.40
			211.3100.160	$0.70
			112.3100.160	$5.97
			100.3839.012	$0.75
NEWSOME, MARY KATHLEEN	144 DUSTY LN KING, NC 27021	295356-2019-2019	100.4140.390	$18.50
			206.3100.160	$5.14
			211.3100.160	$2.57
			112.3100.160	$21.33
NEWSOME, MARY KATHLEEN	144 DUSTY LN KING, NC 27021	295356-2020-2020	100.4140.390	$20.23
			206.3100.160	$5.22
			211.3100.160	$2.61
			112.3100.160	$20.23
NEWSOME, MARY KATHLEEN	144 DUSTY LN KING, NC 27021	295356-2021-2021	100.4140.390	$20.88
			206.3100.160	$5.39
			211.3100.160	$2.69
			112.3100.160	$20.88
NEWSOME, MARY KATHLEEN	144 DUSTY LN KING, NC 27021	295356-2022-2022	100.4140.390	$25.79
			206.3100.160	$6.65
			211.3100.160	$3.33
			112.3100.160	$25.79
NEWSOME, MARY KATHLEEN	144 DUSTY LN KING, NC 27021	295356-2023-2023	100.3100.160	$29.35
			206.3100.160	$7.19
			211.3100.160	$3.59
			112.3100.160	$26.36

TOTAL AMOUNT $300.67

RICHARD T. BRIM
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

3/20/24
DATE

LISA LANKFORD
FINANCE DIRECTOR

3/20/24
DATE

STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION RELEASE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RELEASES MORE THAN $100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)

NAME	ADDRESS	BILL NO.	AMOUNT	REASON
MCBEAN, EMILY ALICIA	1388 MILLSAP RD, PINNACLE, NC 27043	873747-2022-2022	$246.80	VEHICLE OUT-OF-STATE

TOTAL AMOUNT $246.80

Richard T. Brim
RICHARD T. BRIM
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

3/20/24
DATE

BRAD CHANDLER
CHAIRMAN-STOKES COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE

STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION REFUND REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REFUNDS MORE THAN $100 PER NCGS 105-381(b)

NAME	ADDRESS	BILL NUMBER	LEDGER	AMOUNT	REASON
DEAL, DAVID ALLEN	2620 FLAT ROCK RD, PINNACLE, NC 27043	74207040	100.3100.113	$47.97	VEHICLE SOLD
			209.3100.112	$11.75	
			211.3100.001	$5.87	
			112.3100.001	$43.09	
DEAL, DAVID ALLEN	2620 FLAT ROCK RD, PINNACLE, NC 27043	74710374	100.3100.113	$73.76	VEHICLE SOLD
			209.3100.112	$18.07	
			211.3100.001	$9.03	
			112.3100.001	$66.26	
EDWARDS, DEBORAH MARIE	1193 VANKA DR, PINNACLE, NC 27043	76190149	100.3100.113	$136.01	VEHICLE TAG SURRENDER
			209.3100.112	$33.32	
			211.3100.001	$16.66	
			112.3100.001	$122.18	
HALEY, MATHEW ROBERT	300 MAVERICK TRAIL DR, KING, NC 27021	66755773	100.3100.113	$117.61	VEHICLE SOLD
			601.4110.444	$178.31	
			211.3100.001	$15.17	
			112.3100.001	$117.61	
HANEY, JASON ROBERT	1129 E WESTMORELAND RD, KING, NC 27021	66846846	100.3100.113	$59.62	VEHICLE SOLD
			206.3100.112	$15.39	
			211.3100.001	$7.69	
			112.3100.001	$59.62	
HUDSON, ANGELA MORPHIES	1430 FRANS RD, WESTFIELD, NC 27053	66560661	100.3100.113	$87.05	VEHICLE SOLD
			209.3100.112	$22.47	
			211.3100.001	$11.22	
			112.3100.001	$87.06	
SKOMP, BYRON KEITH	208 WINCHESTER DR, KING, NC 27021	69057304	100.3100.113	$40.22	VEHICLE SOLD
			601.4110.444	$57.88	
			211.3100.001	$4.93	
			112.3100.001	$36.13	
		TOTAL AMOUNT		$1,501.95	

Richard T. Brim
RICHARD T. BRIM
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

3/20/24
DATE

BRAD CHANDLER
CHAIRMAN-STOKES COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Tax Administrator

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March 1, 2024

To: Stokes County Commissioners

From: Richard T. Brim, Tax Administrator

Subject: Present-Use Value Late Application

Per NCGS 105-277.4(a1), "Late Application.....an application may be approved by the board of equalization and review or, if that board is not in session, by the board of county commissioners."

We have one (1) Present-Use Value Late Application for Year 2024 on which the Tax Office is recommending approval:

Taxpayer(s)	Parcel	Acreage	Reason
LAWSON, EFFIE JEAN	6939-00-15-8796	39.35	Late Delivery of Agric. PUV Application

APPROVAL _____ DENIAL _____

Date 3/20/24

Richard T. Brim
Richard T. Brim
Tax Administrator

Date _____

_____
Brad Chandler-Chairman
Stokes County Board of Commissioners

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: VII.a.

Department First Quarter Reports for 2024

Contact: Interim Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown

Summary:
As previously discussed at the request of the Board, we have introduced quarterly reports for all departments based off of calendar year starting with 2024. Each department will complete a report for every quarter, but the fourth quarter report will be implemented into the Manager's Annual Report for that year. While all departments will be doing quarterly reports, in the sake of time, only a few departments will present at a Board meeting each quarter on their reports and rotate every quarter, so each department is covered.

The following departments will be presenting their first quarterly reports at Monday's commissioners meeting for January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024. Their reports are attached first for convenience:

- Human Resources, Jamie Clark
- Elections, Jason Perry
- Public Works, Stewart Easter
- Emergency Services, Brandon Gentry

All other department quarterly reports are attached below the above departments with the exception of those departments presenting their first quarter report at the next commissioners meeting on April 22, 2024. The reports for the departments presenting next meeting will be attached on that agenda. The Sheriff's Department Report will also be attached on the next agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
HR First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Elections First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Public Works First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Emergency Services First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Animal Control First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Emergency Communications First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Cooperative Extension First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
DRC First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Finance First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo

Fire Marshal's Office First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Health Department First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
IT First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
Planning and Inspections First Quarter Report	4/6/2024	Cover Memo
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Stokes County

Human Resources

To: Amber Brown
From: Jamie Clark
Date: 04/01/2024
Re: Q1-2024 Quarterly Update

The first quarter of 2024 has been a bit busy and challenging for the HR department due to the new software implementation of Paylocity, multiple end-of-year retirements causing many departmental changes and vacancies, and now we're heading into Budget and Open Enrollment season! As Open Enrollment approaches, I have included information pertaining to the changes in employee healthcare as we have elected a new TPA and PPO network, Crescent Health Solutions. We are also excited to announce that Stokes County has partnered with Samaritan's Fund program this year as a potential option for some of our employees who have severe medical diagnoses and may carry high medical costs. I have included information about that program as well.

Paylocity
The HR /Payroll team have worked tirelessly on the conversion from GEMS to Paylocity. During the implementation process, we have found many complications due to the number of departments/cost centers, work schedules, accrual schedules, time-off policies, etc. This has made for a very troublesome experience for us and for the employees. We do feel like things are getting better each week. During the implementation process (December – February) the HR department spent an average of 10 hours per week training with Paylocity team members. We were released from the Paylocity Implementation Team the first week of March and have processed one payroll on our own. We feel good about the payroll portion of Paylocity. We are still working the kinks out of the Time & Labor portion of the system with hopes that we will have those issues resolved within the next month.

Crescent Health Solutions
Crescent Health Solutions is a not-for-profit third-party administrator (TPA) and PPO network based in Asheville, NC. Crescent has been serving self-funded employer groups for nearly 25 years providing medical and dental plan administration. Crescent is licensed in NC, SC, GA, IL and MO. Crescent has strategic partnerships with Sona Pharmacy Benefits, also based in Asheville, for pharmacy benefits management and Cigna Healthcare for national PPO network coverage.

With Stokes County, Crescent Health Solutions has developed a 3-year plan to take control of health care spending and integrate cost-savings programs already in place.

In year one, the greatest projected impact to savings will come from the pharmacy plan where Sona Pharmacy Benefits expects an 18% decline in pharmacy expenses (in excess of $100,000) due to the transparent pricing model that eliminates PBM margins on prescriptions and returns 100% of pharmacy rebates to Stokes County. Additional pharmacy savings will come from patient assistance programs and opportunities for international sourcing.

Additional first year savings are expected to come on the medical expenses by utilizing the Cigna national PPO network, by increasing telemedicine utilization, especially for mental health, through Crescent's telemedicine partner AllyHealth, by referring members with chronic conditions to Stoke County's wellness provider, Altitude wellness, and by integrating the county health clinic into the plan design. By educating and incentivizing employees and dependents to utilize the county health clinic instead of a network provider, every dollar the County spends at the health clinic goes from one hand to the other. Employee education will be delivered through another Crescent partner, Community Health Magazine, which provides a multi-media approach to employee communications.

In the second year, Stokes County will have a full year of actionable reporting by which targeted solutions for specific cost drivers can be introduced. These may include additional chronic condition management, the introduction of a Nurse Navigation program to steer patients to low-cost high-quality care, enhanced specialty pharmacy programs and plan design changes to incentivize better utilization of the health clinic and to discourage improper utilization of providers.

In the third year, there will be a strong program in place, cost-drivers will continue to be monitored and addressed, robust employee education will continue, and new methodologies for paying providers including direct contracting for primary care and ancillary services can be explored.

Samaritan Fund Program

The Samaritan Fund Program is designed to help people with severe medical diagnoses that carry high medical costs and is also a powerful risk mitigation tool. A recent Kaiser study found that over 100 million Americans are in some form of medical debt. Rising insurance premiums and provider costs put a heavy burden on those who rely on the health care system the most. When faced with a new diagnosis or difficult disease, people are first concerned with the cost of the care over the actual disease itself. The Samaritan Fund Program eliminates the anxiety of this financial burden leaving our participants with the Peace of Mind to Heal.

To do this, we help participants find an individual insurance policy from a major medical carrier, then we source the funds to pay for all their cost share. This would include funds to pay for all of their premiums and up to the out-of-pocket maximum on their policy leaving them with $0 outof-pocket cost. The participant voluntarily decides to enroll in the Samaritan Fund Program and to waive their group medical coverage. It is a tremendous blessing to them during a time of need and results in tremendous savings for the group medical plan as high-cost claims leave the plan.

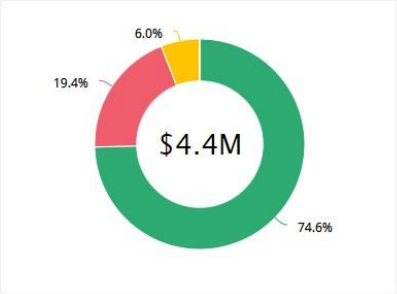
Statistical HR Data

Q1-2024 Workers Compensation Data:

7 Total Employee Incidents
4 OSHA Recordable Incidents

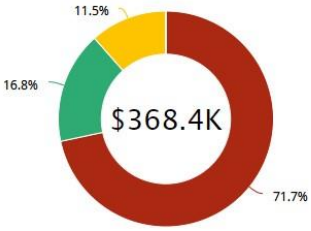
Labor Cost

Labor Costs Breakdown



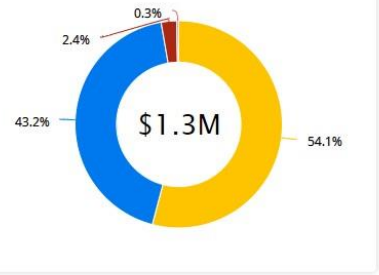
Source	Total Costs
Regular	$3,249,429.83
Overtime	$260,435.94
Bonus	$0.00
Other	$847,446.64

Labor Costs Breakdown



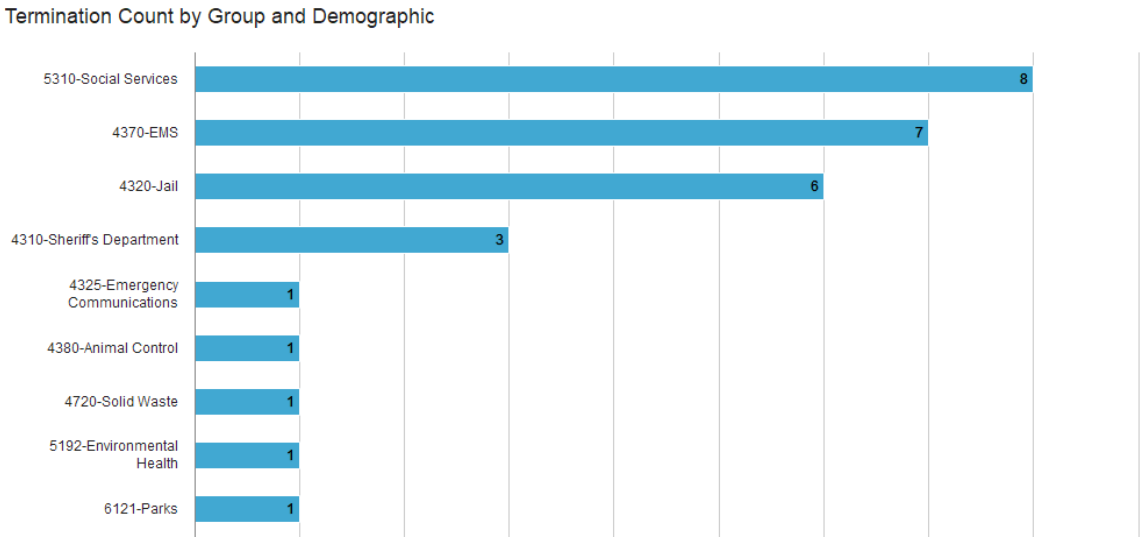
Source	Total Costs
Social Security	$264,079.53
Medicare	$61,760.53
SUI	$42,544.49
FUTA	$0.00
Other	$0.00

Labor Costs Breakdown



Source	Total Costs
Medical	$726,393.09
Retirement	$579,581.53
Dental	$32,217.41
Vision	$0.00
Other	$4,236.35

Employee Turnover:



Q1-2024 Job Postings:

Tax – 2
DSS – 6
Environmental Health – 1
Emergency Communications – 2
Senior Services – 1
EMS – 5
Animal Control – 1
Health Department – 2
Administration – 1
Total – 21

Why are employees leaving Stokes County?
The data below was collected by Employee Exit Questionnaires and exit interviews from 20 of 24 employees who voluntarily resigned in Q1-2024.

3 – New Career Path
1 - Due to Upper Management
2 – Retirement
4 – More Money
2 – Less Stress
3 – Health Reasons

Employee Tenure –

We currently have 32 employees eligible for retirement with 20 + years of service. 19 eligible with 25+ years of service, and 6 with 30+ years of service.

Emergency Communications	12/14/1987	12/11/2001	22 Yrs, 3 Mths
Mapping	11/11/1988	01/11/1988	36 Yrs, 2 Mths
Emergency Communications	08/11/1990	08/11/1990	33 Yrs, 7 Mths
Social Services	10/01/1990	10/01/1990	33 Yrs, 6 Mths
Senior Services	09/09/1991	03/16/1992	32 Yrs, 0 Mths
Tax	01/14/1992	01/14/1992	32 Yrs, 2 Mths
Tax	12/28/1992	12/28/1992	31 Yrs, 3 Mths
Social Services	08/01/1994	08/01/1994	29 Yrs, 8 Mths
Tax	01/02/1995	01/02/1995	29 Yrs, 2 Mths
Public Buildings	06/27/1995	06/27/1995	28 Yrs, 9 Mths
Soil & Water	01/26/1996	07/01/1996	27 Yrs, 8 Mths
Social Services	09/09/1996	09/09/1996	27 Yrs, 6 Mths
Social Services	09/02/1997	09/02/1997	26 Yrs, 6 Mths
Tax	10/27/1997	01/02/1997	27 Yrs, 2 Mths
Mapping	11/03/1997	01/13/1997	27 Yrs, 2 Mths
Sheriff	01/06/1998	01/06/1998	26 Yrs, 2 Mths
Social Services	11/02/1998	11/02/1998	25 Yrs, 4 Mths
Tax	02/04/1999	02/04/1999	25 Yrs, 1 Mths
Register of Deeds	03/03/1999	03/03/1999	25 Yrs, 0 Mths
Emergency Management	10/20/1999	12/16/2001	22 Yrs, 3 Mths
Tax	02/29/2000	02/29/2000	24 Yrs, 1 Mths
Finance	06/05/2000	06/05/2000	23 Yrs, 9 Mths
Social Services	06/13/2000	06/13/2000	23 Yrs, 9 Mths
Environmental Health	08/20/2001	08/20/2001	22 Yrs, 7 Mths
Mapping	08/20/2001	08/20/2001	22 Yrs, 7 Mths
Health Department	08/27/2001	08/27/2001	22 Yrs, 7 Mths
Sheriff	03/14/2003	06/18/2003	20 Yrs, 9 Mths
Social Services	10/15/2003	10/15/2003	20 Yrs, 5 Mths
Environmental Health	10/20/2003	10/20/2003	20 Yrs, 5 Mths
Purchasing	12/29/2003	12/29/2003	20 Yrs, 3 Mths
Social Services	01/05/2004	01/05/2004	20 Yrs, 2 Mths
Social Services	01/16/2004	01/16/2004	20 Yrs, 2 Mths

Stokes County Board of Elections
2024 First Quarter Report

Jason Perry, Board of Elections Director

The Stokes County Board of Elections consists of five Board of Elections members, two full-time employees (director and deputy director), and two temporary part-time employees.

Board Members

Mike Pell, Chair
David Burge, Secretary
Jennie L. Hemrick, Member
Kimble McEachern, Member
Jack Johnson, Member

The five-member elections board consists of members appointed from the two political parties with the most registered voters in the state. The director and deputy director manage the day-to-day operations of the Board of Elections office and conduct operations for all elections in the county, including special, municipal, county, state, and federal elections. The five-member board is, among other responsibilities, tasked with general oversight of the office, as are the North Carolina State Board of Elections and Stokes County Administration.

Summary of 2024 first quarter projects and tasks:

- Conducted a countywide primary election, consisting of federal, state, and county contests:
    - Filing of 19 local candidates began in December 2023. Candidates for Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education, NC House of Representatives (District 91), and NC Senate (District 31) filed for office at the Board of Elections office. Instructed candidates regarding various aspects of the election
    - Implemented photo ID requirement in first countywide election
    - Conducted ballot proofing in conjunction with the State Board of Elections and the voting system vendor
    - Performed pre-election voting equipment testing for each machine used in the election process – 18 Election Day polling places, 3 early voting sites, absentee mail-in ballots, provisional ballots, and backup equipment
    - Participated in a mock election with the State Board of Elections two weeks prior to the start of early voting, to ensure voting systems were performing properly in the county and across the state
    - Managed logistics for the voting sites, as well as 23 early voting workers and 100 Election Day poll workers; held training classes for workers, including implementation of new photo ID requirement; managed chain of custody and security aspects of voting sites
    - Prepared voting site supplies and additional equipment, such as early voting laptops and printers

- Informed voters of election dates and requirements through the county website, local newspaper, county Facebook page, candidates, and county's political party chairs; responded to many inquiries from voters over the course of the election period
- Managed the absentee mail-in voting process, including the mailing of 180 absentees and the return of 120; held 5 absentee board meetings, in which Board of Elections members review a voter's absentee mail-in return envelope to ensure all required information is provided (voters who do not are notified beforehand that they need to take corrective action)
- Held early voting at sites in Danbury, King, and Walnut Cove, beginning on February 15; held Election Day voting at 18 polling places across the county on March 5
- Conducted post-Election Day tasks. These include:
  - Research of provisional ballots (when a voter does not cast a regular ballot for various reasons) to determine if they should be recommended for approval
  - A board meeting in which board members review office staff's findings regarding provisional ballots and make the final determination, as well as review absentees returned on Election Day
  - Processing of voter forms to ensure a voter is recorded as having cast a ballot, and voter history is applied to a voter's record
  - Hand-eye count of ballots by a bipartisan team of two randomly selected precincts, as required by state law. The sample audit count is intended to test if the voting equipment worked properly during the election
  - A canvass meeting when board members certify the election
- Primary election statistics:
  - 10,666 total voters (32.89% turnout)
    - 6,832 Election Day voters
    - 3,700 early voters
    - 120 absentee mail-in voters, 14 provisional voters
  - Comparison to recent primary elections:
    - May 17, 2022 primary – 7,915 total voters (24.9% turnout)
    - March 3, 2020 primary – 10,943 total voters (36.58% turnout)
  - 10,666 ballots were cast in the 2024 primary, and 10,666 voters were recorded as having cast a ballot in the election

- Participated in a tabletop exercise (organized by the State Board of Elections) at the Stokes County EMS office regarding emergency scenarios, in partnership with EMS and fire marshal's office personnel. Also discussed the emergency scenarios with Stokes County Sheriff Joey Lemons, as well as county IT personnel

- Processed registrations for 500 new voters, 137 party affiliation changes, and 158 county address changes (does not include over 400 new registrations and party affiliation changes to be processed after the May 14 second primary, but not at this time based on state law restrictions)

- Performed daily, weekly, and monthly list maintenance tasks (examples include removal of voters due to death, moved from county, or felony conviction); maintained computer database of over 32,000 current voters and over 70,000 overall voter records

- Continued process of working with county partners regarding renovations to the former bank building in Danbury, which is to be the new location of the Board of Elections office later in 2024. Considerations at the new location include security, efficiency, and general needs of an elections office

- The director, deputy director, and board members attended a statewide training conference in February, in preparation for the primary and overall elections management

- Annual preventive maintenance was performed on voting equipment

- Began preparations for a second primary for North Carolina lieutenant governor (Republican) and North Carolina auditor (Republican), to be held on May 14

STOKES COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Stewart Easter
DIRECTOR

First Quarter Review

Public Buildings:

- There was a total of 129 Work Orders in the first quarter between all public buildings.
- New paint and floors were added to the Old EMS headquarters building located at 106 Old Church Street for DSS staff to be relocated. DSS will occupy upper level
- Maintenance built and installed new kitchen cabinets at the new EMS headquarters building. (Autumn Square building)
- New plumbing was installed at the new EMS headquarters to accommodate the kitchen with the move. All interior lights were changed to LED.
- All VCT tile floors were stripped and waxed at the SOC building located in Walnut Cove by the Custodians with the help from Maintenance on moving of furniture.
- The storage shed was demoed at EMS Station # 5 in Danbury to make room for the relocation of the Heli pad for Air Care.
- New HVAC control equipment has been ordered for the jail control upgrade.
- DOT is set to pave Autumn Square parking lot this summer.
- DOT is set to grade and pave the new parking lot located at top of hill across from probation building. This will be utilized during construction of the government building addition.

Parks:

- Staff have been cleaning and getting the grounds ready for the summer activity at Moratock Park and the restrooms are now open.
- Please remember the New Dan River access is open on Pitzer Road. Park staff keeps a check on trash and are currently keeping the grounds mowed.

Danbury Water:

- We’re hopeful that construction on the new water lines for the town will start in the fall depending on how the easements go. DEQ is close to approving plans.

Solid Waste:

- Green Box Traffic Count:

JANUARY Month Break Down				
Site	AM Total	PM Total	Site Total	Daily Average
Francisco	1182	1065	2247	83
Hwy #66	706	585	1291	47
Lawsonville	1812	1446	3258	120
Pine Hall	2252	1995	4247	157
Pinnacle	4787	4474	9261	343
Sandy Ridge	2301	1804	4105	152
Walnut Cove	3967	3438	7405	274
Transfer Station	2535	0	2535	93
Total	**19542**	**14807**	**34349**	
Average	**2443**	**1851**	**4294**	

FEBUARY Month Break Down				
Site	AM Total	PM Total	Site Total	Daily Average
Francisco	1169	900	2069	82
Hwy #66	743	485	1228	49
Lawsonville	1814	1358	3172	126
Pine Hall	2290	1728	4018	138
Pinnacle	5037	3969	9006	160
Sandy Ridge	2216	1657	3873	154
Walnut Cove	4271	3475	7746	309
Transfer Station	2524	0	2524	100
Total	**17540**	**13572**	**31112**	
Average	**2506**	**1939**	**4445**	

MARCH Month Break Down				
Site	AM Total	PM Total	Site Total	Daily Average
Francisco	1009	856	1865	69
Hwy #66	477	278	755	27
Lawsonville	1135	715	1850	68
Pine Hall _____	1424	903	2327	86
Pinnacle	4463	3053	7516	278
Sandy Ridge	1400	850	2250	83
Walnut Cove	3525	2792	6317	233
Transfer Station	836	0	836	31
Total	**13433**	**9447**	**22880**	
Average	**1919**	**1350**	**3269**	

Solid Waste:

- Household garbage collected in tons/ Green Box sites

	Garbage trucks tons	Roll-off (Compactors) tons		
Jan. 24	374.25	293.01		
Feb. 24	410.46	256.8		
Mar. 24	310.8	261.53		
Quarterly Total	1095.51	811.34	1906.85	TONS

Recycle hauled		
Jan. 24	56.5	
Feb. 24	33.46	
Mar. 24	31.33	
Quarterly Total	121.29	TONS

<u>I would like to thank all of the Public Works employees for all of their hard work each and every day.</u>

<u>Stewart</u>

STOKES COUNTY EMS

Emergency Medical Service

STOKES COUNTY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

ESTABLISHED 1974

EMT-PARAMEDIC

QUARTER 1

January, February, and March Data

STOKES COUNTY EMS

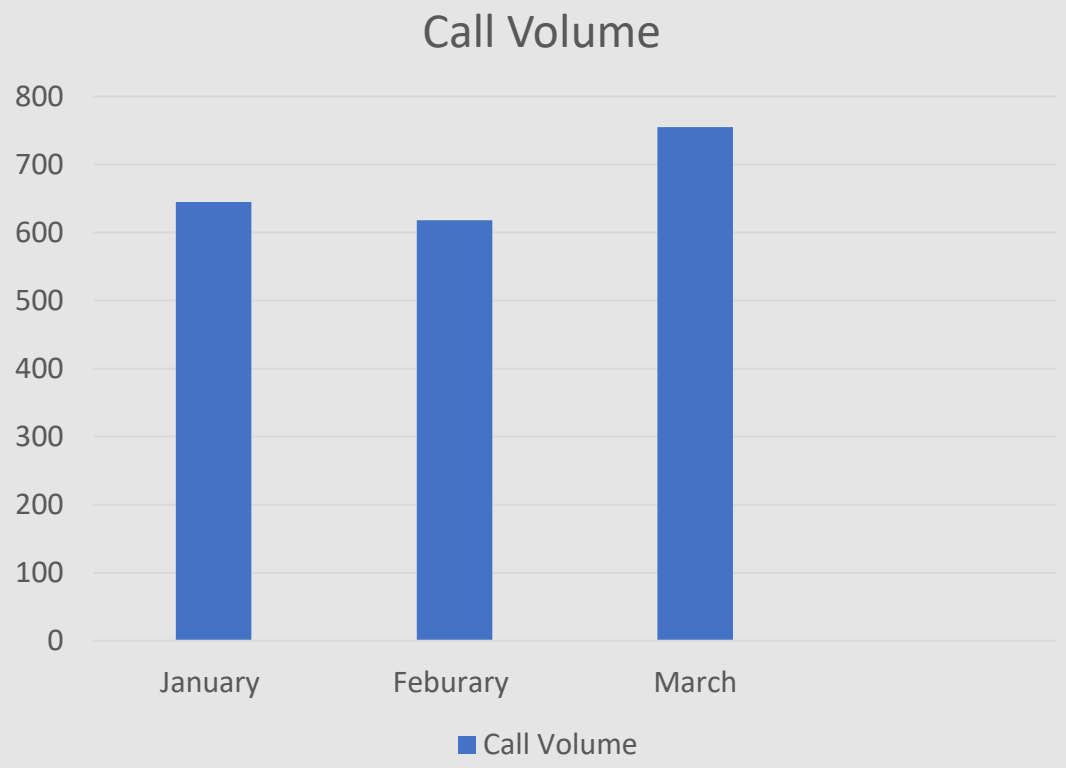
Emergency Medical Service

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

2024 1st Quarter Updates

- Officially got all office staff and the supervisor moved in at the new office location
- Administration meeting with Supervisors once each month
- Continuing Education with all three shifts totaling 24 hours of training
- Completed EMS and EM budget and submitted to County Manager this quarter
- Multiple interviews for part time and full-time openings
- All heart monitors had yearly service completed in February
- All Ventilators had yearly service completed in February
- Planning meetings with staff about the 50th anniversary
- Medication Assisted Treatment training for Community Paramedics
- Community Paramedics started 24-hour coverage on February 17, 2024
- Oral boards with Dr. Nelson with some employees to become cleared as a Solo Paramedic
- Quality Management of Patient Care Reports completed daily
- Last quarter of 2023 Peer Review meeting completed
- Fire Association Meeting
- NCOEMS state ambulances inspection completed on 2 EMS units
- Meeting with FTCC about continuing education for Stokes County Fire Departments
- DEA meeting and inspection of EMS Narcotic inventory and paperwork
- April 1, 2024, EMS will be celebrating 50 years of service to citizens of Stokes County
- Dr. Nelson has started audits of all Stokes County Fire Departments that respond on medical calls in Stokes County to ensure they are getting the continuing education, protocol updates, proper documentation of medical calls, and all medical equipment is on the responding units of medical calls.

2024 1st Quarter Call Volume

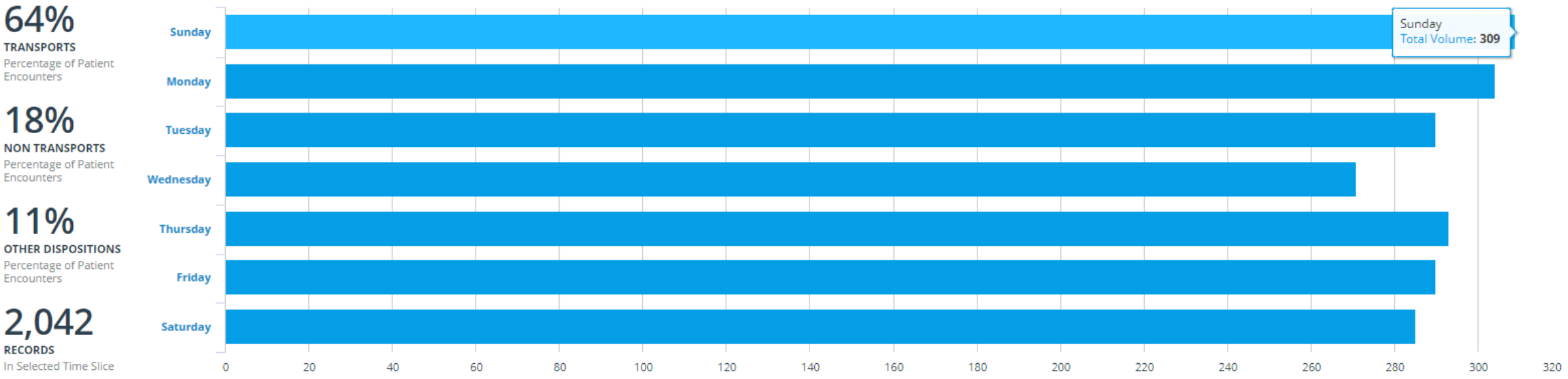


- Total Incidents – 2,018
- Standby's – 735

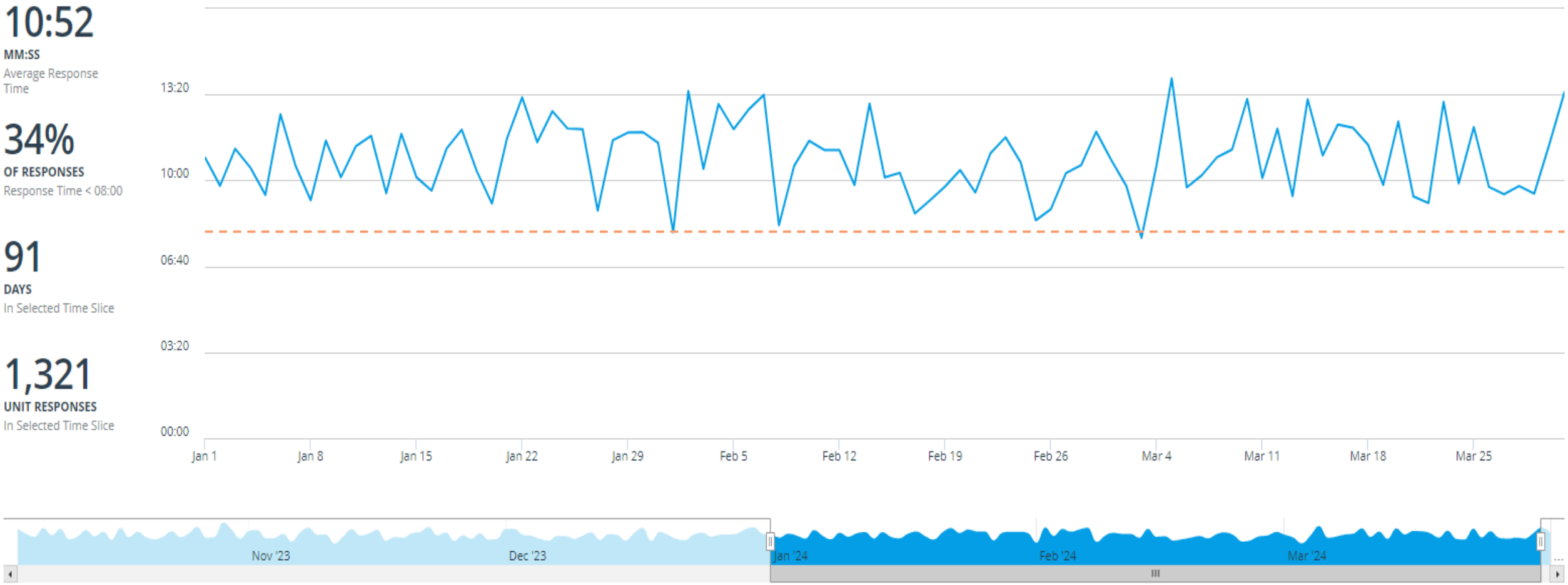
Times we ran out of EMS units in the county over the last quarter and had to rely on our local FD transports or other counties.

14 times

2024 1st Quarter Call Volume by Day of the Week



2024 1st Quarter Average Response Time



2024 1st Quarter Average Transport Time

30:16
MM:SS
Average Transport Time Interval

43:23
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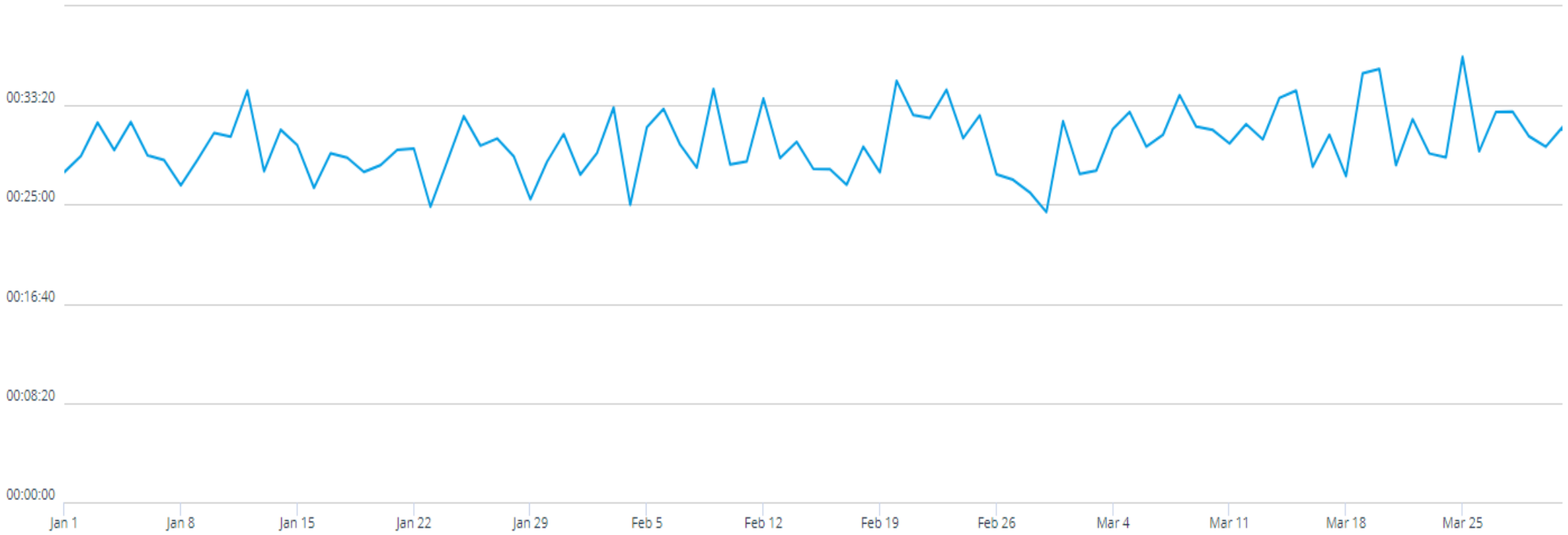
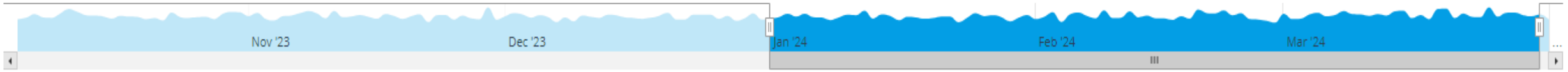
90th Percentile Transport Interval

91
DAYS
In Selected Time Slice

1,300
TRANSPORTS
In Selected Time Slice

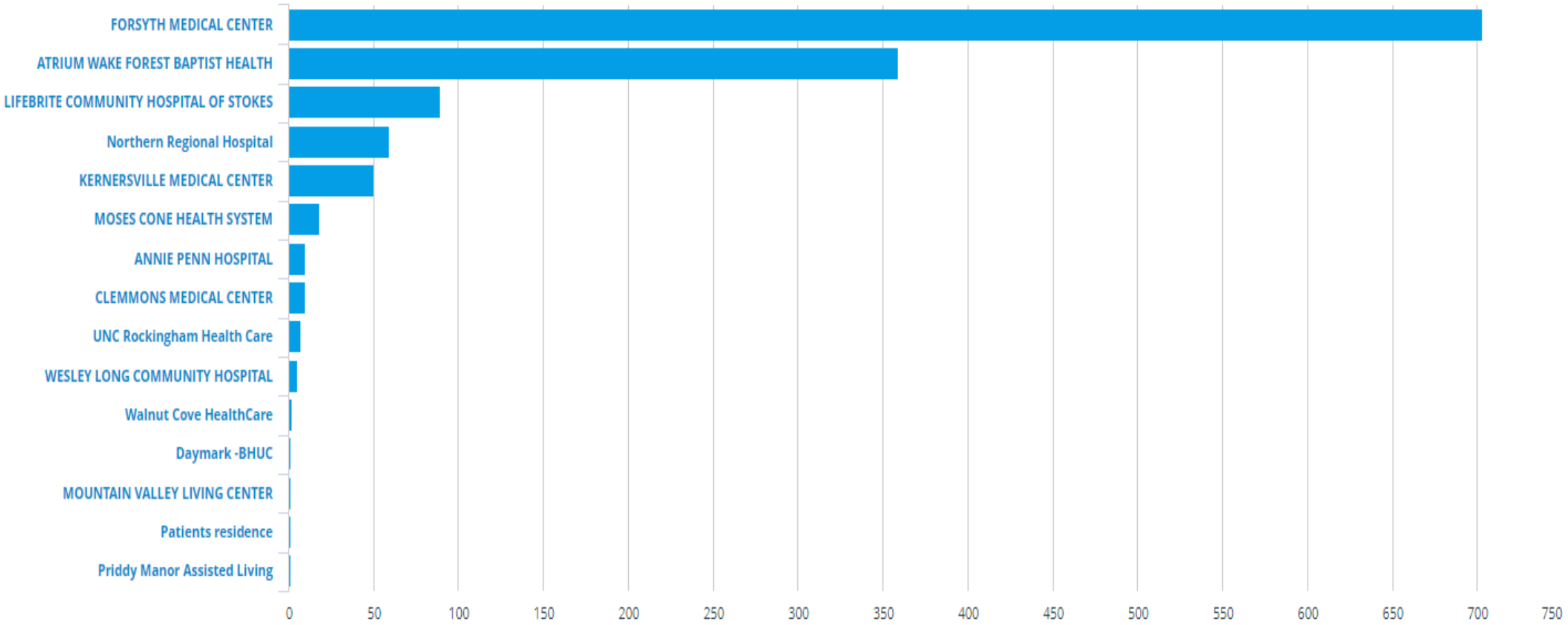




2024 1st Quarter Facility Destination

1,316
RECORDS
In Selected Time Slice

91
DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



2024 1st Quarter Special Patient Populations

Multiple Casualty Incidents = 0

Number of Mass Gatherings/ Special Event Coverage = 12

Number of Tactical Medical Events = 1

STOKES COUNTY EMS
Emergency Medical Service

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2023 Community Paramedic Report

Narcan given to the public = 50

High Utilizers of EMS System
≥ 4 utilizations/month = 2

Number of calls for CP= 66

Number of total referrals within the EMS system and outside resources =61

Number of total refusal calls reviewed by Community Paramedic = 207

Number of active cases currently managed by Community Paramedics = 7 as of 3-31-2024

Number of home visits by Community Paramedics = 27

Number of transports to alternative destinations by Community Paramedics = 10

Number of public education events delivered by Community Paramedics = 8

2024 1st Quarter Report

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

STOKES COUNTY

EM updates for 1st Quarter

- Officially in the new office this quarter with the EOC 90% complete
- Updated the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement
- Tabletop exercise completed with Triad Healthcare Coalition and local Long-Term Care Facility's
- EM Forum in Davidson County
- Working with NCEM to receive reimbursements from previous grants
- The Director of NC Emergency Management requested a meeting to see all the equipment that we have received in the past grants
- Attended the NC Emergency Management Conference in Cherokee
- Working with Duke Energy on the new Nuclear project at Belews Creek Steam Station
- Meeting with Red Cross about shelters in Stokes County

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
NC
STOKES COUNTY

EM Calls for 1st Quarter

- Flooding event with road closures 1/9/24
- Flooding event with road closures 1/28/24
- Gas Leak 1/28/24
- Code 300 at a school false alarm 2/2/24
- Gas Leak 2/20/24
- Fire at Duke Energy 3/20/24 had Red Cross provide meal for 50 fire department personnel
- Message Board deployed to local fire department for event to prevent accidents

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
STOKES COUNTY

First Quarter Report 2024

Stokes County Animal Control/Shelter

Director Charles T. Reeves

Staff:
Natalie Johnston- Shelter Manager
Adam Teague- Senior Agent
Mike Ore- Agent
Bryan Turney- Agent
Dwan Glidewell- Agent
Ashley Clifton- Dispatcher/Office Clerk
Brittany Ashcraft- Attendant
Paige Spriegel- Attendant

When I started with Animal Control on December 23, 2023, I set goals that I wanted to achieve over the first quarter of the 2024 year.

Goals that were set:

- Clean and organize the shelter.
- Renovate the play yard so it meets state standards and can be re-opened.
- Ensure all files are up-to-date.
- Be fully staffed.
- Answer all pending calls for service.
- Have all staff certified on rabies, euthanasia and chemical capture
- Create a training program and training manual.
- Organize all equipment and create equipment inventory with all serial numbers recorded
- Acquire a new reporting system for Animal Control/Shelter

With the staff's assistance, the shelter has been cleaned and organized. Work has begun on the play yard. The rock dust has been removed and replaced with gravel. I am waiting for fence work which is anticipated to begin in the next few weeks. Once it is complete, I will be ready for state inspection so we can re-open the yard for use by the staff and animals. I am projecting to have it reopened by mid-April.

Organizing the records has been a challenge. We currently have over 300 animals showing in Shelter Boss. I have been through the system and printed reports that I could find. We cannot remove the large list of animals from the shelter system due to inaccuracy of reporting in the computer system and printed reports. The system will not let you remove an animal without a disposition, and we have over a hundred animals

that we do not know what happened to them from January 2022 to July 2023. I have been able to locate most of the reports and files that the shelter is required to keep for three years per the state regulations. I have implemented a new filing system so I can keep track of the records and so that this does not happen again.

I was able to hire three very qualified employees, two as animal control agents and one as a shelter attendant. Bryan Turney, Dwan Glidewell, and Paige Spriegel have come in and made us better as an organization. They have shown a willingness to work hard and to learn the task at hand. They all have a sense of service to the animals of Stokes County and to the citizens.

When I started, Animal Control was approximately one hundred calls behind for services varying from nuisance calls, abandoned animals, and citizens wanting animals captured. There was a waiting list of people wanting feral cats caught and removed from their property or just wanting to surrender an animal. This list dated back into 2022. Once we organized and started getting caught up, I found that, due to the calls not being answered, what was one or two cats was now 20 to 30 feral cats. This has created a problem for us due to the high volume of people wanting us to trap these cats. We have started a system where we are at several locations for one week and then we move to other locations the next week. We do not have enough traps to set or enough room to hold the cats otherwise. We are currently up to date on calls for service except for the trapping calls. However, we have gotten a lot of those numbers slimmed down and we continue to rotate through the list.

I am happy to report that everyone passed their rabies class and is currently certified to administer rabies shots. This will be a big help with the rabies clinics that we are going to be offering later in the year. I am still waiting for classes to become available for euthanasia and chemical capture.

Over the past three months, I have been able to implement an employee training program where the new hires are exposed to all areas of the job. The training program consists of five stages: 1) New hires meet with HR for county orientation. 2) New hires meet with the Director to go over county policy with an emphasis on areas of high liability. Expectations are reviewed. 3) New hires meet with the shelter manager to learn procedures and everyday functions of the shelter. 4) The first week is spent with the attendants learning the daily routine of animal care and shelter maintenance. During this time, he/she also works with the dispatcher to learn the filing system. 5) For the next two months, new hire agents will be paired with training agents. The first month will be spent learning how to answer calls for service and the paperwork and follow-up that is associated with them. The second month will be spent with a different agent demonstrating the knowledge gained. Once the training manual is completed and the training agents have checked off on all competencies, the new agent is released to work on their own.

The staff spent a day going through the buildings and vehicles and creating an equipment list. The creation of an equipment list and vehicle inspection sheet allows me to keep track of equipment and what I need to budget for the next year. I also logged all serial numbers from the guns and radios that we have.

I have researched and found a reporting system, Shelter Pro, that will work well for both the agents and the shelter. This system has a cloud service as back up. The system will also allow us to email paperwork so we do not have to print the paperwork for rescue groups. It has a domain that will allow the shelter to have its own website to share animals up for adoption. The system will allow us to enter calls at the shelter and the agents to see the information in the field. I am hoping to have this system in place by June of this year.

Additional Information:
We received a grant for $25,000.00. This money will be spent fixing the floors in the kennels as well as the gate doors on the kennels. The projected date to begin this project is April 15.

The staff works together as a team and supports each other. We are all learning new procedures and expectations, and everyone is stepping up and doing their part to make the shelter runs smoothly.

After extensive searching, I am excited to announce that we have been able to partner with Humane Society of the Piedmont to spay and neuter our animals.

Stokes County Animal Control/Shelter	January 2024 Shelter Report
Dogs Entering Shelter	55
Cats Entering Shelter	71
Other Animals Taken into Custody	4
Total Animal Intake	**130**
Adopted From Shelter	
Dogs	4
Cats	4
Total	**8**
Friends of Stokes Shelter	
Dogs	22
Cats	7
Guinea Pigs	3
Total	**32**
Total # of Other Rescue Groups Acquiring Animals	3
Dogs	7
Cats	7
Other animals	0
Total Number Rescued	**14**
Redemption	
Dogs	7
Cats	2
Total Number Returned to Owner	**9**
Euthanized	
Dogs	25
Cats	4
Feral Cats	37
Other	1
Total	**67**
Calls For Service	
Running at Large/Barking/ Nuisance	21
Welfare Checks	12
Strays Pickups	30
Other calls	26

Calls After Hours	7
Total for Month	**96**

Stokes County Animal Shelter	**February 2024 Shelter Report**
Dogs Entering Shelter	43
Cats Entering Shelter	54
Other Animals Taken into Custody	0
Total Animal Intake	**97**
Adopted From Shelter	
Dogs	10
Cats	7
Total	**17**
Friends Of Stokes Shelter	
Dogs	12
Cats	14
Other	0
Total	**26**
Total # of Rescue Groups Acquiring Animals	3
Dogs	3
Cats	2
Other Animals	0
Total Number Rescued	**5**
Redemption	
Dogs	12
Cats	1
Total Number Returned to Owner	**13**
Euthanized	
Dogs	7
Cats	6
Feral Cats	26
Other	0
Total	**39**
Calls For Service	
Running at Large/Barking/ Nuisance	23
Welfare Checks	6
Strays Pickups	35

Other calls	100
Calls After Hours	
Total for Month	**164**

Stokes County Animal Shelter	**March 2024 Shelter Report**
Dogs Entering Shelter	45
Cats Entering Shelter	103
Other Animals Taken into Custody	2
Total Animal Intake	**150**
Adopted from Shelter	
Dogs	5
Cats	0
Total	**5**
Friends Of Stokes Shelter	
Dogs	18
Cats	9
Guinea Pigs	2
Total	**29**
Total # of Rescue Groups Acquiring Animals	5
Dogs	8
Cats	9
Other Animals	0
Total Number Rescued	**17**
Redemption	
Dogs	5
Cats	2
Total Number Returned to Owner	**7**
Euthanized	
Dogs	15
Cats	13
Feral Cats	53
Other	0
Total	**81**
Calls For Service	
Running at Large/Barking/ Nuisance	19
Welfare Checks	10

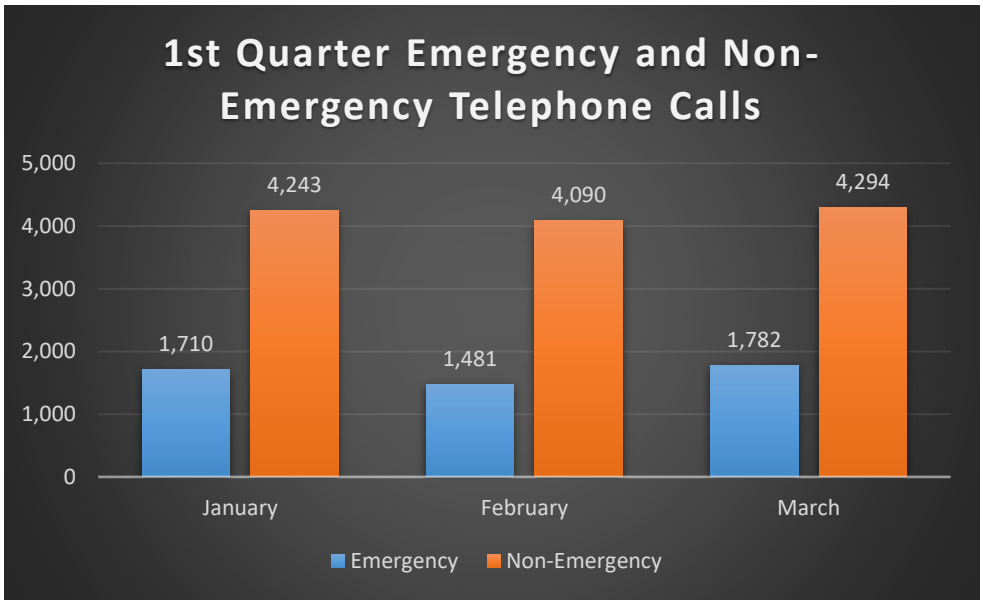
Strays Pickups	29
Other calls	169
Calls After Hours	15
Total for Month	**242**

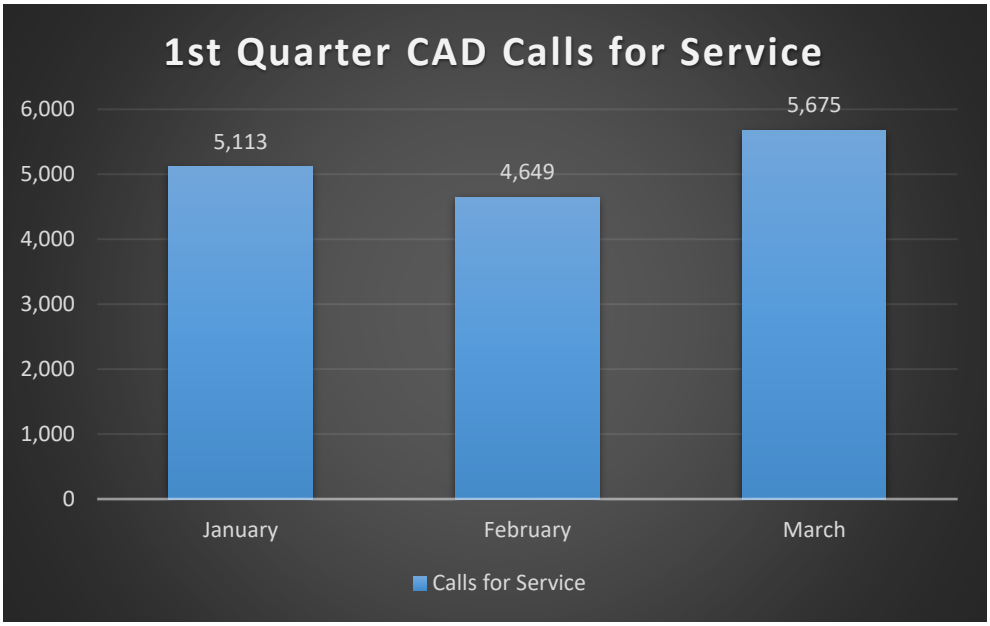
Stokes County Emergency Communications

Quarterly Report

January – March 2024

Stokes County Emergency Communications continues to provide a high level of 911 and dispatch services to the citizens and visitors of Stokes County. Below are our dispatch center statistics and department highlights for the first quarter of 2024.





Department Highlights and Points of Interest:

- Completed and submitted our 5 year financial planning tool to the NC 911 Board.
- Updated our PSAP Backup plan for the NC 911 Board
- Welcomed guest from Burke County 911 and provided them with an overview of RapidSOS Premium software.
- Southern Software project - Kickoff meeting 2/13/24
- Completed (45) public information request
- Disseminated (16) CodeRed – Reverse 911 messages
- Dispatch consoles cleaned and serviced by Communications Center Specialist out of Washington
- Approximately 200 hours of total training completed within the department.
- (2) Full time resignations – both vacancies filled by part time employees who transitioned to full time.
- Completed and submitted department budget request for FY 24-25

Crisis Intervention Chaplain

In January, we welcomed Tammy Young to our team as our Crisis Intervention Chaplain! Tammy is a member of the Stokes County team, but has been appointed to solely serve the Emergency Communications Center and its staff. Tammy brings a lot of knowledge and experience in crisis management, emergency responder support and chaplaincy.

"I think it's important to have someone dedicated to you all that understands the challenges and issues you face, and is willing to help you navigate any of those problems." –Matt Boyles

Stokes County is proud to be one of the very few 911 centers in NC to have a dedicated crisis intervention chaplain on staff!

Stokes County Cooperative Extension
2024 1st Quarter Annual Report

Meet Our Staff

Putting Knowledge to Work - NC State Extension organizes our core programming into three areas. While these areas do not represent all of Extension's efforts, they reflect the base services we offer across Stokes County, as well as where we are best equipped to impact the communities and economy:

- **Feeding Our Future** - Extension recommends Best Management Practices to homeowners with their backyard garden or ornamental and turf questions, and helps farmers with research-based tools and information to help grow North Carolina's nearly $100 billion agriculture industry. From January - March, 369 participants engaged in 173 educational site visits, phone consultations, and workshops.
- **Improving Our Health** - Extension helps people make healthier decisions, reduce their risk of chronic disease, and live better lives, while educating the public about agriculture and local food systems. Stokes County Cooperative Extension offered 10 educational activities from January - March and 244 participants engaged in program activities.
- **Enriching Our Youth** - Extension's 4-H program addresses the diverse issues and needs of today's youth, helping hundreds of thousands of youth grow into healthy and engaged leaders. Stokes County Cooperative Extension offered 21 educational activities from January - March and 532 youth participated in 4-H activities.

Featured Extension Events

- **Heirs Property Summit** - North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University has joined with NC State University to lead a statewide effort to increase knowledge about heirs property. This platform provided educational training, outreach, materials and resources, regarding heirs property issues, to help property owners protect and preserve land in North Carolina that their families have held for generations. Stokes County Extension hosted one of the six summits in North Carolina on February 7, 2024 to six landowners in attendance.
- **Private Applicator Continuing Education Course** - One workshop for farmers and producers was attended by ten Stokes County participants for continuing education and to keep applicator licenses valid for agricultural production.
- **National Ag Day Celebration** - Matt Lenhardt attended the National Ag Day Celebration in Lawsonville on March 19, 2024 and helped teach four sessions to high school students on careers in agriculture, and met Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.
- **Stokes County Beekeepers Association Bee School** - Twelve people attended an introductory class into beekeeping. There were hands-on demonstration stations at the four Saturday classes, as well as a field day to complete the certified beekeeper certification with NCSBA. The courses were held in February 2024.
- **Mobile Processing Unit** - In the first quarter of 2024, the equipment was rented two times, resulting in over $444 of economic impact. Stokes County Cooperative Extension plans to offer two annual required training sessions for consumers who plan to rent the equipment. Participants will gain knowledge and skills to properly process poultry at home and produce a safe, wholesome product.

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- **Safe Plates for Food Managers** - Stokes County Cooperative Extension partnered with Stokes County Environmental Health inspectors to offer Safe Plates March 18-20, 2024 at the American Legion with five attendees. Safe Plates for Food Managers is a food safety certification that is equivalent to a ServSafe certification. Proper food handling techniques are essential to reduce food-borne illnesses and keep restaurants in business.
- **Safe Plates Refresher Course** - On February 26, 2024, an annual one-hour food safety refresher course was taught to Stokes County Senior Services employees. Six people attended the training.
- **Air Fryer Class** - Stokes County Cooperative Extension partnered with King Senior Center to offer a three-hour hands-on class to educate seniors on how to cook healthy recipes using the air fryer. Twelve people attended this class on March 25, 2024.
- **Dining with Diabetes** - Stokes County Cooperative Extension partnered with LifeBrite Community Hospital of Pine Hall to offer a four-part educational series for those with diabetes. Six people attended this four-week class in January.
- **Feed Stokes 5K/Half Marathon** - Stokes County Cooperative Extension helped organize and provided education at the event which was held at Central Park in King on March 9, 2024 with 195 registrants from 11 states. A total of $6300 and over 3400 cans of food were donated to the three food pantries in Stokes County - East Stokes Outreach Ministry, King Outreach Ministry, and Northern Stokes Food Pantry.
- **3rd Annual Stokes County Agritourism Conference** - Agritourism is a growing topic in North Carolina. NC Cooperative Extension has the opportunity to bolster this agricultural trend. The third Stokes County Agritourism Conference took place on March 16, 2024. Stokes County Cooperative Extension partnered with the Stokes County Arts Council, Stokes County Tourism, and Ag South. The conference consisted of an all-day farm tour. Four farm locations included presentations from the farmers on their agritourism business as well as tours of their facilities. These agritourism businesses were Plum Granny Farm, Robertson Family Farm, Buffalo Creek Farm and Creamery, and Dragon Glass Winery. The conference had 11 attendees, and were joined by our planning committee.
- **4-H Achievement Night** - On Thursday, February 29, 2024, 25 Stokes County 4-Hers and families gathered at the Stokes County Cooperative Extension Office for their annual 4-H Achievement Night. 4-H Achievement Night is an event to celebrate our 4-Her's accomplishments and success from the previous year. Youth were recognized for completing and participating in:
    - Project Record Books (Malachi Evans of Walnut Cove received Gold in Personal Development)
    - Portfolios (Malachi Evans of Walnut Cove received Gold in Expressive Arts & Personal Development)
    - Presentations (Eva McHugh of Pine Hall received Gold at County, District and State level in 8-10 Age Category of Family & Consumer Sciences, Mariah McHugh of Pine Hall received Gold at County level and Bronze at District level in 14-18 Age Category of Arts & Communications, and Malachi Evans of Walnut Cove received Gold at County and District Level, and Silver at State level in 14-18 Age Category of Digital Reality)
    - Fun with 4-H Foods (Noah, Shepherd, and Charlotte Moorefield of Westfield, Malachi Evans of Walnut Cove)
    - North Central District Teen Retreat (Noah and Shepherd of Westfield, Malachi Evans of Walnut Cove, Natalie Sells of King, and Ana McAuley of Concord)
    - NC 4-H Congress (Noah and Shepherd of Westfield, Malachi Evans of Walnut Cove, Haddie and Chloe Priddy of Walnut Cove, Natalie Sells of King, Ariel Spencer of King, and Ana McAuley of Concord)
    - 4-H Camp (Tucker and Byron East of Walnut Cove, Jace Phipps of Walnut Cove, and Piper Konig of Oak Ridge)

  A 4-Her of the Year and 4-H Club of the Year was also awarded. Noah Moorefield of Westfield received 4-Her of the Year for being a light and mentor to other 4-Hers within his club and community. Noah has been involved in the Stokes County 4-H program for 11 years. School Skippers 4-H Club was awarded the 4-H Club of the Year for their tremendous efforts of giving back to their community and club involvement. In addition, we recognized nine of our Volunteer Club Leaders for their years of service and commitment to their 4-H Clubs. Leslie Brewer was recognized for 23+ years of service as a 4-H Volunteer. Leslie is retiring as a 4-H Volunteer and was shown appreciation for her dedication to Stokes County 4-H and the School Skippers 4-H Club with a Richard Tumbleston "Hands of Service" print.

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- **Clover Classic Livestock Show** - Stokes County Cooperative Extension hosted the 12th Clover Classic Livestock Show, which was held March 23-24, 2024 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds (home of the Carolina Classic Fair), reaching over 120 youth exhibitors from across NC, SC, WV, and VA. There were a total of 86 head of cattle, 12 hogs, 47 sheep, and 39 goats present. Over 10 sponsors donated over $5,000 for prizes and sponsorship. Fifteen volunteers spent countless hours preparing for the show, as well as working the show. Youth learn life skills such as self-motivation, decision-making, accepting responsibility, developing self-discipline, knowledge of the livestock industry, and building positive self-esteem, just to name a few.
- **NC State University Snap-Ed 2nd Grade Steps to Health program** - Stokes County Schools do not teach in-depth healthy lifestyle lessons, so that's where Stokes County Cooperative Extension and Stokes County 4-H come in to help. Stokes County Cooperative Extension and 4-H have been providing the NCSU Snap-Ed 2nd Grade Steps to Health program for the past seven years in up to two elementary schools. For Spring 2024, Stokes County 4-H offered the program to all elementary schools to gauge interest. Stokes County Cooperative Extension and 4-H partnered with 10 teachers to provide the NCSU Snap-Ed 2nd grade Steps to Health program at five elementary schools. The program consists of nine 45-minute lessons where youth are learning about the five food groups, staying hydrated, being active, and eating healthy foods. Stokes County Cooperative Extension and 4-H has seen an increase of participation with this particular program from two schools to five schools, and anywhere from 45 youth to 180 youth. Youth are learning concepts such as healthy lifestyles by understanding the difference between healthy and unhealthy foods, being active, and staying hydrated.
- **Insight Human Services Jr. BLAST Afterschool Program** - The Insight Human Services Jr. BLAST Afterschool program requested to partner with Stokes County Cooperative Extension to provide STEM programming at the seven school sites. Stokes County 4-H partnered with Jr. BLAST to provide a STEM lesson for each site. The lesson is about an hour long and allows youth the opportunity to learn about water molecules and surface tensions with water and coins. Stokes County Cooperative Extension is now involved in this afterschool program, as well as providing STEM education to our youth. Stokes County 4-H has reached 93 youth through the STEM lessons provided at Germanton, Lawsonville, London, and Nancy Reynolds between January - March. Youth learned about gravity and surface tension through hands-on learning.

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Stokes County District Resource Center – Pretrial Release Services

January 2024 to March 2024 Review

We are currently overseeing 10 participants in our Pretrial release program, generating a saving to the county 436 jail bed days totaling $37,060.00. Two participants were accepted into pretrial that experienced medical / mental health conditions that required in-patient treatment at a medical / mental health facility that also generated a savings to Stokes County potential treatment costs of approximately $38,000.00 along with manpower supervision hours. The average time for a pretrial participant in 2024 thus far is 44 days.

We have supervised 23 participants with a total of 520 hours generating a saving of $3,770.00 calculated at $7.25 per hour in our Community Service Work Program. We have accomplished duties of roadside trash pickup removing 95 bags of trash from our roadways, mowing, weed-eating, leaf removal, county vehicle clean-ups, and general office cleaning.

Brandon Tucker our DRC Work Program Coordinator along with Craig Clark & Barry Joyce our two-part time DRC Work Program Coordinators, do a fantastic job with the CSW's assigned to us keeping an eye on the details and making sure all safety procedures are number one in getting the work completed.

We have collected 76 individual drug screen samples for verification along with on-site rapid tests results, this quarter.

In March of 2024, Kimberly Lewis achieved 5-year anniversary with Stokes County, she joined Stokes County District Resource Center as Senior Office Assistant in September 2023. We have also celebrated birthdays in our department January, Kimberly Lewis, February, Brandon Tucker & Cathy Knight. We feel our staff improves with each passing year.

We are looking forward to welcoming a division of DSS to the upstairs of our building in the coming weeks.

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The Finance Department continues to manage the following grants:

OSBM grant #20594	1,300,000.00
OSBM SCIF Hospital grant	10,000,000.00
OSBM SCIF Courthouse grant	2,000,000.00
Emergency Mgmt. Capacity Building grant	294,000.00
Rural Transformation grant	850,000.00
NC State grant for Sheriff's office	100,000.00
NCDEQ SRF grant for SCWSA	18,326,250.00
NCDEQ DWI grant for Danbury Water	5,000,000.00

The Finance Department continues to manage the Opioid Settlement Funding.
County of Stokes will continue to receive monies in total of 7,266,546.00 until December 31, 2038.

We are in the process of the finance software conversion with Harris ERP CitySuite. We have weekly Business Process Review (BPR) meetings with our Harris Systems representative.

Finance is gathering preliminary figures for all departments to aid the Budget Officer with the FY 2024-25 budget.

We have completed the LEOSSA GASB 73. The objective of GASB 73 is to improve the usefulness of information about pensions included in the general purpose external financial reports of state and local governments for making decisions and assessing accountability. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for all postemployment benefits regarding providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency.

We have completed a full valuation of Other Post Employment Benefits (GASB 74&75) reporting that is included in the FY 23-24 Audit. GASB Statement No. 75 (*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*) is accompanied by GASB Statement No. 74 (*Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*); GASB Statement No. 74 relates to the plans of other postemployment benefits, whereas GASB Statement No. 75 relates to the participating entities of those other postemployment benefit plans.

We have completed the preparation of County of Stokes FY 22 Cost Allocation Plan and are in the process of completing the FY 23 Cost Allocation Plan.

Our Auditors have made selections for the County and County of Stokes Water & Sewer Authority for the FY 2023-24 audit with a due date of 5/31/24. They will be on site the week of June 17th for the preliminary field testing.

Stokes County Fire Marshal
1st Quarter Report

The Fire Marshal Office has been busy with emergency responses, inspections, and training.

Emergency Response:

- The Fire Marshals Office responded to 87 incidents in the first quarter.

Incident Type	01-2024	02-2024	03-2024	Totals
100 - Fire	3	4	9	16
300 - EMS	4	7	5	16
400 - Hazmat	1	1	0	2
500 - Service Calls	15	1	0	2
600 – Cancelled PTA	15	18	17	50
700 – False Alarms	0	1	0	1
Annual Total	24	32	31	87

Investigations:

- The staff has conducted 11 Origin and Cause Fire Investigations, with 1 case awaiting trial.

Inspections:

- The Fire Marshals Office has conducted 50 inspections of businesses and Churches this quarter with 105 code violations found, of these violations 3 Citations were issued totaling $300.00. We will inspect every School in April along with normal inspections and re-inspections. We also conducted 2 Foster Home inspections this quarter.

Plan Review:

- The staff has conducted plan review for several new construction and remodel projects going on in the county. This also requires project status site visits, and consultation with Contractors and Architects.

Trainings:

Classes Attended by Staff	Hours
Fire Inspector Level 3	24
Fire Inspector Level 1	45
Fire Investigation	13
CFI Legal Update	4
Other Fire / Rescue Trainings	33
3 Employees Total hours of training	119

Public Education:

- The Fire Marshals Office has conducted Fire Extinguisher training for North Stokes High School, and Stokes Partnership for Children. We also taught Fire Prevention for Northern Stokes Food, Fun and Friends. Fire Marshal Scott Aaron participated in Read across America, reading to the kindergarten class at Sandy Ridge Elementary School. These events allowed us to provide fire safety education to 70 kids of various ages and 17 adults. We just completed building a new fire extinguisher prop, which will help us to continue to provide fire extinguisher training. This prop is propane operated and will be cheaper and cleaner to operate, thanks to Hall Propane and Machine & Welding of Danbury for their assistance in the build.

Fire Department Budget Meetings:

- Fire Department budget time is always a busy time for the office, gathering information for the Fire Commissioners. The budget process is more than just a couple of nights. The Fire Commission has budget goal work sessions throughout the year. This office sends out budget packets to all Fire Departments and requests the information required by the Commission to prepare for the budget process. We then assemble the information and prepare the meetings for the budget process. The meetings are held after hours at the Emergency Operations Center and are spread out over several nights.

Safety and Accident Review Meetings:

- The accident review committee have our regular meetings to discuss safety issues in the County and review vehicle accidents.
- Vehicle Accident Review – 8 Incidents in the First Quarter
- Safety Meeting – Discussed safety concerns and ideas for the County.

OSHA:

- We are still working with OSHA Consultative services to evaluate all County Departments.

Emergency Management:

- The Fire Marshals Office along with Emergency Management applied for the CBCG Grant for a Wildland Fire Response unit. This unit is a cache of equipment and a trailer to respond to assist NC Forestry and Local Fire Departments during wildland fires. This office inspects and operates all equipment to maintain a ready status of EM equipment.

Fire Service Support:

- The Staff attended meetings with the Fire Chiefs to help create a Strategic Plan for Fire Department staffing. We attended Tanker Task Force Meetings with the Fire Chiefs to discuss ideas to better serve the citizens of Stokes County with apparatus response planning.
- Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association meetings in January and March.

Health Department First Quarter Update (2024)

The following audits were completed:

- Clinical/Administrative Record Review
- CD/STD Audit
- Two Year Immunization Assessment
- NCIP Immunizations Audit
- Mandatory Family Planning Audit

Audits were in compliance with no CAP (Corrective Action Plan) needed. In our clinic, there was a rise of respiratory viruses for the first quarter. We have seen an increase in MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) patients as well with the start of the MAT Bridge program with EMS. Our WIC Department is now fully staffed. We still have an Environmental Health position open as well as the Opioid Coordinator position being placed on hold.

Three of my supervisors and myself are participating in a Leadership Coaching program. This offers personal one-on-one sessions as well as group sessions with others in our regional local health departments.

1/01/24 – 3/31/24 – Patient visits per health program

Adult Health: 450
Child Health: 114
Family Planning: 72
Immunizations: 60
Maternal Health: 52
STD: 26
Tuberculosis: 35

Total: 809 visits

Environmental Health (Jan – Feb.)

Site Visits: 112
Sites Evaluated: 63
Improvement Permits Issued: 39
Improvement Permits Denied: 2
Construction Authorizations New: 42
Construction Authorizations Repair/Replacement: 17
Migrant Housing Inspections: 8
Sewage Complaints: 4
Operation Permits Issued: 33
Well Site Evaluated: 32
Grouting Inspection: 8
Well Head Inspection:15
Well Head Approved: 9
Well Head Disapproved: 7
Well Construction Permit Issued New: 36
Well Construction Permit Issued Repair: 2

Food and Lodging Inspections: 44

Information Technology First Quarter Report (2024)

Ken Farmer, IT Director

STAFF

Ken Farmer, IT Director

Mike Schaper, Systems Engineer

Lee Edwards, Systems Engineer

The IT Department continues to focus on its primary goal of servicing and supporting technology used by county employees. As the efficiency and speed of responses to support calls, service requests and equipment orders have increased and so has the volume of requests. We are now averaging 50+ contacts daily. We continue to work on several large projects that are expected to last through several more quarters including Southern CAD/RMS/JMS, CitySuite upgrade, Cisco Router/Firewall replacement/upgrade, and more.

. CAD/RMS/JMS: Server setup and testing with vendor, continuing migration of data from old system to Southern Software.

. New Router/Firewall: Installed, working on configuration.

. New Child Support Offices: Installed new router/firewall.

. King/WIC Office: PC/network/printer setup completed.

. Replaced primary fiber switch.

. Installed Sonicwall firewall and created a VPN for new Child Support offices.

. Provided IT support to crew that cleaned the 911 terminals.

. Provided quotes for department budgets.

. Installed wireless AP in Planning

. Clean up old surplus of computers and took to landfill to be recycled.

. Made major changes to email backend to via Microsoft Azure/Entra to create more secure emails in order to protect from phishing and emails being faked from outside of the domain.

. Upgraded many computers to newer version of Office in order to allow for encryption to ensure private communications which encrypted per government requirements.

COUNTY OF STOKES

Planning and Inspections

Eric Nance, Planning and Inspections Director

For the first quarter of 2024, we issued 367 permits that translated to $89,074.32 which is a 73% increase over the first quarter of 2023 at $51,593.62 at a difference of $37,480.70.

2024

- January - $28,036.14
- February - $34,641.74
- March - $26,396.44

2023

- January - $16,079.85
- February - $19,255.67
- March - $16,258.10

In this first quarter on January 25th, we rezoned a 32.75 parcel of land off of Goinstown Road for a winery to be built by Carrollwood Farms to include food and beverage operations and overnight stay with spa facilities. The construction of this facility will bring an estimated 100+ jobs to Stokes County.

With the purchase of our new software package through GovBuilt, we have been compiling and sending permit applications with the help of IT, GIS, and Finance to get the GovBuilt team the proper information. This way our permit package can be built out so that we can move forward with our new processes.

On February 8th, we welcomed the newest member to our team, Mr. Hamilton Taylor. Since his hire, Mr. Taylor has done an excellent job in working with our Contractors and Citizens in Stokes County. We believe he is going to be a great asset in moving forward and we are happy he is on our team.

Every day our team continues to answer questions that our contractors, citizens, and surveyors may have and guides them in the proper direction for land use and to get them the permits that they may need in a timely and professional manner.

Congratulations to Permit Technician/Office Manager Julie Potter and Permit Technician Kathy Landreth for completing their Notary Public certification which will be a great asset to our team in assisting our customers with permitting. They put in a lot of hard work throughout the day fielding calls, answering questions, processing permits, and working very closely with the director and inspectors through our department.

County of Stokes

Purchasing Department

To: Amber Brown, Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board

From: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

Date: April 1, 2024

Re: First Quarter Report 2024

The purchasing department continues to be busy working with all departments in purchasing equipment and necessary supplies. Along with purchasing duties, I have several ongoing projects.

163 P0s were issued from January 1, 2024- March 31, 2024

Below are the projects that I continue to work on and the status:

Design Build project for the renovations on Main Street in Danbury- Design phase is in process. The team has been meeting with the potential renters to discuss their needs. This will help with the design of the spaces we will be providing.

Renovations for the Board of Elections- Colt Simmons Construction anticipated date of completion of renovations to building is mid-April. Awaiting schedule for internet and phone lines to be installed. Currently in the process of receiving quotes for security and access controls.

Courthouse addition and renovations- Relocation of the helipad continues. Once relocated, NCDOT has been contracted to complete the new parking area. Peterson/Gordon Architects has completed bid documents and awaits posting for bids until finance approves the calendar to achieve what is needed to finance.

Animal Shelter- EMR Services has been contracted for the demolition. I will be meeting with them in the next few weeks to create a timeline for demolition. Stewart and I are working with various departments that have items stored and we have a couple of options to proceed with getting these items removed prior to demolition.

Stokes County Senior Services Quarterly Report 2024

January, February, March

Walnut Cove Senior Center-

The Walnut Cove Senior Center served 133 clients this quarter and 255 clients with the Expanded Services Grant. The Expanded Services calendar for February is attached behind the quarterly report. The expanded services programs and activities continue to be well attended and supported by the communities. An activity calendar is created each month for the expanded services programs by Paula Hall and Reba Dodson the King/Walnut Cove Senior Center Director/Coordinator. Reba Dodson, the Coordinator of the Walnut Cove Senior Center creates an activity calendar each month to share with participants and clients that would like to attend the programs on site at the WC Senior Center. Calendars for both Senior Centers are shared on the County Website and on each center's social media page. The calendar of activities is attached behind the report as well.

Senior Services-

Home Delivered Meals Service- Using Home and Community Care Block Grant funds, we served 275 clients and served 5,215 in the last three months. Using ARPA Grant funds, we served 180 clients and served 5,215 meals. The ARPA funded meals were a combination of frozen and shelf-ready foods.

Congregate Nutrition Services- The King nutrition site served 11 unduplicated clients this quarter and served 314 meals. The Walnut Cove nutrition site served 29 unduplicated clients and 732 meals this quarter.

Medical Transportation- We served 74 unduplicated clients with Medical Transportation service and served 302 trips (units).

General Transportation- We served 59 unduplicated clients with General Transportation services and served 268 trips (units).

Legal Services- All Legal Funds have been expended for this fiscal year.

SHIIP Insurance Counseling- We have a new employee: Wendy Bullins, our new Senior Aide/SHIIP Coordinator. She has completed her online Counselor training and is now continuing with STARS training. If all goes well, she will be prepared to counsel clients by May 1, 2024.

Senior Services is a department with 9 employees, 5 part-time and 4 full-time. We currently have one employee out on medical leave.

STOKES SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO Box 98, Danbury, NC 27016 ▪ PHONE 336.593.2490 ▪ FAX 336.593.4010 ▪ www.stokesswcd.org

Stokes Soil & Water Conservation District - Natural Resources Dept.

Quarterly Report for *January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024*

- Program Update
  - Approved five (5) cost share program applications for the installation of best management practices (bmp's)
  - Provided technical assistance to 11 landowners involving 11 site visits
  - Prepared & certified six (6) conservation plans
  - McKayla Sawyers received USDA/NRCS Job Approval Authority certification on four (4) best management practices on 2/26/24
  - McKayla also received NC Soil & Water Commission Job Approval Authority certification on four (4) best management practices on 3/27/24

- Grant Update
  - Applied for 2nd round of StRAP grant funding on 2/23/24 requesting $727,431 to remove debris from 11 additional stream segments and repair one watershed pond structure maintained by the county – award will be announced on 5/15/24
  - Applied for NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation ADFP grant funding in March requesting $37,941 to purchase farm rental equipment and educational items

- Education Update
  - I conducted water quality presentations for all 8th grade students at Chestnut Grove Middle School on 1/26/24; 240 students attended
  - Held county-wide Poster, Essay & Slideshow Contests for students in grades 3-12 on 2/8/24; 202 students submitted entries
  - Sponsored two high school teams, made up of 12 students, from South Stokes High School to compete in the Northwest Envirothon competition held in Wilkes Co. on 3/19/24
  - Received four (4) nominations for our Conservation Educator of the Year contest; our Soil & Water board chose Jessica Edwards from Piney Grove Middle School as the winner at their monthly meeting on 3/20/24

- <u>Meetings/Trainings</u>
    - Staff attended the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting in Durham on 1/8/24 & 1/9/24
        - McKayla was a speaker/panelist at this meeting, discussing Stokes County's success with the StRAP grant program; ~250 people were in attendance.
    - Staff attended the Area 2 District Issues Committee Meeting (involving 13 counties in northwest NC) on 2/7/24 in Wilkes Co. to discuss cost share programs, staff engineering & training needs, and state certification program
    - Staff attended the NC Division of Soil & Water Conservation annual program training on 2/24/24 in Statesville
    - McKayla attended the NC Cattlemen's Meeting on 2/23/24 in Hickory
    - McKayla attended the Stokes Co. Voluntary Agricultural District board meeting on 3/21/24 to present VAD applications to the board for review/approval; Soil & Water staff are advisors to the VAD board

- <u>Outreach</u>
    - Mailed/emailed Spring Newsletter to 2,400 citizens on 3/7/24, highlighting upcoming events, featured best management practices, and recognizing student achievements.
    - McKayla was the guest speaker at the Stokes County Cattlemen's meeting on 3/27/24. Her presentation highlighted best management practices and program funding available; 20 people were in attendance.

Stokes County Economic Development

First Quarter 2024 Report

EDPNC Site & Project Requests Received: 22

RFI's Submitted for Projects: 0

- Reason for no submissions continues to be lack of available on the market inventory, lack of available shovel ready sites, spec buildings, or options on property to submit a proposal to prospective companies looking at North Carolina for expansion or development.
- Many project requests require larger buildings and ceiling heights than any building available.
- Many of the 22 requests require proximity to Interstate or Major Highway and International Airport

Assumed Business Name Information Per Stokes County Register Of Deeds

Assumed Business Names Registered: 16

Assumed Business Names Amended: 3

Assumed Business Names Withdrawn: 1

- Lack of Business License Permits or Registration Requirements limits immediate knowledge of new businesses who open or locate in Stokes County. Many businesses do not contact the department to make us aware of their plans to open and operate within the County. Stokes County Economic Development does our best to locate and note each business as they come online in the county.
- The same situation arises when a business closes up shop, unless noticed while out an about or via online and social media pages. Awareness of closed businesses aren't always immediately known.

New Businesses Opened in Stokes County Q1

- McDonalds – Walnut Cove, NC
- Bin-Sanity – Walnut Cove, NC
- Massey Family Chiropractic – Walnut Cove, NC

Businesses Ceasing Operation in Stokes County Q1

- Wooden Ladder Art Loft – King, NC

Meetings & Community Awareness Events Attended or Lead

- Occupancy Tax Public Interest Information Meetings
- Safety Committee Update on Dan River Mile Marker Signage Project
- Presented to 3 Senior Citizen Group Events on Tourism (in conjunction with ROD and Tax).
- DRBA Dan River State Trail Public Interest Meeting
- Calvary Christian School Career Day
- YMCA Campaign Kick Off Breakfast
- King Chamber Bi Monthly Meetings
- King Chamber Orientation

- Stokes Partnership for Children Monthly Meetings
- Habitat for Humanity Monthly Board Meetings
- Business Leader of the Year Event
- Habitat for Humanity Home Ground Breaking
- Stokes To Surry Connections Monthly Meetings
- Dan River Basin Summer River Outing Interest Meeting

Conferences & Professional Development Opportunities

- NC Arts Council Regional Meeting at The Arts Place
- EDPNC – NC100 Round Table Discussion and Reception
- Visit North Carolina Conference – March 2024
- Monthly Visit North Carolina Webinars
- PTRC Broadband Mapping System Orientation
- NC Commerce R2 Orientation
- America's 250th Grant Introduction and Information Webinar

Professional Organization Meetings Attended

- NWRPO Meetings
- King Economic Development Committee Bi-Monthly Meetings
- Agritourism Tour Organizational Meetings
- Moratock Park LWCF Updates
- Moratock Bridge Replacement Update Meetings

Project Reporting and Submissions in Q1

- Bi-yearly Report on Building Reuse Grant (Project Mitchell) – January 15th
- Reimbursement Submission for Building Reuse Grant (Project Mitchell) – January 10th

Business Expansion or Retention Requests: 3

- Due to confidentiality and ongoing work on projects in this category details cannot be shared publically until information is public and ready to be announced.

Other Departmental Duties this Quarter

- Prepared and worked with quotes and pricing for upcoming projects in the FY 24-25 Budget
- Organized documentation and line item details for inputting Budget into GEMS
- Met with and observed pitches from companies who offer services that would be beneficial to tracking and keeping up with demographics, visitation, travel in Stokes County.
- Worked through advertising and preparing and presenting Resolutions for collection of Occupancy Tax and formation of a Tourism Development Authority
- Collaborated with the County Manager to gather data from local restaurants and food trucks in the formation of a Food Truck on Government Property Policy
- Presented and worked to complete the CGI Community Video Project for County Website.
- Meet with prospective campground business in collaboration with Planning and Zoning.
- Developed Advertisements and Marketing Materials for Stokes County in collaboration with other County Departments.

County of Stokes
Vehicle Department

To: Amber Brown, Interim County Manager

From: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager
Danny Triplett, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor

Date: April 1, 2024

Re: First Quarter Report 2024

Vehicle Maintenance continues to stay busy with the current fleet. New ambulances are still on backorder, and with the high mileage on several of them, the challenge continues to keep them going.

The number of work orders completed in the first quarter totaled 153.

The new lift was installed on January 24, 2024.This gives the garage the ability to service two of the larger vehicles at the same time. This has helped with downtime waiting on parts for repairs on the larger vehicles.

Veterans Services First Quarter Report (2024)

Veteran Services began the new year with the addition of a new 3 day/week part-time employee, Elaine Nelson. She has already become an asset to this department by utilizing her interpersonal skills, her ability to read and apply State and Federal regulations that apply to Veterans benefits. The majority of her time is being spent in the extensive VSO training program required to not only provide her with the knowledge needed to prepare VA claims but to successfully pass the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Accreditation Exam. This will allow her to acquire the VA's VPI card that is necessary to access and work in the VA's benefits system. Her target date for completion of this training and testing is late April 2024. After this she will begin to work with Veterans on a day-to-day basis, under my guidance.

The workload of this department continues to increase as the VA has initiated several highly publicized national public service announcements of expanded VA benefits to an increasingly larger number of eligible veterans. This has resulted in a higher daily call volume of veterans calling to either make an appointment to come into the office and file a claim or get the information needed to determine their eligibility. This has implications for me, in the form of required on-line training or self-study. The complexity of this VSO job has increased exponentially since the passage and phased implementation of the PACT ACT, which became law on Aug. 10, 2022. On average, I see (face-to-face, in office) 8 to 10 veterans or eligible survivors per week who had scheduled appointments. In addition, I see on average an additional 6 to 8 veterans either wanting to file a claim, get a property tax deferment form completed, need a form completed for a disabled veteran license plate or other VA related issues. Most claims are complex, meaning multiple VA forms are required to complete the claims process. It is not uncommon to have to schedule a follow up appointment to provide additional information to the VA that veterans did not have at initial filing. As of 03/28/2024 **a total of 116 disability claims were submitted to the VA**. This is an average of 9.6 claims per 4-day work week. An additional **27 claims were submitted for VA Medical Benefits**.

It has become impossible not to take note of the increased number of veterans who have recently relocated to Stokes County from out of state and are contacting this office. Many already have disability rating and request property tax deferrals, disabled veteran license form, NC hunting and fishing Lifetime licenses forms for disabled veterans. In many cases, they already have a 100% disability rating and requested to sign a NCDMVA representation form 21-22 to come to this office in case they need to file additional claims. It is possible to get compensation above the 100% level in some instances.

Answering phone calls, which average 10 per day, consume at least 1 to 2 hours daily. This, of course, will vary depending on the complexity of the callers' needs.

Administrative duties require on average 1 hour/day. This of course will vary depending on the time of month.

In summary, it has been a busy, but productive 1st quarter 2024, a great deal has been accomplished but many opportunities to serve the veteran population of Stokes County in new and better ways await us.

Larry Hunsucker, Director Veteran Services

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: VIII.a.

Proposed Purchase Agreement for Future Green Box Site

Contact: Public Works Director Stewart Easter

Summary:
Public Works Director Stewart Easter has been working on strategic planning for future needs of the county related to his department. One of those plans is the growth of King area and the need for an additional Green Box Site for that area of the county. Mr. Easter has been searching for a potential good location to place this site and has found that ideal location. The parcel is located off of Hawkins Road and would be a portion of that parcel not exceeding two acres. The property is also already zoned for the appropriate usage.

The owner, Mr. Dean Slate, is interested in selling a portion of the parcel to the County for this purpose and has agreed to terms and conditions proposed as part of the attached purchase agreement if the Board is interested in moving forward. The location is east of King and would also benefit portions of the Germanton and Walnut Cove area as well. County Attorney Browder has approved and drafted the attached purchase agreement for commissioner review.

After the last commissioners meeting, Public Works Director Easter will be coming back to the meeting with more information to answer proposed questions. Attached is additional documentation that has been put together.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Purchase Agreement for Future Green Box Site	3/22/2024	Cover Memo
Maps for Proposed Green Box Location	4/5/2024	Cover Memo

OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT

COUNTY OF STOKES, as Buyer, hereby offers to purchase, and **DEAN SLATE and wife Jill T. Snyder** as Seller, upon acceptance of said offer, agrees to sell and convey, a parcel of land described ("the Property"), upon the following terms and conditions:

1. REAL PROPERTY: Located in the Stokes County, NC, and being a portion of tax Pin 6923-86-6651, and not to exceed two (2) acres, to be determined by current survey.

2. PURCHASE PRICE: The purchase price is $25,000.00 per acre, excluding easement area.

3. TERMS OF PURCHASE:

(a) Seller shall provide a current survey and survey map of the land to be purchased, at no cost to the Buyer. The survey shall also show the boundaries of an easement for a Commercial Truck entrance over Seller's remaining land. Seller and Buyer must both approve the survey.

(b) Seller shall also convey a non-exclusive perpetual easement for a Commercial Truck entrance for the mutual use of Seller and Buyer.

(c) Buyer will install a chain link fence around the designated Recycling Center area of Property. Seller, at Seller's expense, will be allowed to connect to said fence to extend the fencing around his property.

(f) The Buyer agrees to pay all costs for the title work, deed preparation, recording fees, and revenue stamps. Title shall be delivered by the Seller at closing by General Warranty Deed, free and clear of any encumbrances or assessments. There must be no restriction, easement, zoning or other governmental regulation that would prevent the reasonable use of the real property for Buyer's intended use. All deeds of trust, liens and other charges against the Property must be paid and satisfied by Sellers prior to or at closing such that cancellation may be promptly obtained following closing. Sellers shall remain obligated to obtain any such cancellations following closing. The Property must have legal access to public right-of-way.

(h) Ad valorem taxes on the Property for 2024 shall be paid by Seller.

(i) Seller agrees to use best efforts to deliver to Buyer as soon as reasonably possible after the acceptance of this offer, copies of all title information in possession of or available to Seller, including but not limited to: title insurance policies, attorney's opinions on title, surveys, covenants, deeds, notes and deeds of trust and easements relating to the Property.

(j) Sellers will provide reasonable access to Buyer or Buyer's representatives for the purposes of appraisal, inspection, and/or evaluation. Buyer may conduct a walk-through inspection of the Property prior to closing.

(k) Closing shall be defined as the date and time of recording of the deed. All parties agree to execute any and all documents and papers necessary in connection with closing and transfer to Buyer title on or before April 1, 2024, at a site determined by the Buyer. The deed is to be made to the County of Stokes. Possession shall be delivered at closing. Payment of the purchase price shall not be due until July 15, 2024.

(l) This contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their heirs, successors and assigns. As used herein, words in the singular include the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders, as appropriate. If any provision herein contained which by its nature and effect is required to be observed, kept or performed after the closing, it shall survive the closing and remain binding upon and for the benefit of the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

(m) This contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducements or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions hereto must be in writing and signed by all parties. This offer shall before a binding contract when signed by both Buyer and Sellers. This contract is executed under seal in signed multiple originals, all of which together constitute one and the same instrument, with a signed original being retained by each party, and the parties adopt the word SEAL beside their signatures below.

DATE: _____ **DATE:** _____

BUYER:

County of Stokes

by: _____ **(SEAL)**

Name and Title: _____

SELLER:

_____ **(SEAL)**

_____ **(SEAL)**

STOKES COUNTY PROPOSED NEW GREENBOX SITE
LOCATED ON THE 2700 BLOCK OF MOUNTAIN VIEW RD

WASTE TRANSFER STATION
2015 SIZEMORE RD
GERMANTON, NC 27019
To Proposal Site:
10 Min. or 5.9 Mile's

WALNUT COVE GREEN BOX
4399 NC 89 HWY E
WALNUT COVE, NC 27052
To Proposal Site:
12 Min. or 8.7 Mile's

PINNACLE GREEN BOX
1831 N OLD 52 RD
PINNACLE, NC 27043
To Proposal Site:
15 Min. or 10.2 Mile's

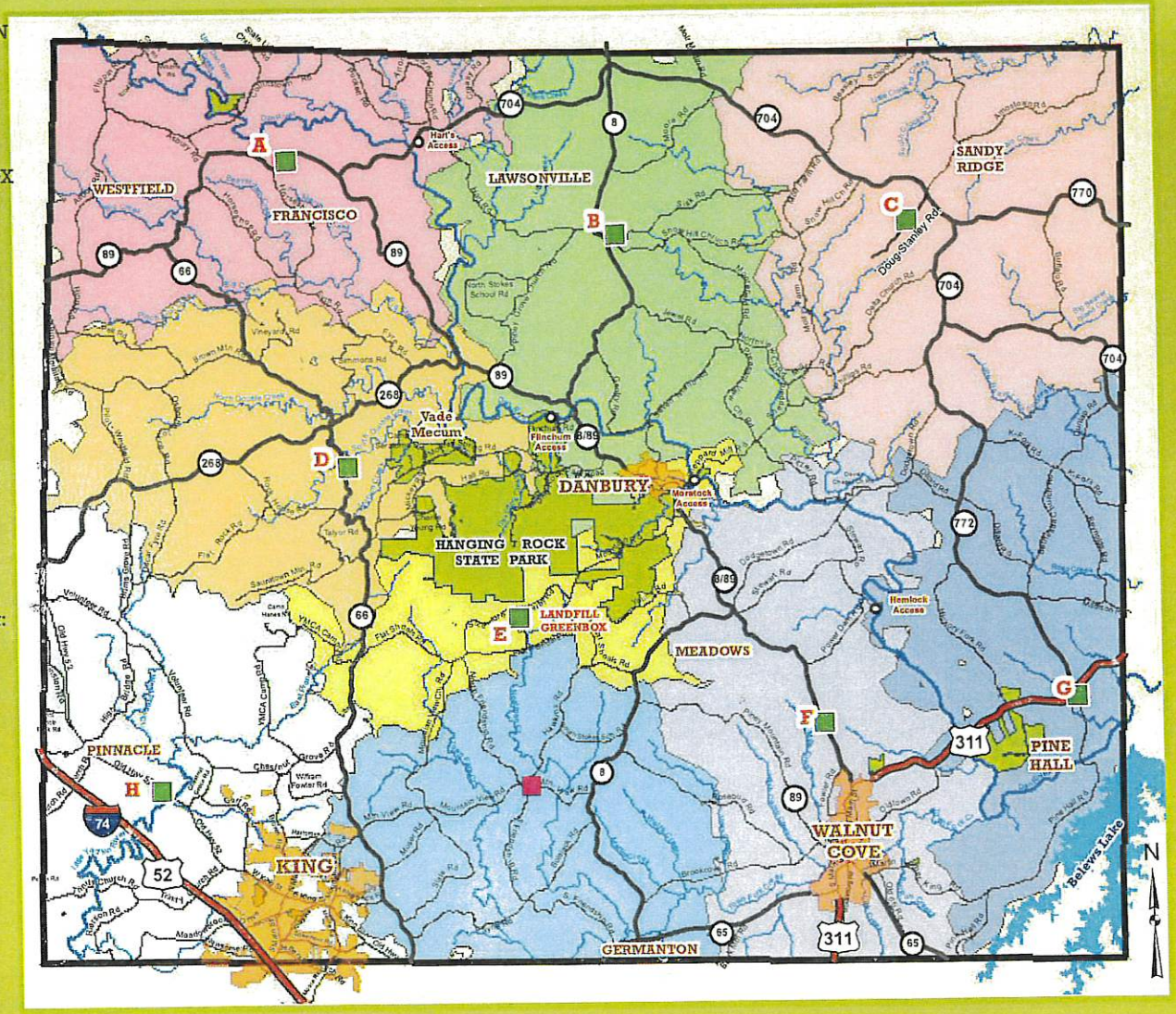
TIME A MILEAGE
FOR OTHER AREAS

GERMANTON, NC
AT THE COUNTY LINE:
To Proposal Site:
9 Min or 6.4 Mile's
To Walnut Cove Green Box:
14 Min or 9.3 Mile's

NOVA LANE:
With 34 Homes
To Proposal Site:
8 Min or 5.8 Mile's
To Pinnacle Green Box:
10 Min or 6.6 Mile's

NORTHRIDGE:
Off NC 66 Hwy S:
To Proposal Site:
9 Min or 5.9 Mile's
To Sizemore Rd:
9 Min or 6.5 Miles

PILOT BLUFF
IN THE CITY OF KING:
To Proposal Site:
8 Min or 5.3 Mile's
To Pinnacle Green Box:
9 Min or 6.2 Miles



PROPOSED GREENBOX SITE OFF MOUNTAIN VIEW RD

CURRENT GREENBOX SITES

Service Areas are no more than 9 miles and are not allowed to overlap

Date: 3/27/2024
Map Created By Stokes County Tax Office

Service Area/Name

- Francisco
- Lawsonville
- MTN View (Proposed)
- NC66HwyN
- Pine Hall
- Pinnacle
- Sandy Ridge
- Sizemore
- Walnut Cove
- Current Service Area
- Parks
- City Limits

A - 7040 NC 89 HWY W
WESTFIELD, NC 27053
No Glass

B - 1079 FIRE RESCUE LN
DANBURY, NC 27016
No Glass

C - 1370 DOUG STANLEY RD
SANDY RIDGE, NC 27046
No Glass

D- 1690 NC 66 HWY S
WESTFIELD, NC 27053
No Cardboard
No Glass

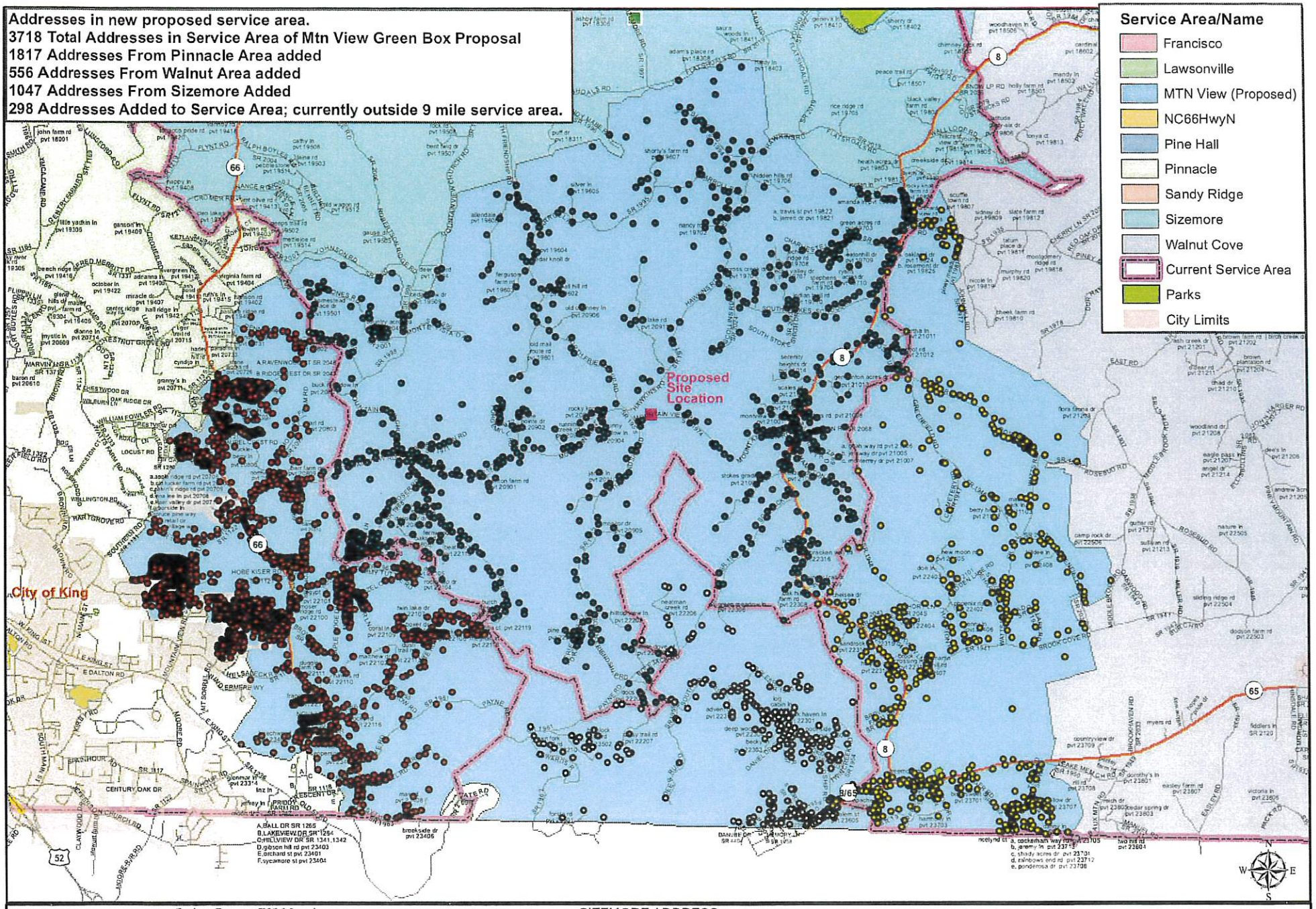
E- WASTE TRANSFER STATION
2015 SIZEMORE RD
GERMANTON, NC 27019

F - 4399 NC 89 HWY E
WALNUT COVE, NC 27052
No Glass

G - 1056 PINE HALL RD
PINE HALL, NC 27042
No Glass

H - 1831 N OLD 52 RD
PINNACLE, NC 27043
No Glass

Addresses in new proposed service area.
3718 Total Addresses in Service Area of Mtn View Green Box Proposal
1817 Addresses From Pinnacle Area added
556 Addresses From Walnut Area added
1047 Addresses From Sizemore Added
298 Addresses Added to Service Area; currently outside 9 mile service area.



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Stokes County GIS Mapping

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- SIZEMORE ADDRESS
- WALNUT COVE ADDRESS
- PINNACLE ADDRESS
- OUTSIDE CURRENT 9 MILE AREA

Service Areas are no more than 9 miles and are not allowed to overlap

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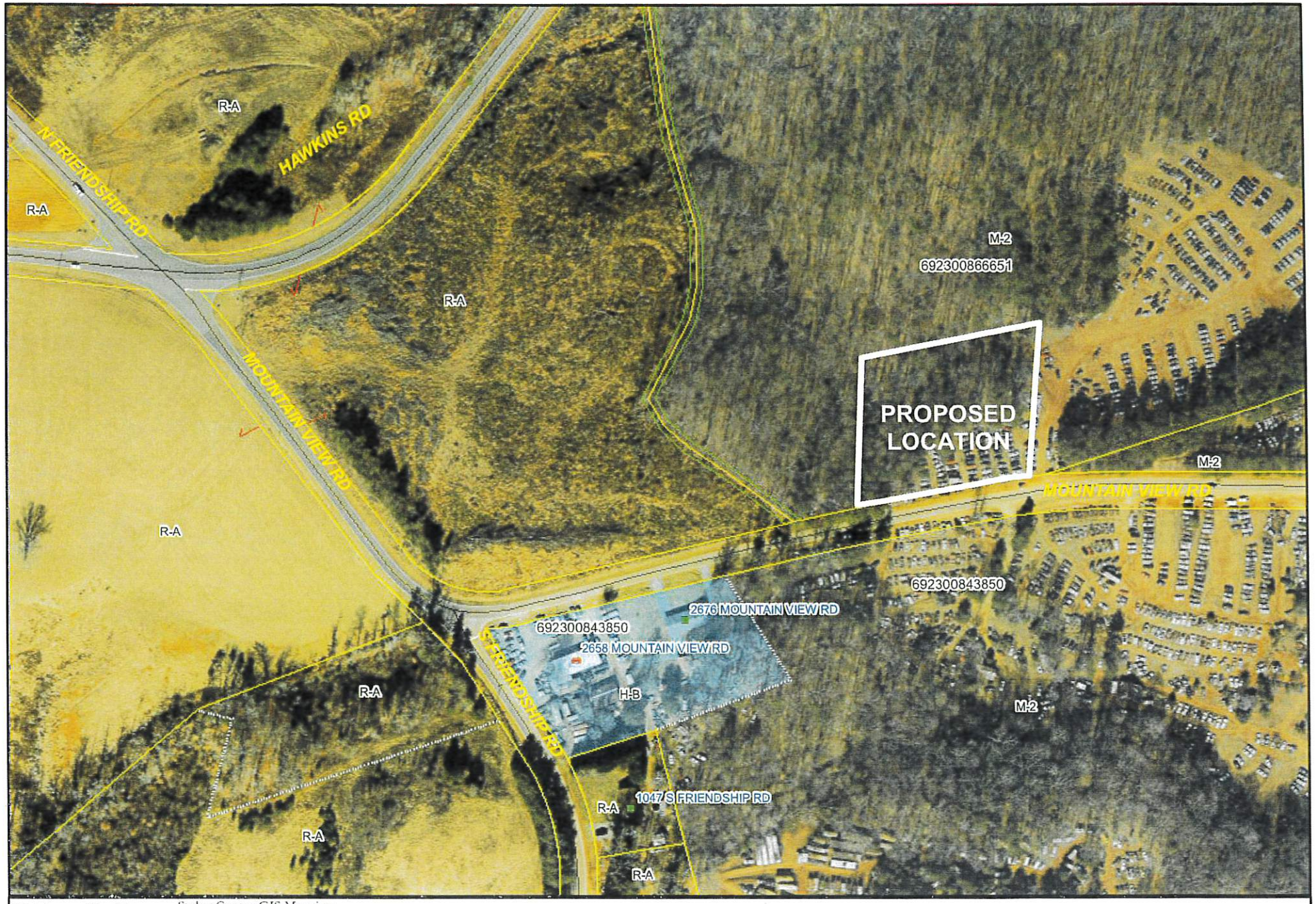
Printed Date: 3/27/2024



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CURRENT ZONING = M 1
CURRENT USE - SALVAGE/JUNK YARD

1:2,400

0 50 100 200 300 400 Feet

Printed Date: 3/27/2024

N W E S

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: VIII.b.

Danbury Water and Sewer Rate Increase Request

Contact: Public Works Director Stewart Easter

Summary:
Due to cost increases in the supplies, maintenance, and labor for both water systems and the sewer system, a rate increase is recommended.

Current Rates have been in place since July 1, 2016. Although this will help with the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), Stokes County will still show a loss.

Danbury does not have enough customers to offset the cost of operating and maintaining the WWTP.

Both Water Systems are profitable.

The proposed rate increases are attached for viewing.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Proposed Rate Increase	4/5/2024	Cover Memo

2024 Proposed Water Rate Increase

Current Water Rates Residential	Proposed Rate Increase Residential
$28.00 per Month	$32.00 per Month
Includes 3,000- gal	Includes 3,000-gal
$7.25 per 1,000 gal over	$8.25 per 1,000-gal over
Availability Fee $14.00	Availability Fee $16.00
Hospital $7.70 per 1,000-gal	Hospital $8.50 per 1,000-gal

Institutional Rates	
$25.87 per 1,000 gal	No Adjustment

Current Tap Fees includes meter	Proposed Rate Increase
¾” $1500.00	¾” $2500.00
1”-6” cost plus 20%	
1”- 6” cost plus 20%	

Other Fees	
Deposit Owner $75.00	No Adjustment
Deposit Renter $150.00	
Re-Connection Fee $50.00	
Unauthorized Tap $2000.00	

Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Current Sewer Rate Residential	Proposed Rate Increase Residential
$17.00 Per Month	$20.00 per Month
Includes 3,000- gal	Includes 3,000-gal
$6.00 per 1,000 used over	$7.00 per 1,000 used over
Availability Fee $14.00	Availability Fee $16.00
Hospital $7.70 per 1,000-gal used	Hospital $8.50per 1,000-gal used

Institutional Rates

$25.87 per 1,000-gal used	No Adjustment

Current Sewer Tap Fees	Proposed Rate Increase
4” tap $1500.00	4” tap $2500.00
Larger than 4” Cost + 20%	

Other Fees

Deposit Owner $75.00

Deposit Renter $150.00

Re-connection Fee $50.00

Unauthorized Tap $2000.00

Board of County Commissioners
April 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Item number: VIII.c.

Agreement for RiverStreet Equipment Storage at Old Prison Camp

Contact: Public Works Director Stewart Easter

Summary:
The County has allowed RiverStreet Networks to store a portion of their equipment at the Old Prison Camp property in Meadows at an older building for years.

As approved, the new Animal Shelter will be built at the Old Prison Camp utilizing the area and a portion of the main building while the majority of the other buildings on the property are in the process of being demolished soon. RiverStreet will continue to utilize the building they are currently using for equipment storage. An agreement between the County and RiverStreet for use of this building needs to be implemented for the benefit of all and to protect the County against any liability. The proposed agreement is attached and has been reviewed by the county attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Proposed Agreement	4/6/2024	Cover Memo

LEASE AGREEMENT

This Lease Agreement is made between County of Stokes, herein called "Lessor"; and, RiverStreet Networks herein called "Lessee".

WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the mutual promises, terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, Lessor hereby leases to Lessee; and Lessee hereby leases from Lessor, the following described premises:

> The building marked on the attached GIS aerial photograph of Tax PIN 6955167445 on Dodgetown Road, and currently used by Lessee for equipment storage.

The TERMS and CONDITIONS of this lease are as follows:

1. Term and Rent. The lease term is five (5) years commencing _____ with an option to renew for one additional five years term. Lessee shall pay to Lessor one dollar ($1.00) per year as rent for the leased premises.

2. Use. Lessee shall use and occupy the premises for equipment storage. The premises shall be used for no other purpose.

3. Care and Maintenance of Premises. Lessee accepts the premises in its current condition, with no obligation upon Lessor to make any repairs or improvements. Lessee shall, at his own expense and at all times, maintain the interior and exterior of the building and the surrounding grounds in good and safe condition, and shall surrender the same at termination hereof, in as good condition as received, normal wear and tear expected. Lessee shall cover the pit in the building to prevent someone from falling into the pit.

4. Alterations. Lessee shall not, without first obtaining the written consent of Lessor, make any alterations, additions, or improvements, in, to or about the premises.

5. Ordinances and Statutes. Lessee shall comply with all statutes, ordinances and requirements of all municipal, state and federal authorities now in force or which may hereafter be in force, pertaining to the premises, occasioned by or affecting the use thereof by Lessee.

6. Assignment and Subletting. Lessee shall not assign this lease or sublet any portion of the premises without prior written consent of the Lessor.

7. Utilities. All applications and connections for necessary utility services on the premises shall be made in the name of Lessee only, and Lessee shall be solely liable for utility charges as they become due.

8. Entry and Inspection. Lessee shall permit Lessor or Lessor's agents to enter upon the premises at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, for the purpose of inspecting the same.

9. Indemnification of Lessor. Lessor shall not be liable for any damage or injury to Lessee, or any other person, or to any property, occurring on the leased premises or any part thereof, and Lessee agrees to indemnify and hold Lessor harmless from any claim for damages arising out of Lessor's use of the leased premises.

10. Assigns, Successors. This lease is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the permitted assigns and successors in interest to the parties.

11. Entire Agreement. The foregoing constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may be modified only by a writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Lease Agreement on the date indicated below.

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By:_____	By: _____
Brad Chandler	Name:_____
Chairman of the Board	Title: _____
Of Commissioners	
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Physical Address:	1111 DODGETOWN RD
Market Area:	4922
Township:	MEADOWS
Land Class:	LEASEHOLD
Deeded Acreage:	0
Planning Jurisdiction:	STOKES
Property Owner:	COUNTY OF STOKES PO BOX 20 DANBURY, NC 27016

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Draft Policy for Food Trucks Operating on County Property

Contact:

Summary:
At a previous commissioners meeting, the Board directed staff to work on creating a food truck policy for operating on county property and at the government center in Danbury.

Surveys were sent out to local restaurant owners and food truck owners around the county to complete and give input on this topic.

Staff took this survey feedback and utilized similar policies in other jurisdictions to come up with a draft policy for food trucks operating on county property. Attached is a proposed draft of this policy along with an application for food truck owners to fill out to be considered for operating on county property (corresponding to the policy).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Draft Food Truck Policy	3/22/2024	Cover Memo

Mobile Food Unit & Food Truck Policy
for County Owned Property

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the operation of Mobile Food Units (MFU) on Stokes County Owned Properties. This policy aims to promote a vibrant and diverse culinary scene, enhance public and employee access to a variety of food options, supporting local entrepreneurs while ensuring the safety, and well-being of the community and businesses within. Unregulated activity can lead to (among other things) foodborne illnesses, injury, fires and property damage. This policy will establish rules on frequency of set up, set up location, paperwork, and permits the MFU should possess.

Scope:

This policy allows only Mobile Food Units or food trucks the ability to set up on County Owned Properties upon invitation by authorized Administration, Human Resources, or Environmental Health Department personnel.

Guidelines:

1. **Application Process:**

- Mobile Food Units wishing to operate on County Property must submit the attached application to operate a MFU on County Property.
- All MFU's asked to operate on County Property must present a valid Health Department issued permit and adhere to all regulations outlined in the permit.
- MFU's must be asked by the appropriate government representative before operating on County Property.
- All required documents listed on the second page of the application must be submitted for approval.
- Applications will expire two years from date approved at which point MFUs will have the option to renew.

2. **Location and Scheduling:**

- Mobile Food Units may only operate in designated areas within the County Property. Those areas will be marked by traffic cones and approved by the government representative.

- County Property encompasses all Stokes County owned properties. This policy regulates MFUs operating on all county-owned property, but is primarily aimed at the Government Center Complex located in Danbury, NC.
- This policy allows the set-up of two food trucks per month for each county property unless otherwise approved by the County Manager's Office or authorized government representative. Exceptions to this policy include Forsyth Tech Stokes Campus who regulates their own food trucks and vendors. Special or private events will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
- Unless otherwise specified, an approved MFU may park in their designated area during their established time.
- Mobile Food Units must remove equipment from their assigned spot daily. No overnight parking is allowed.
- While located on County property, MFU's must provide their own power and water sources.
- The MFU shall not sell alcohol or tobacco products while on County Property.

3. **Health and Safety Standards:**

- Mobile Food Units shall comply with all requests from County officials or Public Safety personnel regarding safety on County property, which includes requests to relocate or to leave County property.
- MFU's must comply with all health and safety regulations set forth by the Stokes County Health Department, including but not limited to food handling, sanitation, and waste disposal.
- MFU operators are responsible for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene both inside the truck and in the surrounding area.
- Regular inspections may be conducted to ensure compliance with health and safety standards.

4. **Noise and Environmental Impact:**

- Mobile Food Units must minimize noise and environmental impact, including emissions, waste generation, and disruption to surrounding activities.
- Generators and other equipment should be properly maintained to reduce noise levels and emissions.
- MFU operators are responsible for cleaning up any litter or waste generated during their operations.

5. **Fair Competition and Equity:**

- Efforts will be taken to ensure fair competition among Mobile Food Unit operators and other food establishments.
- MFU applications may be subject to periodic review and renewal to promote fairness and prevent monopolization of County Property.
- Preference will be given to Stokes County permitted MFU operators in the application and scheduling process to support local businesses.

6. **Enforcement and Compliance:**

- Non-compliance with this policy may result in suspension or revocation of the Mobile Food Unit authorization to set up on County property.
- Violations of health and safety regulations may result in fines, penalties, or other enforcement actions as provided by law.
- MFU operators are expected to cooperate with government officials and follow any instructions or directives issued for the safety and welfare of the public.

7. **Review and Amendments**:

- This policy will be periodically reviewed and may be amended as necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of Stokes County residents and visitors.

Conclusion:

This Mobile Food Unit policy aims to balance the interests of MFU operators, the community, and the government while fostering a vibrant and inclusive culinary environment on County Property. By adhering to these guidelines, MFU operators can contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of the community while providing employees and visitors to Stokes County Owned Properties, with a diverse variety of dining options.

Application to Operate a Mobile Food Unit on County-Owned Property

Date Submitted_____ Date Approved_____

Date Expires_____

Name(s) of Applicant(s): _____

Residence Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Name of Mobile Food Unit: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone: _____ Number of Employees: _____

Email Address for business or owner: _____

Vehicle and/or unit make: _____ Model: _____

Vehicle License plate number: _____

Sales Tax identification number: _____

Description of products to be sold: _____

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** If approved, this application allows the listed Mobile Food Unit to set up on Stokes County Owned Property ONLY when scheduled and designated by the Stokes County Manager's Office or Human Resources Personnel.

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The applicant agrees to park their Mobile Food Unit in the assigned spot and position the vehicle in such a way that it does not impede or hinder the use of any required parking spaces or drive aisles for the permanent business on site. Mobile food vehicles may only be placed on lots that exceed their minimum parking requirements and must be positioned in such a way that they do not create sight obstructions for vehicular traffic and maintain a ten (10) foot clearance from all surrounding buildings. The applicant acknowledges that he/she has read, understands, and will comply with the Mobile Food Units on County Property Policy.

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Signature of Applicant Date

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List of items required with submission of application:

_____ 1. Copy of charter or articles of incorporation (if applicable).

_____ 2. Certificate of general liability insurance

_____ 3. Copy of applicant driver's license.

_____ 4. Proof of vehicle insurance and registration.

_____ 5. Copy of license(s) to do business in North Carolina (if applicable).

_____ 6. Copy of Health Department Permit(s).

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OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Signature of Authorized Representative

_____ Date: _____

Please E-Mail Application to anbrown@co.stokes.nc.us or tlmabe@co.stokes.nc.us

Contact: 336-593-2448

Mail Printed Application To: Attn County Manager, PO Box: 20 Danbury, NC 27016

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Item number: VIII.e.

Tourism Development Authority Board Appointments

Contact: Interim Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown

Summary:
On February 12, 2024, the Board of Commissioners passed the Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Occupancy Tax and Tourism Development Authority (TDA). After the resolution was approved, vacancies were advertised on the website for all seven open positions on the newly created TDA Board. Appointment applications were received to fill all slots. The below applicants are being recommended for consideration of appointment by the Board of Commissioners.

Seven Voting Members of the TDA:

- Three (3) positions open for members that must be affiliated with the business of collecting the tax in the county.:
    1. Katie Tedder
    2. Shelley Rogers
    3. Elizabeth O'Neal
- Four (4) positions that must be currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the county. Each incorporated municipality nominates a member, and the County Board of Commissioners nominates one.
    1. Terri Fowler - Nominated by the City of King
    2. Dave Hoskins - Nominated by the Town of Danbury
    3. David Willard - Nominated by the Town of Walnut Cove
    4. McKayla Sawyers - For consideration to be the Stokes County Board of Commissioners' nominee.

All appointment applications and resumes are attached to the agenda in the order listed above. There are also three ex-officio members that will serve on the Board:

- Amber Brown - A representative from the County Manager's Office.
- Tory Mabe - A tourism representative from the Economic Development and Tourism Office.
- Lisa Lankford - The Finance Director for Stokes County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Katie Tedder Appointment Application	4/5/2024	Cover Memo
Shelley Rogers Appointment Application	4/5/2024	Cover Memo
Shelley Rogers Resume	4/5/2024	Cover Memo

Elizabeth O'Neal Appointment Application	4/5/2024	Cover Memo
Terri Fowler Appointment Application	4/5/2024	Cover Memo
Dave Hoskins Appointment Application	4/5/2024	Cover Memo
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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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Email: anbrown@co.stokes.nc.us

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Shelley Rogers

1645 Hart Road Lawsonville, NC 336-414-7609 Cell
336-593-2735 Home
Srogersprn@gmail.com/ prntriage.com

Objectives

To be chosen for a seat on the Stokes Count TDA, nominated by Stokes County Board of Commissioners

Experience

PRN INC PC, Lawsonville NC

June 1996-Present

I have been the owner and President of PRN INC PC for 28 years. We are the largest privately owned triage company in NC. PRN INC PC has provided unsurpassed nursing triage cares since 1996 and staffs 75+ nurses entrusted with the care of over 1800+ providers in 5 states.

Forsyth Hospital, Winston-Salem NC

1992-1996 – Labor and Delivery Nurse

Forsyth Technical Community Collage

Nursing Degree RN

Personal Background

My husband Dale and I have been married since 1987, he has lived on Hart Road in Stokes County his entire life. We have raised two children here, Tate Rogers who is an Environmental Engineer and founder of Triangle Environmental in Durham NC. Our daughter Tess Rogers is a lawyer with Smith Anderson Law Firm in Raliegh NC. We are all about Stokes County and hope to have the children their spouses and our grandchild return to Lawsonville in the years to come. We acquired our first Airbnb/VRBO property when Dale's brother passed away 3 years ago. We wanted to keep the property in the family, and this gave us a way to do so. We have been successfully renting the renovated home for two ½ years. We just finished a new home, a smaller "couples' cabin" we will be listing in the next few weeks. We have also had NBHA barrel races at our home that brought in over three hundred horses. This is something we would like to investigate doing again now that we have the time. We also participate in the Stokes County car shows with my husband's 1970 Chevelle. My sister Stacey Worthington and her husband Tom moved here from CA to retire and bought approx. sixty acres that attaches to our property and host camps for foster children. Stacey is also a Guardian ad Litem for Stokes County. I wanted you to know our family are committed members of Stokes County and enjoy sharing its beauty and all it has to offer with others. I believe my personal and professional background and my understanding of running a successful short-term rental and promoting what a wonderful place Stokes County is, can be an asset to the SC TDA. Also being aware of all events and happenings in Stokes County through the TDA will help me to promote our current rental properties. Please see our current listing Foot Hill Farms II on Airbnb/VRBO. Thank you for your consideration.

Shelley Rogers
1645 Hart Road Lawsonville, NC 336-414-7609 Cell
336-593-2735 Home
Srogersprn@gmail.com/ prntriage.com

References

Connie Deese, Executive Director

NC Onsite Wastewater Contactor Inspector
Certification Board
(NCOWCICB)
Danbury, NC
336-416-6394

Kenny Robertson, Contractor
Hard Rock Construction
Danbury, NC
336-406-7421

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NAME: DAVID HOSKINS AGE: 58

ADDRESS: 621 MAIN ST

CITY: DANBURY STATE: N.C. ZIP: 27016

E-MAIL: DAVID.DANRIVERCO@gmail PHONE: 336-978-0894

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TOURISM DEVELUPENT ATNORATY TDA

Comments: Please note why you are interested in serving on this committee.

TOURISM BUISNESS OWNER
BNB OWNER
TOWN COUNSEL Member

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owner of tourism company
owner of B-N-B

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David Gray Willard

720 N Main St.
Walnut Cove, NC 27052
Cell: (336) 403-6423
Email: davidgraywillard@gmail.com

EDUCATION:

2018 *BS Degree, Fire and Emergency Services Administration, Fayetteville State University*

2013 *AAS Degree, Fire Protection Technology, Forsyth Technical Community College*

1993 Diploma, South Stokes High School Walnut Cove

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

2014-Present Battalion Chief of Training and Safety, Kernersville Fire Rescue Department

As Battalion Chief at KFRD I am charged with analyzing, planning, creating, scheduling, implementing and tracking the department's Training and Safety programs. This is an extensive training program, working from initial recruit hiring to a career development path that prepares all personnel for the top leadership roles. Recently, I was tasked with planning, overseeing and completing construction of a new state of the art training facility. With this addition, I lead the department with becoming a Delivery Agency with the NC Fire Rescue Commission. This move will allow us to recruit, train and retain a diverse, highly trained workforce. I also serve as School Director for the Kernersville Fire Rescue delivery agency, working with the NC OSFM to provide certification programs to our personnel.

***2012-2019* Fire Chief, Walnut Cove Vol. Fire Department & Rescue Sq. Inc.**

As Chief of the Department, I oversaw the day-to-day operations and budget management of this 45-member combination department. The department has moved from an all-volunteer staff to a combination staff and from an ISO rating of 8/9 to a 5/6 during my tenure. Completed the research and purchase of new SCBA's as well as the specification and purchase of a new Engine. The department achieved Medium Rescue status and greatly improved our service delivery. We developed and implemented department guidelines concerning the part-time program as well as all of the operational and administrative policies.

2002-Present Adjunct Instructor, Forsyth Technical Community College

Fire service instructor teaching multiple subjects. As an instructor, I have developed and presented classes to multiple agencies. This has given me the opportunity to development working relationships and to develop comfort speaking in public.

2006-2013 Fire Engineer/Relief Captain, Kernersville Fire Rescue Department

As Engineer, I was charged with maintaining all equipment in a response ready state. I was tasked with its safe operation and maintenance. In the absence of the Captain, I operated as company officer supervising a crew of three to four.

2000-2006 Firefighter II, Town of Kernersville Fire Department

Responsibilities included the safe and proper operation of Fire Department equipment, while performing Fire, Rescue, EMS, Hazardous Materials, Public Education and Public Service duties for the Town of Kernersville.

2001-2003 Part-Time Firefighter, Beeson Crossroads Fire Department

Responsibilities included providing Emergency Services to the community of Beeson Crossroads through a 0800-1700 schedule to supplement the volunteers of the Department.

1997-2005 Volunteer Firefighter, Walnut Cove Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Inc.

I served as a member from 1996-2005. I held the positions of Firefighter, Lieutenant and Captain. Walnut Cove Fire Department provides Fire Suppression, Rescue and EMS services to the citizens of Walnut Cove and the surrounding community.

1999-2002 Part-Time Firefighter, Fire Department City of King

Responsibilities included providing Emergency Services for the community on a part-time basis. This position was to work for the full-time firefighters while they we off duty. I performed a variety of tasks including Command Officer, Pump Operator and Firefighter. I left the position due to lack of hours and wanting to spend more time at home.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 27 Years of Fire Service: Experience in All Levels
- 6.5 Years of Chief Officer: Supervising 10 Part-time and 35 Volunteers
- 10 years as Battalion Chief of Training: creating and managing the department's training program
- 5 years as School Director Kernersville Fire Rescue
- 8 Years as Engineer with Kernersville Fire Rescue Department
- Bachelor's Degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration
- Certified NC Fire Officer I, II, III
- 2015 NCAFC Executive Development Program
- 2016 NCAFC Training Program Management Program
- Certified NC Fire Rescue Instructor III with Qualifications in Live Fire, FF I&II, RIT, STICO, DMICO, and PICO
- Blue Card Incident Command Instructor
- Certified NC Fire Prevention I Inspector
- Certified NC Firefighter II
- Certified NC Emergency Medical Technician
- Certified NC Hazardous Materials Level I Responder
- NC DOL OSHA 30 Hour General Industry
- Certified NC Chief 101
- Certified NC Rapid Intervention Team
- Certified NC Emergency Vehicle Driver
- Basic Arson Investigator
- Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist I
- National Fire Academy Mayday
- National Fire Academy Leadership I
- National Fire Academy Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist
- National Fire Academy S.T.I.C.O
- National Fire Academy P.I.C.O
- National Fire Academy D.M.I.C.O
- National Fire Academy Incident Safety Officer
- Budget Preparation and Negotiation with Town and County Leaders
- NC DOI 9s Inspections
- NC DOI Rate Reduction Inspections
- Member of the NC Firemen's Association
- Member of the NC Rescue Association
- Member of the NC Fire Chief's Association
- Member of the International Society of Fire Rescue Instructor
- Member NC Instructor Society

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.

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McKAYLA NEWSOME SAWYERS

1055 Pine Ridge Road • King, NC • 27021 • (704)-999-0234 • mckaylanewsome@yahoo.com

Education

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC **December 2018**
Master of Science in Animal Science - Reproductive Physiology Concentration
Cumulative GPA: 3.67

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC **December 2016**
Bachelor of Animal Science - Agricultural Business Management Minor
Cumulative GPA: 3.72

Experience

Stokes Soil & Water Conservation District, Danbury, NC **January 2021 – Present**
Soil/Watershed Conservationist

- Work in conjunction with the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation to protect and improve soil and water resources throughout the state.
- Oversee the maintenance of the 24 watersheds in the district
- Facilitate state cost share programs to allocate funds to district landowners for soil and water conservation best management practices
- Oversee the maintenance and rental of the district no-till drill for pasture, hayfield, and wildlife plot planting and renovation
- Provide technical services and advice to district

Rockingham Community College, Wentworth, NC **August 2020-Present**
Animal Science Instructor

- Design materials for ANS 110 Animal Science and instruct course in the Agribusiness program

Wake Forest Innovations, Winston-Salem, NC **January 2019-September 2019**
Research Laboratory Technician III

- Work with 2 veterinarians to provide research services to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
- Responsible for project management, animal intubation, blood collection, surgery prep, post-procedure care, training, among other responsibilities
- Work with several species including non-human primates, swine, and sheep

NC State University Department of Animal Science, Raleigh, NC **December 2016-December 2019**
Animal Science Introduction to Animal Science Lab Instructor

- Taught 122 students each week, which are divided into 4 different labs
- Constructed lab quizzes and practicals
- Managed 6 teaching assistants
- Responsible for inputting grades and provided a well-rounded education to students

Teaching Assistant for Reproductive Physiology classes

- Grade assignments, set up for lab, answer student questions to aid in learning process

Small Ruminant Management Instructor

- Taught 2 lectures each week along with a lab
- Designed class activities, exams, lectured, graded assignments, input grades

Newsome Farm, King, NC **2010-present**

- Maintain poultry breeder houses- gather eggs, clean out houses at end of flock
- Maintain cattle- development of tagging system, deworming, administer vaccines, keep detailed records, developed herd health plan, order supplies

Honors/Service

- NC State Department of Animal Science Graduate Student Award in Teaching (Spring 2018)
- Dean's List
- Animal Science Club (2013-2016) – Historian (2015-2016), Secretary (Fall 2016)
- Stokes County Animal Shelter Volunteer
- Stokes County Cattlemen's Association Secretary (2011-2017)

Skills

- Proficient in Microsoft and related applications, social media, Moodle
- Self-motivated, self-disciplined, takes responsibility

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Scheduling Joint Meeting with the City of King

Contact: Chairman Brad Chandler

Summary:
Chairman Chandler requested this item be placed on the agenda to discuss potential dates to hold a joint meeting with the City of King and their Council. More information will be shared at the meeting.

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Item number: IX.a.

Health Department Tobacco and Vape Use Policy

Contact: Tammy Martin, Health Director

Summary:
Health Director Tammy Martin will present a proposed Tobacco and Vape Use Policy for the Health Department. The policy is attached for viewing.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Tobacco and Vaping Policy - Health Department	3/22/2024	Cover Memo

Stokes County Health Department
Policy and Procedure

Manual: Administrative	
Title: **Tobacco & Vape Use Policy**	Scope: All Stokes County Health Department Staff Members, Clients, Contractors, and Visitors
Distributed to: All Staff	Revised date:
Review Date:	
Effective Date: 1/24	Health Director:

Purpose:
The purpose of this policy is to provide requirements related to smoking on Stokes County Health Department (SCHD) property.

Policy:
Stokes County Health Department (SCHD) will protect clients, employees, contractors, and visitors from secondhand exposure from tobacco/nicotine products and products of combustion derived from a vaporizing device by prohibiting the use on the Health Department Campus. (30.9 and 30.10)

This policy applies to all employees, clients, contractors, and visitors when visiting or working within the facilities and grounds of SCHD.

This policy does apply to the practices of employees, clients, or visitors inside their closed personal vehicles while on the SCHD campus.

Stokes County Health Department prohibits the use of tobacco products, nicotine products, and electronic cigarettes anywhere or at any time within the facilities and grounds of the SCHD campus. A tobacco-free policy prohibits smoking, the use of electronic, heated, and smokeless tobacco, and the use of nicotine products that are not FDA-approved tobacco treatment medications.

Stokes County Health Department is prohibited from purchasing, donating, or distributing tobacco products to clients.

Employees (including employees of other County Government Departments) and contracted workers are not allowed to use tobacco products, nicotine products, or e-cigarettes on the SCHD campus. Employees, and visitors, are prohibited from using tobacco products, nicotine products, or e-cigarettes anywhere or anytime in the building or on the grounds of SCHD.

All entrances and exits of SCHD-operated facilities and locations where the department(s) has a full-time or permanent presence, signage must be posted in English and Spanish (30.9). At the entrances of mobile units, signage is required unless they are located on a campus that is tobacco- and nicotine-free, such as a school or hospital. In such instances, signage is unnecessary.

The use of tobacco products, nicotine products, or e-cigarettes in County vehicles is prohibited at all times.

Tobacco Cessation Programs: Stokes County Health Department provides support to employees who want to quit the use of tobacco products. These employees are encouraged to talk with their healthcare provider about quitting and are encouraged to use the free quitting support services of the North Carolina Tobacco Use Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

Employees are responsible for complying with the Tobacco & Vape Use Policy. Employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Definitions:

- **Facilities:** Includes Stokes County Health Department campus, including outbuildings, and all County vehicles used by employees.
- **Grounds:** Stokes County Health Department Campus
- **Tobacco and Nicotine products:** Any product that contains tobacco and nicotine and is intended for human consumption.
- **Tobacco and Nicotine Use:** The use of spit, chew, or smokeless tobacco or a cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other products that contain tobacco or nicotine.
- **E-cigarette:** vaporizer, vape pen, vape] (electronic cigarette): a non-medical device used to inhale and exhale a vapor produced from a liquid or dry substance.

Board of County Commissioners
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Proposed Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Budget Request

Contact: Stacey Elmes, DSS Director

Summary:
Attached is the proposed Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds budget for FY 24-25.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Proposed MOE Budget for FY 24/25	3/22/2024	Cover Memo

PROPOSAL FOR MOE FUNDS

2024-2025

Maintenance of Effort funding is a required mandate and is located in GS 122C-115 (Duties of counties; appropriation and allocation of funds by counties and cities).

122C-115 (b) says, "Counties shall and cities may appropriate funds for the support of programs that serve the catchment area, whether the programs are physically located within a single county or whether any facility housing a program is owned and operated by the city or county. Counties and cities may make appropriations for the purposes of this Chapter and may allocate for these purposes other revenues not restricted by law, and counties may fund them by levy of property tax pursuant to G.S. 153A-149(c)(22)."

TRANSPORTATION TO

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

Amount: $10,000

Use: Monies will be used to provide transportation assistance to residents in Stokes County who do not have Medicaid and cannot access Medicaid transportation assistance. Monies will assist Stokes County residents get to appropriate substance abuse and mental health treatment. Assistance will be provided by gas voucher (if the individual has a vehicle or has someone who can provide the transportation). Gas vouchers are issued after the confirmation of appointment has been received and are issued based on the amount of mileage from the individual's home to the treatment provider and back to the home. If the individual does not have access to a vehicle, the option for using one of our contracted transportation providers exists. Stokes County Department of Social Services provides this service.

MED ASSIST EVENT

Amount: $10,500

Use: The majority of these dollars will be used to fund a Med Assist event in Stokes County in the Spring. These dollars will be paid directly to the Med Assist company to provide the medications, etc. during the event. The remaining dollars will be used by Insight Human Services to promote the event. (See attachment for additional information.)

NARCAN KITS

Amount: $12,000

Use: These dollars are to be used to purchase Narcan kits for local law enforcement agencies and local EMS agencies in the county (including volunteer agencies) if Narcan isn't provided by Vaya Health.

EMS – COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

Amount: $100,000

Use: These funds help provide two community paramedic positions with the county's Emergency Services Department. These positions have become paramount in the community in working with people who are constant callers of EMS or folks who have been released from the hospital with needs that need to be checked on once home.

INSIGHT HUMAN SERVICES

Amount: $75,000

Use: $70,000 of the funds will be used to continue substance use and prevention services for adolescents in Stokes County. $5,000 of these funds will be used to host a youth summit on opioid and alcohol use/abuse. This will be the sixth year that such an event has taken place. (See attachment for additional information.)

MONARCH

Amount: $130,000

Use: Monarch provides services to Stokes County in many areas. These funds are used to help fund the Stokes Opportunity Center, the Walnut Cove supervised Apartments, Pilot View Intermediate Care Facility, and the Behavioral Health Office. (See attachment for additional information.)

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Amount: $22,320

Use: Monies used to provide counseling, Mental Health assessments, and psycho-education. These funds are also used to assess suicide watch inmates and make recommendations for when the discontinuation of suicide watch seems appropriate.

STOKES FRIENDS OF YOUTH

Amount: $7,000

Use: Monies will help operate the following programs in Stokes County---Mixed Counseling, Anger Management Groups, Restitution/Community Service Program, and Botvin Life Skills, Botvin Transitions and Intensive and Enhanced Mentoring for Youth Affected by Substance Use. (See attachment for additional information.)

PARENTING PATH

Amount: $10,000

Use: Monies will be used to support the Positive Effective Parenting (PEP) educational sessions, Co-parenting education sessions, and additional presentations on topics connected to enhance parenting skills. (See attachment for additional information.)

STOKES PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Amount: $10,000

Use: Monies will help fund the Behavior Inclusion Specialist that is housed at the Partnership but serves in the community at child day care facilities helping children with behavioral issues and helps their parents and teachers in dealing with the issues. (See attachment for additional information.)

STOKES COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Amount: $7,000

Use: This agency provides licensed mental health and substance use disorder counseling, peer support (group and individual), creative expression therapeutic groups for all ages, and grief support. (See attachment for additional information.)

NC 211

Amount: $5,000

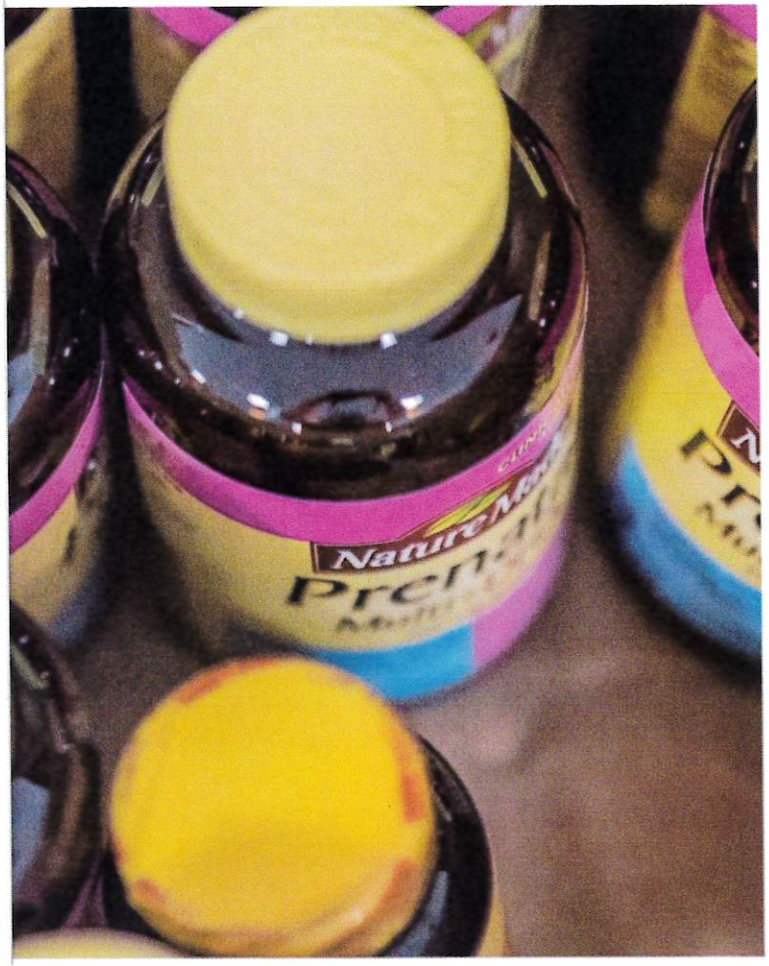
Use: Monies will be used to help support the 211 system in Stokes County.

Total: $398,820

Community Investment Request

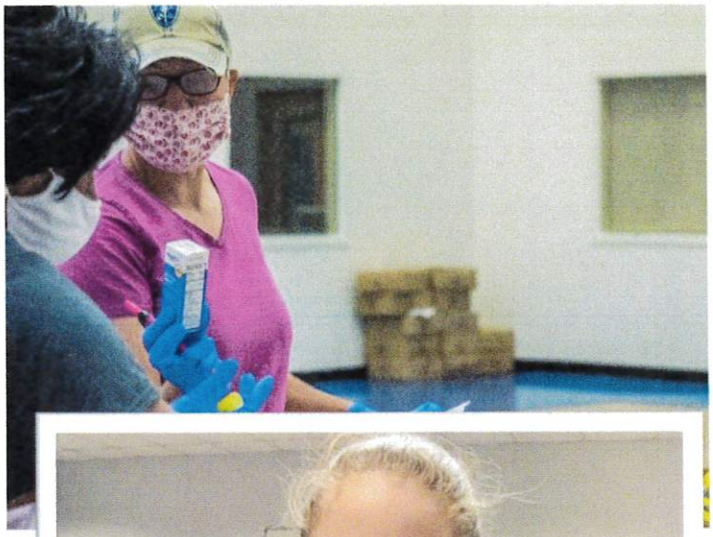
Mobile Free Pharmacy Program
2023-2024

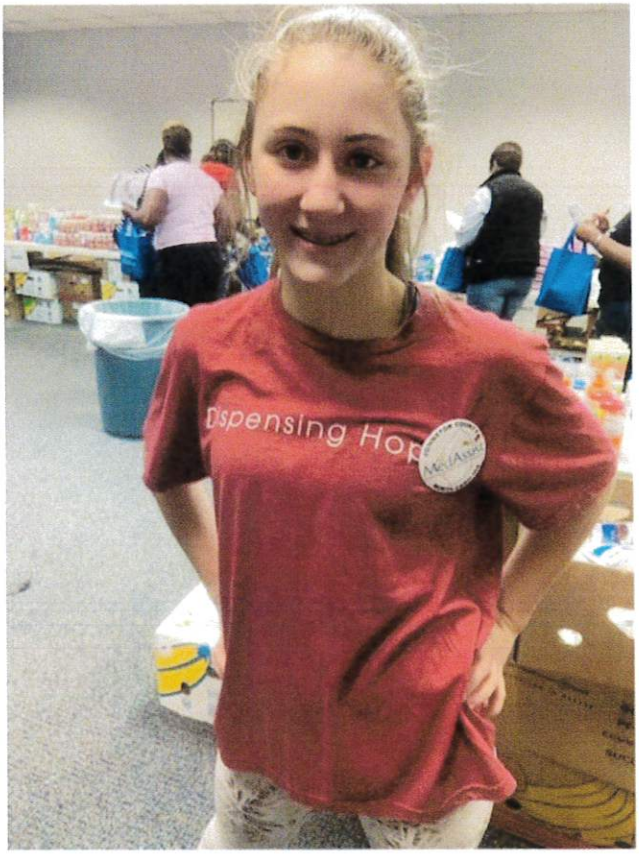
NC MedAssist
Dispensing Hope for the Uninsured



Our Mission

To dispense opportunities through improved health.





The Problem

- In North Carolina, nearly 500,000 adults do not qualify for Medicaid and are still uninsured. Approximately 50% take medication daily for a chronic illness like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, or asthma.

- For adults with low-income and no insurance, obtaining their prescription medication becomes nearly impossible.

- For these adults, their chronic illness worsen and can become life-threatening.

- As a result, these adults seek care through the emergency room and incur hospital costs they cannot afford.

- According to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, the number one reason the uninsured do not take their medications as prescribed is because of the cost.

Our Community Solution

As a charitable statewide pharmacy, NC MedAssist provides access to free lifesaving prescription medication, consumer healthcare products, and senior adult counseling on Medicare Part D insurance plans.

- For eligible low-income and uninsured adults, prescription medications may be obtained by the patient with a doctor's prescription. The pharmacy will mail the prescription medication directly to the patient's home address or to a local nonprofit clinic/pharmacy in their area.

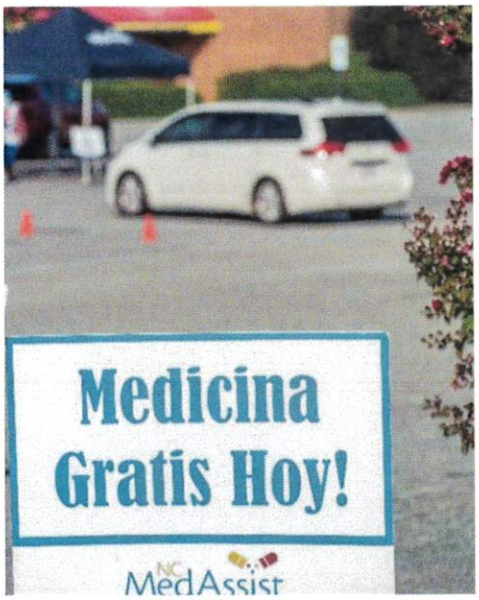
- For people with low-income but who also have insurance and struggle to maintain at home medicine cabinet items, like medication for fevers, colds or vitamins, NC MedAssist's Mobile Free Pharmacy addresses these needs.

Our Impact

- Through the provision of our pharmacy services, the health of the community is improved. For a patient with diabetes and insulin dependent, they will receive their insulin every month. No longer will they have to seek emergency room care. Having consumer health care products at home, such as Tylenol to treat a fever, eliminates unnecessary emergency room visits. This results in health care cost savings of **$76 million** annually.

- For every dollar of support NC MedAssist patients, **$20 in free medication** is dispensed/distributed to our vulnerable communities in NC.

Mission in Action.



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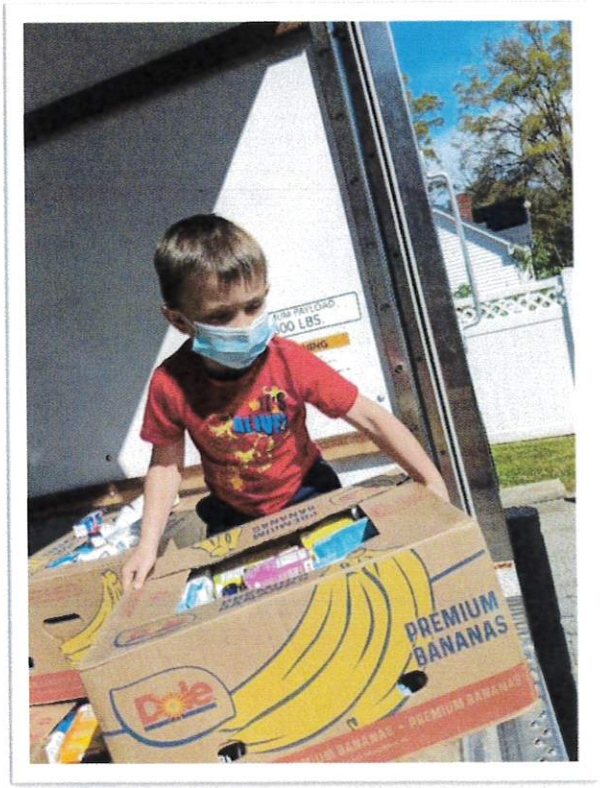

Mobile Free Pharmacy Event

Community Investment: $9,000

Your support of $9,000 will allow NC MedAssist to execute the Mobile Free Pharmacy in a county/city or zip code of your choice in North Carolina.

Partnership Benefits:

- Provide an investment in health equity to the community at large
- Co-branded press release with partnership(s) mention
- Opportunity to include a company survey question on customer intake forms/online ordering form
- Four (4) logo branded Event Sponsor Yard Signs
- Premium exhibit space during the event
- Logo on all event fliers (electronic- unlimited impressions)
- Promotion on appropriate pre-event social media, and earned media based on acquisition (i.e. print media, television and/or radio)
- Opportunity to address the volunteers and community stakeholders during the strategy calls and volunteer welcome
- Opportunity to provide educational handouts or items to all participants during the event
- Representative will have the opportunity to address media, as secured
- Opportunity to address participants post event (NCMA will provide contact info, if requested)
- Opportunity to identify host site of choice
- Opportunity to engage company employees during the event (i.e. volunteers)

Partners will have the opportunity to:

- Provide, as their resources allow, a representative to attend the event
- Collaborate with local safety-net and health agencies to coordinate a successful community event
- Provide at least one (1) representative to participate on the four event planning committee/strategy calls
- Assist in distributing marketing materials to help promote the MFP event
- Help identify host site
- Provide volunteers (may wear branded attire during event)
- Coordinate marketing efforts with local media (including event press release)

NC MedAssist will commit to:

- Provide enough OTC medications to serve up to 1000 individuals and families- will leave all leftover medication with the community
- Provide impact reports to reflect event specific data (following event)
- Provide dedicated staff to coordinate with local safety-net and health agencies to assist with identifying the pharmacy needs of the community both uninsured and insured
- Handle all logistical needs for the MFP event pre and post event
- Provide staffing for set up and event day (5-hour event maximum)
- Help identify a host location and date for event
- Assist with recruiting 50+ volunteers to execute the Mobile Free Pharmacy Program (MFP) event
- Bring outreach staff as needed to provide quality counseling on NCMA Free Pharmacy Program enrollment
- Work to help curve county resources spent on healthcare (unnecessary ER and doctor visits)
- Use partnership investment to cover all expenses associated with the event
- Coordinate marketing efforts with local media (including event press release)
- Design and provide an exclusive MFP event flyer
- Utilize multiple avenues of contacting previous and current MFP participants in order to gain the most community support (i.e., text and emails)
- Will work to source free OTC medication year-round to curve costs associated with MFP Program events
- Provide information, medication resources, and consumer health products for all participants/volunteers that need it on a first come, first serve basis – **while supplies last**
- Provide medicine categories based on current over-the-counter inventory
  Specific medication may not be available and supplies may be limited

1. FY24-25 Total Request $75,000

    a. Youth Summit $5,000
    b. Salaries $42,000
    c. Fringe $11,340
    d. Supplies $1,660
    e. Prevention Admin $15,000

2. Serve as a community liaison between the schools, families, and those engaged in prevention and treatment. Liaison will focus on those that are not meeting program requirements.

    Examples of those requirements are as follows:
    a. Less than 50% attendance of scheduled prevention/treatment sessions
    b. Additional complaints or legal violations
    c. Has not met the goals as outlined in the prevention/treatment plan
    d. Intervene for continued behavioral health symptoms

    Non-Compliance: Unexcused absences or refusing to participate in activities:
    a. They do not participate (do not attend/communicate for 30 days or more)
    b. Fail to follow program rules
    c. Removed by parent
    d. Designated as a runaway
    e. Other appropriate reasons

Liaison will also help/plan the psychosocial needs of the identified youth consumers in accordance with a screening, assessment, referral to treatment or Substance Family Education. Liaison will respond to the participant will be completed in a timely manner by listening well, allowing for an exchange of information and understanding. He/She will be able to speak and write clearly and concisely.

Liaison will provide an ongoing review of the program, propose and evaluate solutions to identified problems and assist with implementation. Takes leadership role in promoting program goals and objectives. Will provide ongoing consultation and educational activities.

Information and additional community resources will be available based on needs and concerns to help participant achieve success.

Health and safety awareness and knowledge must be utilized in carrying out responsibilities and duties effectively. Attentiveness to safety issues and/or any threats of violence, unusual disruption/disturbance, or illegal activity is necessary for all staff.

Sensitivity to and ability to respond appropriately across the cultural differences represented across the diverse participants served by Insight will be adhered to.

3. Additional Request MedAssist $10,500

    a. We will cover MedAssist for FY24-25. We would like to request an increase to $9,000 for the event due to the increase in MedAssist fee.
    b. We would also like to request an additional $1,500 for MedAssist advertising.

Monarch, Inc.
Stokes County Funding Request FY2025

Monarch, Inc. ("Monarch") is a Non-Profit Corporation based in Albemarle, NC which is a provider of Long Term Supports & Services and Behavioral Health Services. Monarch operates in 48 counties in North Carolina with a mission to provide hope, promote wellness, and empower individuals and families impacted by mental illness, substance use disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injury.

Monarch provides direct services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Stokes County through the following services at these locations:

- **Stokes Opportunity Center, located in Walnut Cove** -Vocational day program serves 15 individuals and their families by offering computer, art, ceramics, sewing, gardening, exercise, jewelry making, singing/variety and cooking education to individuals. An on-site snack bar is operated and utilized by the individuals that attend the program. Without this service and our transportation, some families would be forced to give up their own employment in order to provide care for their loved one, as other services are not provided in Stokes County. Some examples of community engagement and participation include:
    - **Community Volunteer Sites:** Life Brite Hospital, East Stokes Outreach Ministries, Meals on Wheels
    - **Clubs/Groups:** Special Olympics
    - **Community Events:** Stokes Stomp, Arts Place Gallery exhibits featuring Stokes Opportunity Center, Just Plain Country Festival, Life Brite Volunteer Appreciation Day, East Stokes Volunteer Appreciation Day, Joy Prom, performances at Friendship Baptist Church, performances at New Horizon Vocational Program, various performances in the community.
    - **Partnerships:** The Arts Place Gallery, Oma's Coffee Shop, Just Plain Country Store, Willow Oak Baptist Church, Cardinal Wellness Center, Stokes Library, Stokes County School Transition
    - **Services provided at the day program:** Adult Developmental and Vocational Program (ADVP) Services, day supports for individuals, day support group services, and transportation to and from the program.

The program is constantly working to enhance its program offerings and is currently striving to:

- Increase the supplies, instruction and exhibits in which art and music programs are presented to promote arts and disabilities to the greater community.

- Increase opportunities for engagement in the community through volunteer connections, meaningful employment and community-based activities.

- **Walnut Cove Apartments, located in Walnut Cove** – A 10-bed apartment complex for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Monarch staff provide periodic services to the individuals as well as on-call availability for nights and weekends. The support is primarily focused on assistance in areas such as cooking and cleaning, assisting with budget needs and general maintenance of independent living. The staff may connect them to their community, e.g. taking them to the grocery store, medical appointments or finding employment.

- **Pilot View Intermediate Care Facility, located in King** – Home with 5 beds for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities with a 365/24/7 awake staff supervision. This program includes habilitative support at the home and meaningful day activities. The staff offer a variety of opportunities to the individuals throughout the day that are community focused and include volunteering, social engagement and opportunities to enhance their life skills.

- **Behavioral Health Office – Forsyth County** - For individuals that reside in Stokes County, Monarch offers Behavioral Health Services just a short drive away, conveniently located on a bus line. From our location at 4140 N. Cherry Street office in Winston-Salem, individuals can receive a variety of services. Services include comprehensive clinical assessment, psychiatric evaluation, individual/group therapy, medication management, Peer Support services, Assertive Community Treatment Team, Intensive In-Home Services (for those under 18), and assistance with employment services. In addition to those services, a Genoa Pharmacy is located within the facility, creating an easy way to have medication prescriptions filled without the need to travel to another location.

Funding Request and use of funds

To support services at the Stokes Opportunity Center, Monarch requests $130,000 from Stokes County for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This request would support the cost of staff, program offerings and physical operating costs to support the activities noted above. Without this partnership with Stokes County, it would be difficult for Monarch to offer the services it does to residents of Stokes County. A program budget for Stokes Opportunity Center is as follows:

Monarch

Stokes County Opportunity Center

FY25 Budget Forecast

Revenue	
Medicaid and State Services	$ 159,537
Stokes County Funding	$ 130,000
Other Revenue	$ 6,919
Total Revenue	**$ 296,456**
Expense	
Total Personnel Expense	$ 143,996
Supplies & Material	$ 1,185
Travel & Training	$ 15,106
Current Obligations & Operating Cost	$ 43,008
Fixed Charges & Other Expense	$ 26,100
Regional & Central Admin. Cost	$ 67,061
Total Expense	**$ 296,456**
Net Income	**$ -**

Impact to Stokes County

Monarch provides caring, compassionate services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Stokes County that are otherwise not available. Without these services, the people we support would not have a place to go for daily activities and support and would not have residential services to support independent living. These services impact their lives directly and impact the lives of their families who would otherwise have to provide those services themselves, often requiring them to leave employment to do so. Monarch's services are an important part of the community support structure for some of the county's most vulnerable residents.

Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth
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151 Jefferson Church Rd, Suite 105, King, NC 27021
Phone 336-789-9064 • Fax 336-789-9065

March 4, 2024

Stokes County Board of Commissioners
1014 Main Street
Danbury, NC 27016

Dear Stokes County Commissioners:

We are very thankful for your support during the 23-24 fiscal year. These funds assisted with all of our programs. All of our programs remained busier than usual and have already exceeded estimated numbers to serve.

- Mixed Counseling
- Anger Management Groups
- Restitution/Community Service Program
- Botvin Life Skills and Botvin Transitions
- Intensive and Enhanced Mentoring for Youth Affected by Substance Use

Stokes Friends of Youth would like to request $7,000 to assist with this programming during the 24-25 fiscal year.

Stokes Friends of Youth has been in continuous service for the youth and their families in Stokes County since 1986. This agency has been instrumental in developing new programs to meet the needs of youth as identified by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. While it will assist with all programs, we are soon launching a new intensive mentoring program in the county. Stokes Friends of Youth served clients in all programs during the past year in Stokes County, and will continue to serve the local citizens of Stokes County with this and other funding.

Your continued support of Stokes Friends of Youth will guarantee the sustainability of these much-needed services to the youth of Stokes County and their families. Stokes Friends of Youth provides services to the entire county. The programs of Stokes Friends of Youth save the county money by preventing further court involvement through diversions before court.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,

Tamara Veit
Executive Director

the parenting PATH
Positive Actions. Thriving Homes.

March 13, 2024

The Parenting PATH works to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect by strengthening families, enhancing parent/child relationships and creating safer more stable communities. The Parenting PATH is requesting support from Stokes County for our Parent Support Program. Participants will be Stokes County families at experiencing parenting challenges including mental health issues, substance use/substance use disorder or families who are risk of abuse or neglect and families found to be involved in abuse and neglect. The key program strategies of reducing risk of future abuse/neglect will be accomplished through weekly home visitation, client advocacy, resource referrals and parent education. The program will measure improvement in problem solving skills, increased level of safety for children in-home, enhanced parenting skills and a strengthened support network.

With the funding from fiscal 2023-24 (to date), we were able to maintain a full-time position to accomplish the following. The funding for fiscal 2024-25 would continue to fund a portion of the position and continue the positive progress accomplished this past year. We would like to request $10,000 to support a portion of this full-time position.

- The Parenting PATH provided in-home best practice parenting services to families in Stokes County with these funds as well Parent Education Groups.

  With these funds in FY 22-23 we provided in-home visitation to:

  Eight families (eight parents, and thirteen children)

  With these funds in FY 22-23 we provided parenting classes to:

  Three families (three parents, and six children)

  With these funds in to date in FY 23-24 we provided in-home visitation to:

  Eight families (nine parents, and thirteen children)

  With these funds in to date in FY 23-24 we provided parenting classes to:

  Four families (four parents, and nine children)

In addition, The Parenting PATH supported Stokes County families through the following services:

- Seven Parent Teen Solutions (PTS) families in 22-23 fiscal year, 10 adults and 10 children
- Maintained membership in Stokes County Community Child Protection Team, Permanency Planning Review Team, Stokes County Community Collaborative, and Juvenile Crime Prevention

Council (Joe Rick was appointed to serve on the Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.)

- Recruited nine volunteers to assist with the development of an advisory board and with fundraiser development specifically for Stokes County.
- Will host "Springtime in Paris", to raise additional funds to be able to maintain services in Stokes County. The fundraiser, scheduled for April 6, 2024, will support our Stokes County operations.
- Continued our collaborative partnership with Insight, offering joint programs and interagency referrals.

There is significant research that demonstrates that early adversity, including child abuse, domestic violence and neglect, is associated with diminished health for the individual experiencing the adversity, and across future generations. These early adversities have been named Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). ACEs have been shown to have major impacts on health, but in addition, ACEs impact socio-economic outcomes for individuals. Individuals with higher ACE scores are more likely to report dropping out of high school, being unemployed, and living in a household below the federal poverty level. Child abuse has been show to negatively affect adult employment status, lead to an increase in poverty and Medicaid enrollment. Adolescents who are exposed to violence are at risk of lower educational attainment and reduced adult income. **Adults with 4 or more ACES are 11 times more likely to be intravenous drug users, are 4.5 times more likely to develop depression and are 14 times more likely to attempt suicide. The average number of ACES for a parent served in Parent Support is 9.**

The primary strategy to reduce the impact of ACES is to build Resilience in families and children. Resilience is the ability rebound from adversity and may be increased by ensuring that families have protective factors in place in their families. The Parent Support Program uses evidence based Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) to build resilience in families. Evidence based home visiting has favorable impacts on school readiness, helps children build critical pre-literacy skills and improve achievement test scores, reduces child maltreatment, cuts instances of child abuse and neglect almost in half, and promoting parenting practices by increasing feelings of competence and confidence as parents (Thrive by Five, 2014).

Stokes Partnership for Children

Name of Activity: Behavior and Inclusion Support (BIS) Specialist

MOE Funds Requested for 2024: $10,000

This activity supports the inclusion of children with emotional, behavioral, and/or identified special needs in the child care setting. Services that are provided in this activity include: (1) Technical assistance: Technical assistance (in the form of consultation and coaching) provided to early childhood educators working in licensed and/or G.S. 110 child care facilities serving children birth to five years old. The Technical Assistance will be focused on improving the capacity of providers to support nurturing and responsive caregiving, create learning environments, provide targeted social-emotional skills, and support children with challenging behavior in child care settings through the use of the Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT); Ages & Stages Questionnaires. (2) Training for child care providers: Training for NC Division of Child Development and Early Education credit hours provided on social emotional and behavioral competence related topics and coordination of CEU opportunities. (3) Family Liaison: Act as a liaison with behavioral health and other resources for caregivers and make referrals as necessary. Materials to enhance social-emotional skills and inclusivity may be provided to classrooms in accordance with locally approved policies & procedures.

Accountability

As Stokes County's representative organization within NC's Smart Start network, Stokes County Partnership for Children is required to have an outside audit performed on a semi-annual basis along with regular fiscal and programmatic monitoring from our funders. In connection with this, all fiscal functions are governed by policies and procedures reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors. Funds restricted toward specific activities, such as funding a Behavior and Inclusion Support Specialist, are maintained and tracked separately within the accounting system. All personnel expenditures charged to this separate fund are based upon time sheets reviewed and approved by the Executive Director. These time sheets segregate the Behavior Inclusion Support Specialist's time for the pay period based upon each activity worked. Financial Reporting for each separate fund account is provided to the Board of Directors at their bi-monthly meetings.

Stacey S. Elmes

From: Mary Lee <sidleemha@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 1:01 PM
To: Stacey S. Elmes
Subject: Grant Proposal

Grant Proposal

Organization:
The Sid Lee Memorial Mental Health Association
Location:
Stokes County, North Carolina

Introduction

The Sid Lee Memorial Mental Health Association is dedicated to providing mental health support and resources to the community in North Carolina. Our mission is to promote mental well-being and de-stigmatize mental health issues through education, advocacy, and support services.

Proposal Summary

We are seeking a grant of $7000 to further our efforts in supporting individuals in need of mental health/substance abuse assistance. This grant will be used to fund our mental health awareness campaigns, support groups, counseling services, and educational workshops. By investing in our organization, you will be contributing to the overall mental well-being of the community.

Grant Utilization

1. Mental Health Awareness Campaigns: The grant funds will be used to create and distribute educational materials to raise awareness about mental health issues and available resources.

2. Support Groups: We will use the grant to facilitate support groups for individuals struggling with mental health challenges, providing a safe space for sharing experiences and receiving support.

3. Counseling Services: The grant will help subsidize counseling services for individuals who cannot afford traditional therapy sessions.

4. Educational Workshops: We plan to organize workshops and training sessions on mental health topics for the community, with a focus on destigmatizing mental health issues.

Budget Breakdown

- Mental Health Awareness Campaigns: $1000
- Support Groups: $1000
- Counseling Services: $1000
- Educational Workshops: $1000
- Overhead expenses: $3000 ($750/month utilities and rent for 4 months)

Conclusion

The Sid Lee Memorial Mental Health Association is committed to making a positive impact on the mental health of individuals in North Carolina. With your support through this grant, we can continue our important work and reach more individuals in need of mental health support. Thank you for considering our proposal.

For more information, please contact:

Mary Hughes Lee
Director, Peer Support Sp., Educational Therapist

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JCPC FY 24-25 Funding Allocation Request

Contact: Rich Smith, NCDPS

Summary:
Attached is the funding allocation request for FY 24/25 for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Rich Smith, from the NC Department of Public Safety and the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program, will be here to present the request. Program Managers from each of the funded programs will be attending to give an update of accomplishments over the past year.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
JCPC Funding Allocation Request FY 24-25	3/22/2024	Cover Memo

March 8, 2024

Stokes County Board of Commissioners
Danbury, N.C. 27016

Commissioners,

The Stokes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council anticipates that the FY 2024-2025 JCPC allocation for Stokes County will be $166,918. The JCPC distributed the request for proposals on December 6, 2023, heard proposals on January 16, 2024 and made final funding recommendations on February 20, 2024. Please refer to the chart below regarding the recommendations for funding approval. The JCPC allocation does require a 30% match.

	JCPC Legislative Allocation FY 2023-2024	County Match	JCPC Legislative Allocation Request FY 2024-2025	County Match Request
Stokes Friends Of Youth – Communtiy Service/Restitution, Family Counseling, Anger Management	$55,619	$16,686	$52,619	$15,786
Parenting Path - Parent Teen Solutions	$31,000	$9,300	$34,000	$10,200
Childrens Center of Northwest NC – Why Try*	$11,084	$3,325	$11,084	$3,325
Insight Human Services – Stokes Substance Abuse Counseling	$20,000	$6,000	$20,000	$6,000
Childrens Center of Northwest NC - Stokes Youth Justice - Teen Court	$49,215	$14,765	$49,215	$14,765
Totals	$166,918	$50,076	$166,918	$50,076

** Please note the Children's Center of Northwest NC Temporary Shelter was initially funded from 7/1/23 – 10/31/23 but program closed prior to utilization of any JCPC or Stokes County funds. Those funds were reallocated to fund the Children's Center of Northwest NC – Why Try program.*

The JCPC received funding requests in the amount of $169,918 This amount is $3,000 more than the JCPC Legislative Allocation of $166,918. The JCPC was not able to fully fund the requests for Stokes Friends of Youth (SFOY) Family Counseling and the Anger Management program at their proposed capacities.

If you have any questions concerning the JCPC funding recommendations, please contact me at 336-593-4450 or by email at jerrell.d.mcgee@nccourts.org or our JCPC Area Consultant, Rich Smith at 704-787-0272 or by email at rich.smith@ncdps.gov .

Sincerely

Jerrell D. McGee, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Chairperson

Name of Program Component:	INSIGHT HUMAN SERVICES (Assessments)
Component Description:	The program serves youth 7 to 18 year-old and juveniles that remain under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, who are referred by juvenile court, law enforcement, schools and community agencies and have been identified as at-risk or delinquent. Program recipients will receive comprehensive clinical assessments to determine the most appropriate evidenced based programs and recommend services. Every recipient will be recommended to a service, where it be presentation or treatment services.
Total Component Cost:	$20,684
Maximum Client Capacity:	3
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	1
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	45
Avg Length Stay (Days):	1

Name of Program Component:	INSIGHT HUMAN SERVICES (Substance Abuse Counseling)
Component Description:	The program serves youth 7 to 18 year-old and juveniles that remain under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, who are referred by juvenile court, law enforcement, schools and community agencies and have been identified as at-risk or delinquent. Program recipients will receive individual, group or family counseling using evidenced based treatment models, as well as case management to address the problems of substance abuse and the complications that accompany it.
Total Component Cost:	$21,193
Maximum Client Capacity:	30
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	2
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	20
Avg Length Stay (Days):	175

Name of Program Component:	Parents and Teens Together
Component Description:	This Home Visitation program serves at-risk and court involved males and females, ages 7 -17 (able to serve youth older than 17 if they are under juvenile court supervision) and their parents. The program is designed to maintain youth in the home environment and reduce recidivism, improve parent-child relationship, problem solving skills, and enhance parenting skills. The evidence-based Triple P Parenting Program is used in the home. Our goal is to serve the family 3 hours per week for 150 days.
Total Component Cost:	$60,010
Maximum Client Capacity:	4
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	4
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	12
Avg Length Stay (Days):	150

Name of Program Component:	Anger Management
Component Description:	Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS) teaches aggressive, unmanageable juveniles (ages 6-18) necessary skills to reduce unhealthy emotional reactions that result in poor behavior choices. Communication, coping, and resilience are emphasized. PATTS has proven effective for peer refusal and social skills in group and individual formats. Youth at highest risk for delinquency will be prioritized via referrals from DJJ, law enforcement, school, DSS, or parent/guardians.
Total Component Cost:	$10,169
Maximum Client Capacity:	6
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	4
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	10
Avg Length Stay (Days):	90

Name of Program Component:	Stokes Community Service/Restitution
Component Description:	Restitution/Community Service is a restorative justice program that gives offenders aged 8-18 (and older if under court supervision) to work at satisfying ordered hours and/or paying off debts accrued by criminal behavior. Community service allows real-world experience, vocational training, and accountability at a variety of civic and business worksites. Connectivity with area agencies is a hallmark of this program as we all work together to help youth develop civic potential.
Total Component Cost:	$60,600
Maximum Client Capacity:	25
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	4
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	65
Avg Length Stay (Days):	150

Name of Program Component:	Stokes Mixed Counseling
Component Description:	Individual, family, and group counseling for youth ages 6-18 and their families focuses on building skills (resilience, communication, social, academic, etc.) according to the unique needs of each family. Improved functioning reduces recidivism, improves school behavior, decision making, and family cohesion. Counseling goals emphasize strengthening protective factors. Supplemental curricula (Botvin Transitions and LifeSkills, Prime for Life substance use prevention) are available.
Total Component Cost:	$15,072
Maximum Client Capacity:	3
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	4
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	6
Avg Length Stay (Days):	175

Name of Program Component:	Stokes Teen Court
Component Description:	Stokes Teen Court is a peer sentencing program designed to provide a meaningful alternative to dealing with non violent offenders ages 11-17 that have committed misdemeanors.
Total Component Cost:	$75,597
Maximum Client Capacity:	20
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	4
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	40
Avg Length Stay (Days):	90

Name of Program Component:	Why Try?
Component Description:	The Why Try? program teaches social and emotional principles to at-risk or court-involved juveniles male and female ages 6-17 residing in Stokes County to increase academic success and reduce truancy and violence by teaching in a way they can understand and remember. Why Try? is based on sound empirical principles, including solution-focused problem solving, social and emotional intelligence and multi-sensory learning.
Total Component Cost:	$26,241
Maximum Client Capacity:	12
Frequency of Client Contact Per Month:	4
Est. Number To Serve per Funding Year:	12
Avg Length Stay (Days):	70

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Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board Appointment Request

Contact: Interim Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown

Summary:
The Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees currently has a vacancy and is in need of a new member. There are five members on the board: two elected by the fire department, two appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and one appointed by the State Fire Marshal. Mr. Elmer Manuel served as one of the two appointees from the BOCC for many years and unfortunately passed away in January.

Danbury VFD has made a recommendation for an individual that would be an ideal candidate to fill this role - Mr. Jud Burns. Attached is the appointment application for Mr. Burns. Also attached for information purposes is the current makeup of the Relief Fund Board of Trustees and then information on what the relief fund board is.

At the last meeting, the Board nominated Mr. Jud Burns to fill this role.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Jud Burns Appointment Application	3/22/2024	Cover Memo
Current Danbury Relief Board of Trustees	3/22/2024	Cover Memo
Firefighter Relief Fund Information	3/22/2024	Cover Memo

STOKES COUNTY APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

NAME: Jud Burns AGE: 69

ADDRESS: 2177 Hall Road

CITY: Westfield STATE: NC ZIP: 27053

E-MAIL: rngrburns@yahoo.com PHONE: 336-408-7937

PLEASE INDICATE THE COMMITTEE OR BOARD YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON:

Local Firemens Relief Board

Comments: Please note why you are interested in serving on this committee.

Throughout my career as a NC State Park Ranger, I have witnessed the selfless acts of courage and assistance provided by local fire and rescue personnel across the State. I hope to provide assistance to those who have helped others by serving on this committee.

Conflicts of Interest: Please list any conflicts that would limit your ability to serve this committee or board.

**IT IS PREFERRED TO ATTACH OR INCLUDE REFERENCES OR A RESUME IF AVAILABLE.

Fax/Mail/Email appointment application to **Amber Brown, Clerk to the Board,**
PO Box 20, Danbury, NC 27016 | Phone: 336-593-2448 | Fax: 336-593-2346
Email: anbrown@co.stokes.nc.us

Current Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Danbury VFD and Rescue Squad

2023 Cert	Certified By
12/21/2023	Jeffrey W. Whitaker

Roster 2023: Submitted

Board Trustees elected by Fire Department

Trustee #1

First & middle: Mr Terry
Last name: Kent
Address: 1164 Bransome Young Road
City: Danbury
State: NC Zip: 27016
Email: kentt53@gmail.com
Phone: (336) 593-2798 Treas

Trustee #2

First & middle: Mr Donnie
Last name: Mabe
Address: 1594 Sheppard Mill Road
City: Danbury
State: NC Zip: 27016
Email: danburyfiredept@gmail.com
Phone: (336) 593-8823 Member

Board Trustees appointed by Local Government

Trustee #3

First & middle: Mr Elmer
Last name: Manuel
Address: P.O. Box 74
City: Danbury
State: NC Zip: 27016
Email: danburyfiredept@gmail.com
Phone: (336) 593-8803 Member

Trustee #4

First & middle: Mr Norman
Last name: Scott
Address: 3364 Moir Farm Road
City: Sandy Ridge
State: NC Zip: 27046
Email: danburyfiredept@gmail.com
Phone: (336) 593-2271 Member

Board Member appointed by State Fire Marshal

The NCSFA maintains all data for this entry, except the Department can edit the position (Chair, Treasurer, Member).

Trustee #5

First & middle: Lee
Last name: Charleville
Address: 105 King Circle

NCSFA
North Carolina State Firefighters Association

YOUR DEPARTMENTS FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND

Overview

The **Firefighters' Relief Fund (FRF)** was established in 1907 to financially assist firefighters that are injured while performing their duties, and to insure that no firefighter would become financially destitute through no fault of their own. The FRF has seen several legislative revisions over the course of its history. Some of these added additional uses for the fund and recent changes placed additional guidelines on the fund. The FRF laws are found under G.S. 58-84 and G.S. 58-85. Laws that govern your departments use of the FRF are concentrated in G.S 58-84.

The FRF is funded by a portion of the Gross Premium Tax (GPT) (G.S. 105-228.5(d)(3) on insurance policies containing fire and lighting protection, as well as certain automotive policies. Of the total GPT collected, 20% is dedicated to the FRF. The fund is distributed by the Commissioner of Insurance to local firefighter relief funds **(LFRF)** annually. The amount each department receives is based upon several calculations. Each County is allocated an amount based on the amount received the previous year. If the total amount to be allocated statewide during the cur rent year is above or below the amount distributed the previous year, the adjustment allocated to each county is based on the population of the County as compared to the overall State population. Once the County distribution amount is determined, the amount the County is allocated is divided between the eligible departments within the County by the amount of property tax covered. For example, if your Department protected 17% of the property within your County, your LFRF check would be for 17% of the County allocation. The checks from the Commissioner are mailed out after the beginning of each budget year in July or early August to eligible departments. Amounts designated for departments who are not eligible for distribution for reasons described in this pamphlet create the State Firefighters' Relief Fund. This fund helps provide Line of Duty Death and Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance to firefighters of all eligible departments across the State. The fund also provides scholarships to firefighters and their dependent children.

Since the FRF laws remained virtually unchanged until the 1950's, several department's LFRF across the State got laws passed at the State level to allow them uses for their fund that were not allowed by Article 84 at the time. There are currently over 50 local bills of this nature. Due to changes in Article 84 of the General Statutes since 1950, most recently 2014, most of the provisions used in local laws are now allowed in Article 84, rendering many local laws obsolete and the necessity for new ones non-existent. Changes in the 2014 legislative session also rendered several components of existing local laws repealed, such as interest only spending limits, or fund uses not otherwise found and allowed in GS 58-84. The new provisions of the law allow increased flexibility to utilize the funds for the benefit of firefighters across the State.

Requirements

To be eligible to receive funds for a LFRF, the fire department must follow several guidelines.

1) It first must be a rated department by the Commissioner of Insurance; and **2),** a member of the NC State Firefighters' Association (GS 58-84-1).

3) Next, it must appoint a **Local Relief Fund Board (LRFB)** consisting of five members (GS 58-84-30): two members serving at the pleasure of the fire department elected by the membership who are qualified as beneficiaries of the fund; two of whom shall be elected or appointed by the Mayor, Board of Alderman, or City Council if it is a municipal department, or other local governing body to serve at their pleasure, or, if it is a non-municipal department, two appointed by the County Commissioners to serve at their pleasure; and one appointed by the Commissioner of Insurance. If the local fire chief is not one of the members appointed, they shall serve as ex-officio members of the local Board. The **Local Relief Fund Board (LRFB)** shall then elect a Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person.

The funds received from the Commissioner of Insurance shall be maintained by the Treasurer in a separate and distinct fund, the balance and use of which shall be reported annually to the NC State Firefighters' Association. Each year a good and sufficient surety bond must be purchased equal to the amount held, but in most cases the Commissioner of Insurance purchases one bond for all Local FRF accounts each year. Unless advised differently by the NCSFA annually, a LRFB Treasurer may assume a statewide bond has been purchased.

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Danbury Water and Sewer Rate Increase Request

Contact: Public Works Director Stewart Easter

Summary:
Due to cost increases in the supplies, maintenance, and labor for both water systems and the sewer system, a rate increase is recommended.

Current Rates have been in place since July 1, 2016. Although this will help with the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), Stokes County will still show a loss.

Danbury does not have enough customers to offset the cost of operating and maintaining the WWTP.

Both Water Systems are profitable.

The proposed rate increases are attached for viewing.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Proposed Rate Increase	4/5/2024	Cover Memo

2024 Proposed Water Rate Increase

Current Water Rates Residential	Proposed Rate Increase Residential
$28.00 per Month	$32.00 per Month
Includes 3,000- gal	Includes 3,000-gal
$7.25 per 1,000 gal over	$8.25 per 1,000-gal over
Availability Fee $14.00	Availability Fee $16.00
Hospital $7.70 per 1,000-gal	Hospital $8.50 per 1,000-gal

Institutional Rates	
$25.87 per 1,000 gal	No Adjustment

Current Tap Fees includes meter	Proposed Rate Increase
¾” $1500.00	¾” $2500.00
1”-6” cost plus 20%	
1”- 6” cost plus 20%	

Other Fees	
Deposit Owner $75.00	No Adjustment
Deposit Renter $150.00	
Re-Connection Fee $50.00	
Unauthorized Tap $2000.00	

Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Current Sewer Rate Residential	Proposed Rate Increase Residential
$17.00 Per Month	$20.00 per Month
Includes 3,000- gal	Includes 3,000-gal
$6.00 per 1,000 used over	$7.00 per 1,000 used over
Availability Fee $14.00	Availability Fee $16.00
Hospital $7.70 per 1,000-gal used	Hospital $8.50per 1,000-gal used

Institutional Rates

$25.87 per 1,000-gal used	No Adjustment

Current Sewer Tap Fees	Proposed Rate Increase
4” tap $1500.00	4” tap $2500.00
Larger than 4” Cost + 20%	

Other Fees

Deposit Owner $75.00

Deposit Renter $150.00

Re-connection Fee $50.00

Unauthorized Tap $2000.00

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Item number: IX.f.

Agreement for RiverStreet Equipment Storage at Old Prison Camp

Contact: Public Works Director Stewart Easter

Summary:
The County has allowed RiverStreet Networks to store a portion of their equipment at the Old Prison Camp property in Meadows at an older building for years.

As approved, the new Animal Shelter will be built at the Old Prison Camp utilizing the area and a portion of the main building while the majority of the other buildings on the property are in the process of being demolished soon. RiverStreet will continue to utilize the building they are currently using for equipment storage. An agreement between the County and RiverStreet for use of this building needs to be implemented for the benefit of all and to protect the County against any liability. The proposed agreement is attached and has been reviewed by the county attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Proposed Agreement	4/6/2024	Cover Memo

LEASE AGREEMENT

This Lease Agreement is made between County of Stokes, herein called "Lessor"; and, RiverStreet Networks herein called "Lessee".

WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the mutual promises, terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, Lessor hereby leases to Lessee; and Lessee hereby leases from Lessor, the following described premises:

> The building marked on the attached GIS aerial photograph of Tax PIN 6955167445 on Dodgetown Road, and currently used by Lessee for equipment storage.

The TERMS and CONDITIONS of this lease are as follows:

1. Term and Rent. The lease term is five (5) years commencing _____ with an option to renew for one additional five years term. Lessee shall pay to Lessor one dollar ($1.00) per year as rent for the leased premises.

2. Use. Lessee shall use and occupy the premises for equipment storage. The premises shall be used for no other purpose.

3. Care and Maintenance of Premises. Lessee accepts the premises in its current condition, with no obligation upon Lessor to make any repairs or improvements. Lessee shall, at his own expense and at all times, maintain the interior and exterior of the building and the surrounding grounds in good and safe condition, and shall surrender the same at termination hereof, in as good condition as received, normal wear and tear expected. Lessee shall cover the pit in the building to prevent someone from falling into the pit.

4. Alterations. Lessee shall not, without first obtaining the written consent of Lessor, make any alterations, additions, or improvements, in, to or about the premises.

5. Ordinances and Statutes. Lessee shall comply with all statutes, ordinances and requirements of all municipal, state and federal authorities now in force or which may hereafter be in force, pertaining to the premises, occasioned by or affecting the use thereof by Lessee.

6. Assignment and Subletting. Lessee shall not assign this lease or sublet any portion of the premises without prior written consent of the Lessor.

7. Utilities. All applications and connections for necessary utility services on the premises shall be made in the name of Lessee only, and Lessee shall be solely liable for utility charges as they become due.

8. Entry and Inspection. Lessee shall permit Lessor or Lessor's agents to enter upon the premises at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, for the purpose of inspecting the same.

9. Indemnification of Lessor. Lessor shall not be liable for any damage or injury to Lessee, or any other person, or to any property, occurring on the leased premises or any part thereof, and Lessee agrees to indemnify and hold Lessor harmless from any claim for damages arising out of Lessor's use of the leased premises.

10. Assigns, Successors. This lease is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the permitted assigns and successors in interest to the parties.

11. Entire Agreement. The foregoing constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may be modified only by a writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Lease Agreement on the date indicated below.

COUNTY OF STOKES	RIVERSTREET NETWORKS
By:_____	By: _____
Brad Chandler	Name:_____
Chairman of the Board	Title: _____
Of Commissioners	
Date: _____	Date: _____

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PIN:	6955167445.001 (http://lrcpwa.ncptscloud.com/Stokes/Property?PIN=6955167445)
MBP ID:	183-54
Parcel Descr:	LEASEHOLD
Physical Address:	1111 DODGETOWN RD
Market Area:	4922
Township:	MEADOWS
Land Class:	LEASEHOLD
Deeded Acreage:	0
Planning Jurisdiction:	STOKES
Property Owner:	COUNTY OF STOKES PO BOX 20 DANBURY, NC 27016

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