

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, March 25, 2024
1014 MAIN STREET
DANBURY, NC 27016
2:00 PM

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Approval of the Agenda

II. Public Comments

III. Comments - Managers/Commissioners

IV. Conflicts Of Interest

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes**
- b. Budget Amendments**

VI. Information Agenda

- a. RiverStreet Networks Update**

VII. Discussion Agenda

- a. Tax Office Agenda**
- b. Animal Control Fee Change Request**
- c. Health Department Tobacco and Vape Use Policy**
- d. Proposed Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Budget Request**
- e. JCPC FY 24-25 Funding Allocation Request**
- f. Bridge #37 Replacement Project**
- g. Proposed Purchase Agreement for Future Green Box Site**

- h. Draft Policy for Food Trucks Operating on County Property**
- i. Danbury Firemen's Relief Fund Board Appointment Request**

VIII. Action Agenda

- a. Demolition at 1075 Dodgetown Road**
- b. Danbury Planning and Zoning Board ET J Appointment**
- c. Final Offer for Two Parcels on Merridon Drive**
- d. Verizon Tower Booth Mountain Lease**
- e. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**
- f. Animal Control Fee Change Request**

IX. NC DIT Broadband Update

- a. Presentation on Broadband**

X. Closed Session

XI. Adjournment

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Board of County Commissioners
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM

Item number: V.a.

Minutes

Contact: Interim Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown

Summary:

Minutes for Approval:

- March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

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STATE OF NORTH)
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COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH
CAROLINA
MONDAY MARCH 11, 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 11, 2024 at 6:00 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, Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall, and Commissioner Rick Morris.

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

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 amend or approve the agenda.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Wood 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:

Patti Dunlap

3270 Dodgetown Road

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: Stokes County Historical Society

Ms. Dunlap presented the following comments: (provided the Board with a copy of the latest Stokes County Historical Society Newsletter which is available from the Stokes County Historical Society or from the Clerk to the Board)

- I am Patty Dunlap with the Stokes County Historical Society
- I would first like to thank all of you for your service to Stokes County
- It is not an easy job, so I thank you for that
- There are a lot of misconceptions about the Historical Society which is one thing that I want to mention tonight
- We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit (all volunteer) organization
- We have no paid staff
- We have ten (10) Board of Directors from all over Stokes County, so we do try to be all inclusive for Stokes County
- The Historical Society's Newsletter provided to the Board shows a recap of things that the Historical Society accomplished in 2023 (pages 2, 3, and 4)
- The Museum of Regional History is located here in Danbury
- For those of you who have not visited the museum, we welcome you, I would be happy to do a tour for any of the Board members
- The museum was closed over a year (most of 2023) for restoration, was able to have a grand reopening on December 3rd for Christmas in Historic Danbury
- This year so far, we have hosted eighteen (18) children from 4H
- Getting ready to do a tour for the Hanging Rock Park Rangers in April
- Have already had two (2) programs this year
- Did receive discretionary funding in May of 2022 – met with NC House Representative Kyle Hall
- Representative Hall was instrumental in getting the Society discretionary funding for the restoration of the museum
- Restoration started in September 2022 with meetings with contractors and Preservation North Carolina – Historical Society is under the umbrella of Preservation North Carolina
- Strict guidelines must be followed when anything is done at the museum
- Began work on all the grant requirements in November 2022 to procure grant funding
- January 2023 – we began pre-restoration efforts – when I say we – I mean the ten (10) Board of Directors
- A lot of the Board of Directors could not be present for the pre-restoration efforts which was moving huge pieces of furniture from one room to another numerous times
- Every item in the museum had to be packed up
- Also began scanning the architectural files which are locked up in the Danbury Library because some of those have walked off over the years – they were completed during 1979-1984 by Laura Phillips for the Stokes County Historical Society
- We will make the digital files available to the North Carolina Archives once they are completed which are almost done

Chairman Chandler stated to Ms. Dunlap that her time was up for comments.

Ms. Dunlap concluded the Board could read what all the Stokes County Historical Society has done in the Newsletter and appreciated being allowed to speak.

The Board expressed appreciation to Ms. Dunlap for the update regarding the Stokes County Historical Society.

Katie Tedder

1282 Coy Hall Road

King, NC

Re: **Hospital/EMS**

Ms. Tedder presented the following comments:

- I come to speak to you this evening about three (3) things
- First, like many others that are here in the audience tonight, I want to express my support for the hospital in Danbury
- We are very blessed to have this facility in Stokes County – it has been a Godsend to me and my family
- Twenty (20) years ago after my mother-in-law had a stroke, we were given twenty-four (24) hours to find her a place that would care for her after Baptist Hospital released her
- I cried that night after visiting the first two (2) care facilities – I couldn't imagine putting her in either of those facilities much less having to go there and visit her
- The next morning, I went to Danbury, never in a million years would I have thought this little old hospital in Stokes County would be the answer to our prayers
- To my surprise, it was so clean and so inviting, the staff to patient ratio in the swing bed unit was just what we wanted for her care
- She spent the next 79 nights there while she was recuperating and was able to return home
- Another example is about my mom who has advanced dementia
- After a horrible incident, we had to send her to Forsyth Hospital in the midst of COVID in 2021 – they did not have a bed that was appropriate for her condition
- We had to spend four (4) nights with her in the Emergency Department – not even in a room, just behind a curtain
- The experience was terrifying and dreadful – we could not wait to get her home
- Then after Christmas in 2022, somehow, we don't know how, but she contracted COVID as careful as we were being around her
- The clinic advised us to take her to the Hospital Emergency Department, we did not hesitate – brought her straight to Danbury Hospital – the treatment she received at Danbury Hospital was exceptionable – she and I spent the next five (5) nights there
- Dr. Sanders was so kind and compassionate with mom and helped us decide on a choice for the proper course of treatment given her current state
- If you don't know it by now, let me tell you, you have an angel here on Earth as an administrator in that hospital
- Ms. Pam Tillman must live in that hospital
- When extra help was needed for my mom, she was on it, she even personally mopped the room after an unfortunate accident with my mom in the middle of the night
- I will never forget how kind she was to us
- I am just asking you to please do whatever you can to continue this hospital as an option for the care of those in Stokes County
- Secondly, this is a long overdue public thank you
- I am sorry that he is not here tonight, but Brandon Gentry is one of the best men that I have ever had to call on for help
- In a separate incident with my mom, he took my call and came through for us in a way that no other EMS Director ever would
- My family and I will be forever grateful to him and his staff – they are kind, quick to respond, and extremely compassionate
- We have needed them more than once and probably will again

- Lastly, I come to you as an executive board member for the Habitat for Humanity of Stokes County
- All of you should have received an invitation from Executive Director Mindi Alexandra to our 25th Anniversary
- You should have also received an invitation for the dedication of our nineteenth (19) house – an employee of the Stokes County School System and her three (3) children will be soon moving into their new house within the next few weeks – hope you can come to our events
- Thank you

Darrell Calloway

108 Antique Drive

King, NC

Re: **Hospital**

Mr. Calloway presented the following comments:

- I am here tonight to talk about the hospital
- Two (2) years ago, we were sitting here having some problems with LifeBrite
- This Council was warned what was going on with LifeBrite – wasn't taking insurances, being sued by insurance companies
- To get the numbers from studies was impossible, to get any kind of numbers was impossible
- Another company came in and was willing to take it over
- Looked at as an option, but wasn't actually looked at as an option, a group went all over Stokes County to tell everybody that it was not a good option - that LifeBrite was their only option
- Had a chance to get out of the contract, chose not to get out of the contract
- Two years later, we are sitting here with Christian living in a \$35 million house
- He has rode Stokes County like a two-dollar mule
- His ride is over, the man is being sued by everybody and their brother
- There are horror stories coming out of the hospital – as far as people not being paid, cutting gas off, doing all these terrible things but at the same time you get the same stories about the staff there and Pam doing insurmountable things to keep things running – basically keeping everything going as Katie spoke about spending nights at the hospital days on end
- I am sure that is the only way that hospital has stayed open
- I don't know how it has, understand the bills are not getting paid as they should
- So now we come two (2) years later and it looks like some of this prophecy is coming true
- Christian is probably still going to try to sink as much as he can out of this county, and it looks like the County might have a choice to go with somebody other
- I would hope and pray that this Council listens this time
- Bring somebody in local and somebody good to run this hospital
- Government has no place in a hospital
- They can't even regular gas cans, they try to regulate a gas can and screw it up for everybody
- Government has no business in a hospital; they have got no business in anything, Government has a very small window of things that they operate well, anything outside of that, can't do it
- Would like to see the Government get out of the hospital and that hospital run by people who knows about hospitals
- That is all I have got – thank you

Sri Sarvasri Ananda

1060 Tyler Road

Walnut Cove, NC

Re: **Economy**

Mr. Ananda presented the following comments:

- I want to talk tonight about the economy especially after Joe Biden's State of the Union message and some other things that I have been discovering recently that are alarming
- According to some very high-level experts in the financial system, they feel that our economy is about to implode, and it could be worse than 1929
- I would like to try to find something that we can do on a positive side if we really do get into a big crash like that
- One of the only banks in the country that has been solvent practically forever is North Dakota State Bank
- Do not know if you all are familiar with the banking system that much; I wasn't every much before reading a lot of material over the past month
- We have had some big bank failures – Silicon Valley Bank, First Republic Bank, and Signature Bank
- They were saved only because, not sure if it was legislation put in place or just a policy put in place to cover those banks to keep them from folding- which they did
- That coverage ended today so that is no longer going to be an option for banks failing in the future – that is a very big deal
- There is a documentary that I would like you to watch – will be providing Board members with that information - sent earlier this morning but did not go through
- The documentary is called “The Great Taking” – can be viewed on thegreatacting.com website
- This is a documentary was created by one of the best hedge fund managers in the world who knows the whole banking system like the back of his hand – better than anyone that I have ever listened to before
- He is a super expert in the field and has a lot to say
- Another person who has a lot to say is Catherine Austin Fitts, do not know if you all are familiar with her
- She has been really trying to push for more financial freedom and financial stability, she has a lot to say too – there are some really good interviews with her for you to watch
- The big thing that I noticed from Biden's talk was that he did not talk about America at all
- He just talked about Ukraine and Gaza and how much we need to bomb everybody
- It was the most depressing and stupidest speech that I have ever heard in my life
- There seems to be a big push for war
- Whenever the economy goes bad, what they try to do is find some kind of way to start a new war
- This is very dangerous right now because it is not like it was in World War II or World War I
- The powers that be in the world have much better munitions than we have
- Russia, for instance, has seven (7) times the munitions that we have; they have a much higher capability for destruction
- We need to look at this very carefully
- I know my time is up and I thank you for listening

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

COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for comments from the Board of Commissioners and the Interim County Manager.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- For everyone that came out tonight, I just want to say thanks

- Believe I know almost every person in the audience tonight
- It makes me feel good that you are willing to come out and speak your mind this evening
- I did not always understand my dad when I was growing up on that tobacco farm, but I will say this, one thing that he always said was that if you don't vote when you turn of age, I don't want to hear you complaining
- If you watched the last two (2) board meetings, you would see that I encouraged everyone in Stokes County to get out and vote – did not matter who you voted for, just wanted you to get out and exercise your right and freedom to vote
- For everyone speaking tonight, all of you had some different things you wanted to talk about
- Coached Patti's son in baseball
- Been part of the Historical Society for a long time, they have done a great job in Stokes County
- Known Darrell and his wife for a very long time, Darrell appreciate your comments tonight – hospital has certainly brought out many of you that I know
- I can only say that we want the hospital to succeed
- The comprehension of knowing how we can get it to that point, can't go into closed session discussion, but will say that we certainly have that hospital – the best interest of keeping it alive and open
- To those watching livestream on YouTube, thank you for doing that
- Looking forward to a beautiful week – 70 degrees here in March
- Don't know how many are as old as I am, but in 1960, I was four (4) years old, you can do the math on that if you want to, it snowed every Wednesday in March that year – four (4) Wednesdays
- Dad used to tell me about it but the great thing about it, even in 1960, they had cameras, and he took a picture of me standing in a tobacco field and the snow was up to my chin
- I was only going on five (5) years old, but it snowed for four (4) Wednesdays
- I know that it is going to be 72 later in the week but the winter may not be over
- Not sure if the groundhog saw his shadow or not, winter may not be over
- Thank you for coming out
- Thank you to those who spoke, really appreciate your comments

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Would like to welcome everyone both online and the large group we have in the room tonight
- I would like to join Commissioner Mendenhall in thanking everyone who spoke during public comments – both very good and important subjects
- Would like to congratulate Sonya and Wayne Barneycastle on their recent election wins – look forward to working with both of them and hope to get a lot of good things done during the next three (3) years and two (2) years respectfully
- That is all I have tonight

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Welcome to everyone too
- Going to steal Commissioner Cox's thunder – "Go South Stokes" tonight
- Glad each and every one is here tonight
- That is all I have got

Commissioner Cox commented:

- Welcome everyone here tonight and those watching online
- Again, "Go Sauras" hope to have them back here in a month or so and hoping as the 1A State Champions
- Congratulations to West Stokes for making it to the fourth round of the championship
- All of the high school basketball teams did really good this year

- Very interested in the Historical Society and will be contacting Patti for a tour
- Will comment briefly on the hospital since it was brought up
- As Darrell mentioned, we did try to address this problem a couple of years ago, but we were up against the clock that time where we were trying to fix an issue
- We did get derailed on that because of the time constraints and at the last minute, we did not want the hospital to close, that is why we signed that lease again with Christian Fletcher and LifeBrite so that the hospital would remain open
- At the end of the day, the last thing we wanted was for the hospital to close for any amount of time
- Hopefully this time, we are on a trajectory to get this done in a fashion and in a manner that will keep the hospital open and productive with the long-term viability of the hospital will be protected as we can move forward in this process
- It is the desire of this Board to see the hospital remain open, viable, and in good shape for the future – that is what we are hoping for
- If you all can indulge me for a second, just want to say, just finished up a campaign, once again I was fortunate enough to be elected to represent you guys and I will do that to the best of my ability
- However, I just want to say moving forward, I really hope to work with the other elected officials to kind of hopefully fix some of the problems and issues that we have going on especially with our schools and our aging facilities
- That is a big thing moving forward that I campaigned on and that I would like to see us be able to fix those problems and to be unified as a party and as two (2) boards that can work together
- I am more hopeful about that when I stay off of FaceBook to be honest
- At the end of the day, I am not going to mention any names, but I will just say there was a lot of gaslighting that went on, there was a lot of manipulative narcissists on a lot of those posts and the amount of lies and misinformation was unbelievable
- This has happened the last two (2) campaigns
- This is getting tiresome, and I think the expressed purpose of this is to annihilate people and assassinate people's character to the point where only a few handpicked, selected people will run for office
- That is very disappointing because that is just so disheartening on so many levels
- I just hope that good people will continue to run for office moving forward
- I hope to serve with transparency and integrity doing everything in my power to be a good steward of the public trust at the end of the day
- Thank you for your support

Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown commented:

- Welcome to everyone here tonight and to those watching online
- Want to share some good news – Animal Control received a grant from the Animal Welfare Section of the Veterinary Division of the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the amount of \$25,000.00
- These funds will be used for improvements/upgrades to the current shelter while the new shelter is being planned and built
- Thanks to the State for the grant and congratulations to Animal Control for applying and receiving the grant

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Good news regarding the \$25,000 grant for Animal Control
- Thanks to everyone for coming tonight
- It is always great to hear different opinions, but I think really overall, at least tonight, looks like everyone in terms of the hospital, supports the hospital

- I will be up front, I do support the hospital
- I think it means a lot
- I was listening to one of the speakers tonight talking about examples and even gave names; I know a lot of us sitting up here have had the same experiences with the same people and the same gratitude for what they do at that hospital – day in and day out
- They do not get near the recognition they deserve
- In my opinion, they don't get near the pay either
- For those of you, whether you support the hospital or not, I appreciate those coming out to speak tonight
- The Stokes County Historical Society is a hidden gem in this County
- I think with the tourism industry that we have in Stokes County but even more important it is the culture of Stokes County
- I would really recommend anyone who has not had the opportunity to tour the museum, please do
- Again, volunteers trying to talk about the great things that have went on here in Stokes County, think the history should never be forgotten anywhere in United States of America but especially here in Stokes County
- That is all for me

Conflicts Of Interest

Chairman Chandler asked if any Board members 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

Tax Office Items for Approval

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which included Minutes, Budget Amendments, Real and Personal Releases/Refunds more than \$100.00, Advertisement of the 2023 Tax Liens, and 2024 Board of Equalization and Review Meeting Dates.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

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

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

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Stokes County Annual Report 2023

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown for the presentation of the Stokes County 2023 Annual Report. (report is available on the County website – agenda or from the Clerk to the Board).

Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown presented the following information:

- The Stokes County 2023 Annual Report is a comprehensive county annual report of departmental highlights of the ongoings for this past year
- The collaborative report shows what has been happening in Stokes County in 2023
- 2023 was a very interesting but productive year – there were turnovers and retirements – have welcomed many new department heads as noted in the report:
 - Jamie Clark – Human Resources Director
 - Tommy Reeves – Chief Animal Control Officer
 - Eric Nance – Planning/Inspections Director
 - Ken Farmer – Information Technology Director
- There is a lot of information that I hope everyone will take time to read and see what has been accomplished in Stokes County this past year
- We all look forward to serving the public in 2024
- Annual report will be uploaded to the website, so everyone has the chance to review the report

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

Commissioner Cox commented:

- Just glancing through the report, it is a very comprehensive report with a lot of good information
- Appreciate receiving this report, it is the first time seeing something like this since I have been a commissioner

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Well done – awesome job

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Like the looks of it
- Will have more comments at the next meeting

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Good job
- This is something that the entire county can benefit from
- Urged the public to take a look at this report which provides lots of data and statistical facts
- This is the first annual report that I have received from the county manager during my time as a commissioner (came on the Board in 2016)
- Thank you

Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown thanked the department heads who put a lot of time and work into compiling the information.

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Also urged the public/citizens to take the time to look at the annual report that will be uploaded to the County's website as it contains very good information about all the departments with lots of data regarding public safety (EMS, Sheriff's Department, Volunteer

Fire Departments)

- The local Volunteer Fire Departments are under a lot of pressure and stress with more and more training requirements, less and less people who are volunteering
- Invited those who have any questions to contact Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown or speak directly to the Board during public comments
- Appreciate all the hard work from the manager and the department heads put into producing the annual report

Stokes County Community Video Tour Presentation

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Economic Development Tourism Tech Analyst Tory Mabe for the Stokes County Community Video Tour Presentation. (presented the video tour to the Board)

Economic Development Tourism Tech Analyst Tory Mabe presented the following information regarding the Stokes County Community Video Tour Presentation:

- Now in the tenth year, Stokes County Economic Development & Tourism is happy to partner with CGI Digital to produce and present an updated Video Tour of Stokes County to residents, visitors, businesses, and those interested in finding out more about Stokes County
- Video tour will be featured on the county website as well as the Stokes County Economic Development Website and will be available to utilize in social media postings and within our Smartphone App
- Video tour will allow viewers to learn more about area attractions, quality of life, economic development, and much more about Stokes County
- CGI works in partnership with National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors to provide tools that showcase and promote counties and municipalities nationwide
- This service is free to the county, city, or town, via advertising opportunities that local businesses and organizations will have to be included in the video player of the County Video Tour – any organization can partner with CGI Digital to have a video produced for their organization or a logo that links to their website – a letter was sent out to businesses about the opportunity to be included in the County's video player
- Video tours are refreshed every three years to keep video/information fresh and up to date
- The videographer was on location with me for three days to help capture and showcase all Emergency Management aspects, equipment, and details helping to spread the word about our Emergency 911 Center, Fire Marshal's Office, EMS, and Sheriff's Department
- Worked to coordinate the talent to be in the shots and scheduled all of this in late summer of last year, have worked through edits and collaboration to make sure that we have the best content available to market and promote Stokes County in the terms of a welcome chapter, a quality-of-life chapter, real estate and relocation, tourism, economic development, and community organizations - this year we were able to add a new public safety chapter (total of eight (8) videos in this presentation)
- There will be some minor editing such as removing the clip of the Piggy Wiggy – currently looking for a clip about Winston Salem/Greensboro area to show the nearby shopping markets
- Video will be published to the county website within the next few week
- Will be happy to answer any questions

Commissioner Cox noted that actually it is only 27 minutes from the King exit to Piedmont Triad International Airport.

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

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Great representation of Stokes County – included all areas of the County from one end to the other (included all cities and towns within Stokes County)
- Shows what Stokes County has to offer
- People that are thinking about moving to Stokes County can get a quick viewpoint of what Stokes County is all about from these videos
- I have lived here all my life and think it is the greatest county to live in
- Hope people will watch the videos
- Watched the audience as the videos were playing, everyone's eyes were glued to the presentation
- Think it is a great thing to show people what Stokes County is all about – great job

Commissioner Morris commented:

- I like it and have no suggestions for improving the videos other than maybe adding Commissioner Cox's comment about the distance to the airport
- Good to go with it
- Excellent job

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Great job
- Do think you need to add the hospital into one of the videos

Analyst Mabe responded:

- The hospital was included in the last video, but that section was shortened this time

Commissioner Cox commented:

- Thought the videos were really good
- Wonder is there is a way so that when someone searches Stokes County, this would come up so people could easily see these videos about Stokes County
- To be honest, if it is on the website, someone might never find it
- Can this be put on YouTube

Analyst Mabe responded:

- The videos are actually owned by CGI Digital, but the County has access to all the footage
- The first thing that pops up when you search Stokes County, North Carolina is the co.stokes.nc.us website
- When they were put on three (3) years ago, they were sort of in a banner of links midway on the main screen that pops up on your computer
- Can work with IT Director Farmer to get them in a more prominent space
- The company likes for the videos to be at the top of your page to where people can find them

Commissioner Cox continued:

- That would be fine if that was the first thing that people see
- Obviously, people aren't going to know to go digging for them
- Could think about linking the videos to some real estate companies so that they could show respective people that are looking to come to Stokes County

Analyst Mabe responded:

- Could easily develop a rack card front and back with a QR Code that would go directly to the videos – that would be something good to do

Commissioner Cox continued:

- Just want to get it out to as many people as possible

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Great job, very professional
- Believe all parts of the County were included except as Vice Chairman Wood's comment about the hospital

Analyst Mabe noted that he would work on getting the hospital into the video.

Chairman Chandler expressed the Board's appreciation for the presentation.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

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Stokes County Health Department Fee Increase Request

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Health Director Tammy Martin for the presentation of the Stokes County Health Department Fee Increase Request.

Health Director Tammy Martin presented the following information:

- Stokes County Board of Health has approved the following fee increases for the Stokes County Health Department:

CPT Code	CPT Title	Current Charge	New Charge
S0280	Medical Home Program, Comprehensive Care	\$ 50.00	\$ 74.00
S0281	Medical Home Program, Maintenance of Plan	\$ 150.00	\$ 221.00
59425	Predelivery Care 4-6 Visits	\$ 500.00	\$ 567.00
59426	Predelivery Care 7 or More Visits	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,013.00

- Medicaid has increased the amount for reimbursement regarding maternal health
- Increasing our fees will allow the department to be able to receive maximum reimbursement from Medicaid
- Fees must also be approved by the Stokes County Board of County Commissioners
- Would appreciate moving the item to tonight's action agenda in order to start billing the new fees immediately

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

The Board had no issues with the request and consensus of the Board was to move the item to the action agenda tonight.

Chairman Chandler, with full consensus from the Board, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the item on tonight's action agenda.

Demolition at 1075 Dodgetown Road

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt for the

Demolition Project at 1075 Dodgetown Road presentation.

Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt presented the following information regarding the Demolition Project at 1075 Dodgetown Road:

- Bids for the Demolition Project at 1075 Dodgetown Road Project were received and publicly opened on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 2:00 pm
- The following ten (10) bids were received:

Bidder	Amount
EMR Services, Inc	\$104,857.50
East Landscaping & Seeding, Inc. (DBA East Grading)	\$137,588.00
DH Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc.	\$149,742.00
KTF Contractor Services, LLC	\$158,850.00
MBH Enterprises, Inc.	\$162,346.00
Carolina Hauling & Junk Removal	\$192,115.00
Four Seasons	\$237,000.00
Stewarts Grading & Hauling	\$245,059.76
Silas Ridge Construction Services	\$296,757.00
James Mabe-Faith Farms Grading & Hauling	\$425,000.00

- Did some research regarding the lowest bidder – EMR Services, Inc.
 - EMR Services is certified historically underutilized business through the State of North Carolina
 - Have staff that is licensed in asbestos and lead removal – documentation has been provided to the County
 - Have provided the Certificate of Liability Insurance
 - References listed have been contacted:
 - Orangeburg County (South Carolina) Facilities Manager who was very pleased with their work (actually emailed and called – very supportive of all the work EMR Services has done in his area)
 - Kyle Isle with Samet Construction Company who did the demolition of Claxton Elementary School in Greensboro gave EMR Services rave reviews and had done a great job in coordinating, planning, staying on schedule
 - Emily Jones – University of South Carolina – very pleased with the work they performed at the university – great price, zero change orders, staff was very knowledgeable of the work performed (demo and asbestos removal)
 - Bank references were included in their packet
 - Located in Thomasville, NC
- Recommend the Board of Commissioners award the bid to EMR Services, Inc. – the lowest responsible, responsive bidder
- Requesting the Board approve EMR Services Inc. (from Thomasville, NC) with a bid of \$104,857.50 for the demolition contractor for the project at 1075 Dodgetown Road

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

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Confirmed with Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt that EMR Services, Inc. is located in Thomasville, NC
- Confirmed with Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt that the County has never used EMR Services, but the company did bid last fall when the demolition project was bid out, but the County did not proceed with the project at that time

- Requested information regarding the statute that regulates awarding the bid to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt responded:

- Informal Bid Process – NC General Statute 143-131 – awards to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the contract
- EMR Services submitted all the documentation requested by the County in their bid packet - actually submitted more than what we required

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Just realized that this company could be a great company, Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt has vetted them and checked their references
- During my eight (8) years of being on the Board of Commissioners, we have never used EMR Services – confirmed with Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt that statement was correct
- I am a Stokes County person through and through
- This company may be wonderful, I don't know
- The second lowest bid (the next bid) is from a company that is in Stokes County
- Their bid was slightly higher than EMR Services
- I like to go local if there is any way possible because they pay County taxes; they do a lot of their projects in Stokes County because they are a Stokes County company
- It would not matter to me out of this group which ones of the ones are from Stokes County, I see three right off the top of my head, I think
- If it was a huge amount like \$100,000 - \$200,000 difference, it would be no problem for me; however, it is not that big, it is not that much of a difference
- Mr. Chairman, all I am going to say is that I like to keep it in Stokes County, if possible
- That is just my own individual opinion
- Everybody else certainly, I know, has their opinion
- But I would love to see it kept in a company that pays their taxes and works out of Stokes County
- That is all I have

Commissioner Morris commented:

- I like to buy local too on everything but if I am not mistaken, the statute requires us to select the lowest responsible, responsive bid
- Confirmed with County Attorney Browder that the statute does require the County to select the lowest responsible, responsive bid
- That is all I have

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- I like to buy local too, but I have been in the bid world for 50+ some years
- Samet is a strong reference, they are a major player in Guilford County, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia
- I don't think we should set a precedent by not going with the low bidder

Commissioner Cox commented:

- I would concur with what Vice Chairman Wood just stated
- If there was a question about their ability to do the job, but their references sound really good
- Vice Chairman Wood knows more about the construction world than me
- Do like to see local businesses get the jobs like Commissioner Mendenhall said, but it seems like, by statute, that we are required to go with the lowest responsible, responsive bidder

- I think we do not have any reason not to go with the lowest bidder in this case

Chairman Chandler commented:

- We always want to be cost effective especially when it comes to tax dollars
- I believe we owe it to the businesses in Stokes County within reason obviously
- I think if they do the work and it is quality work and they are fairly close in price, I think it is imperative to support the businesses, I mean, they pay their property taxes, they have employees that they pay a salary to - 9 times out of 10 - those employees probably live in Stokes County
- It is bad enough you know for the 2023 statistics – 80% of the people that work leave Stokes County to work
- Confirmed with County Attorney Browder that there is no wiggle room, it is cut and dry with this bidding process

County Attorney Browder stated that the Board would have to find evidence that the company wasn't a responsible or responsive bidder.

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt responded:

- I could not find any evidence that the company wasn't a responsible or responsive bidder as noted by County Attorney Browder
- I do send out the bid proposals and packets to any and all local people that the County has on the bidders' list – they all have the same opportunity
- The purchasing manual states that you can't give precedence as stated in the general statute and that you do make sure they have the same opportunity to bid just like larger companies
- All these companies are on the County's bidder list
- Technically, there is one company from Rural Hall that could be in Stokes County
- We have vendors with Germanton and Madison addresses that technically could be in Stokes County
- We have had a lot of local vendors that put in for our proposals, I let them know that even though they are not awarded the contract, they will stay on the County's vendor list and have opportunities to bid if so desired
- Make sure everyone gets the same opportunity

Chairman Chandler questioned if there were any further comments or discussion.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Would like to make it on record that the reason I will go along with this low bid, which is just like I said – it is not a large majority above the number two (2) bid which is a local company
- I just want it on record that I would prefer it to be the second bid; however, I am going to, if our attorney is saying that we have to go with the low bid due to being responsible, I will go that way, but it is only because our attorney is saying that the statute is the reason that we need to go that way
- I will vote for that first one, but it is due to our attorney saying that by statute that we should do that

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Requested Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt to check and verify, I don't know if there is any leeway or waivers, depending on Stokes County being a tier two county

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt responded:

- To my knowledge, there is no wiggle room
- Provided County Attorney Browder a copy of the general statute

- I did the bid a little different so we could put it all out there, technically, I could have just had the bids come directly to me with no public formal bid opening – this was not a formal bid process
- I did it this way so that it would be fair to everyone
- All bids were received in a sealed envelope, either by mail/FedEx, or in person
- Everyone had the opportunity to come to the bid opening if so desired

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- You have wiggle room when you do design build, when you go otherwise, you do not have that wiggle room

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt responded:

- When you go design build, you request a Request for Quotes (RFQ) – that is the difference

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- I am certainly willing to make this a unanimous decision
- I just want the local companies to know that if there was any way around it, I like to support them, but I am going with our attorney's recommendation that there is no wiggle room here which means I have no chance to change so I will go along with the rest of the group

Chairman Chandler confirmed with Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt that the item did not have to be moved to tonight's action agenda but would leave that decision to the Board – can be working with Attorney Browder regarding the contract.

Chairman Chandler, with full consensus of the Board, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the item on March 25th action agenda.

Verizon Booth Mountain Tower Lease

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt for the Verizon Booth Mountain Tower Lease presentation.

Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt presented the following information regarding the Verizon Booth Mountain Tower Lease:

- Don't know a lot about this since all the transactions was done before I came purchasing manager, but have learned a lot from researching the topic
- Verizon Lease Consultant Shiree Alexander contacted the County regarding the lease agreement for the tower on Booth Mountain
- Unfamiliar with the lease agreement, with the help of Planning Director Eric Nance, old files were found and given to County Attorney Ty Browder for review
- It has been determined that the original contract was signed in 2004, an abatement was signed in 2007 and extended through 2023 and an amendment in 2019
 - Verizon has requested the following approval: (Would like to include this site in its long-term portfolio)
 - New rent amount: \$1,020.11 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
- County Attorney Browder questioned the following:
 - Lease is currently in its 20th year and the scheduled monthly rental for the 20th year is \$1,267.40
 - In August, the fourth 5-year extension will start and the scheduled monthly payment

during the fourth extension is \$1,457.51 – why is the proposed new rent amount only \$1,021.11

- Ms. Alexander's response:
 - Reduction is due to technology changes
 - Sites like Stokes were designed for coverage, now things have changed, and it is all about capacity-5G, data, streaming, content, etc.
 - Those sites were not designed for the high amount of data being transmitted and Verizon's operating costs are escalating
 - Should the proposal be declined, the site is then "possibly" flagged for a review of alternative locations
 - No guarantee that Verizon will decommission the site, but it is a possibility which means that Verizon will stop paying the rental

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt continued:

- Verizon Consultant Alexander is very persistent that the County needs to make a decision on how we want to proceed
- County Attorney Browder advised that this response would need to be discussed with the Board
- Be happy to try to answer any questions

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

Chairman Chandler commented:

- Questioned what the County currently receives on an annual basis from Verizon

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Right now, the County is in the last year of the fourth five-year extension which terminates in August 2024
- The annual rent is \$15,208.75 which is \$1,267.40 per month
- In August of 2024, the fifth five-year extension would begin, and the annual rent would go to \$17,490.06 which is \$1,457.51 per month
- The fifth five-year extension that begins in August 2024 would be the final extension under the 2004 lease

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt noted that no payments have been received from Verizon since 2008 due to the abatement approved by a previous Board of County Commissioners.

County Attorney Browder provided the following additional information:

- The lease agreement sets out that there was an existing tower site which Verizon determined was not usable so the lease recited that Verizon would tear down the old tower; construct a new tower and convey that tower to the County
- Verizon would then get a rent abatement for the total cost which was around \$230,000
- There was a rent abatement that started in 2008 and it was fully paid in December of 2023
- The rental payment started up in January of 2024
- Verizon leases everything on the tower that is over 185 feet to the top of the tower
- The County actually owns the tower

Chairman Chandler questioned what the ramifications would be if the County chooses to not renew the lease at the amount quoted by Verizon and how this might affect the Verizon service to our citizens.

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt responded:

- Not sure but can research that question
- This tower is located off of County Home Road (off Highway #8/89)
- At one time, the County's E911 equipment was actually on that tower
- Now the County uses the Highway Patrol's Viper Tower and does not have any E911 equipment on the Verizon Tower per E911 Director Matt Boyles
- Believe Consultant Alexander's comment regarding decommissioning the site indicates that there is a possibility of Verizon shutting down the tower which could cause issues with service

Commissioner Cox commented:

- Believe \$1,020 per month is better than nothing and not causing service issues

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Cox regarding the monthly rental of \$1,020 and causing service issues

Chairman Chandler noted that he was hoping for more than \$1,020 per month.

Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt noted the County could counter offer the monthly amount.

County Attorney Browder noted that there was a 3% annual increase – 15% every 5 years with the next increase being August 2029.

Chairman Chandler questioned the Board if there was any further discussion.

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Would suggest the County look into the possibility of renting space below the 185 feet
- Did not realize all of the E911 equipment had been moved off this tower
- Do know that we need to keep that cell coverage on that Booth Mountain Tower
- Would like for the County to mention to Verizon that they need to put an antenna on the new tower (owned by AT&T) located on Highway #8

Commissioner Mendenhall mentioned the Flat Shoals area needing coverage – having issues receiving calls on my cell phone at home and having to have people call me back on my home phone.

The Board discussed negotiating with Verizon regarding the monthly rate quoted by Verizon.

Chairman Chandler, with full consensus of the Board, directed Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt to negotiate with Verizon regarding the monthly rent rate submitted by Verizon without jeopardizing losing the tower.

Chairman Chandler noted the item would be placed back on an agenda after Purchasing/Project Manager Pruitt speaks to the Verizon representative.

Letter of Engagement for Womble Bond Dickinson

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Commissioner Rick Morris to present the Letter of Engagement for Womble Bond Dickinson LLP.

Commissioner Morris presented the following information:

- When we go through a hospital transition, the County always has to use outside counsel for

some portion of that work because it is such a specialized legal field

- County Attorney Browder has recommended the County contract with Womble Bond Dickinson LLP
- In their proposal, feel the group is working really well with the County because they will allow County Attorney Browder's staff to do some of the work that would normally be done by them which would be at a cheaper rate
- The County will only use the specialized legal services of Womble Bond Dickinson when really needed
- A copy of the letter of engagement from Womble Bond Dickinson was included in tonight's agenda packet
- The County is no longer utilizing the services of Turning Point Healthcare Advisors
- Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP will be replacing Turning Point Healthcare Advisors)
- This will allow the County to move forward with the hospital transition
- Asked County Attorney Browder if he had any other comments

County Attorney Browder commented:

- I will just add that the healthcare and hospital laws are very complex
- You have to deal with that on a daily basis to keep up with all the changes in the rules and regulations
- You need someone who has expertise in that field to advise you
- As Commissioner Morris stated, our firm is going to do all we can – do all the heavy lifting so to speak
- Will be using primarily Thomas Stukes with Womble Bond Dickinson in the advisory capacity to make sure we don't run a foul of any rules or regulations
- Another advantage in using this firm, I worked with Thomas Stukes back in the early nineties when the hospital was leased to Baptist – Tom represented Baptist in that transaction
- Tom is very familiar with the current situation of the hospital

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

Commissioner Cox had no questions other than if there was a need to move the item tonight to the action agenda.

The Board unanimously agreed to move the item to the action agenda tonight.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Know that Womble is a very strong firm
- Believe the County will be in good hands with Womble
- Need to get this going – need to move to the action agenda tonight

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

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

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Commissioner Rick Morris to present the proposed Resolution Declaring the intent to Lease, Sell, or Convey Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital. (Proposed Resolution of Intent, Exhibit A – Direct Solicitations, Request for Proposals (RFP), and Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital Statement of Values-attachment for RFP are available on the County website-agenda or from the Clerk to the Board)

Commissioner Morris presented the following information regarding the proposed Resolution

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

- Believe everyone is aware, especially after hearing public comments tonight, the County is looking to do a change of operators at the hospital
- Have prepared a Request for Proposals – would like to thank Amber, Glenda, and Ty for getting this done during the last couple of weeks
- The RFP, along with a proposed resolution, was included in tonight agenda – available to the public
- The proposed resolution will be approved tonight, and the RFP will be released tomorrow to the list of bidders (attachment A) also included in tonight's agenda packet
- This is a public RFP so any capable company who is interested is eligible to submit a proposal
- I reread this today and have a couple of questions/comments
- In the RFP – number #13 under the “Matters to be Discussed in the Proposal” which reads as follows:
 - Would like to add the following to #13:
 - Want to be a little bit more specific – that is one of the areas that we would definitely like to have them comment back on
- In the RFP – number #8 under the “Certifications Required for Proposal” which reads as follows:
 - Questioned County Attorney Browder is certified copy of board minutes all we need or is there some other vehicle by which they might also prove that or should we leave it like it is

County Attorney Browder responded:

- You might amend that to say:
 - Proposer has full legal and/or corporate authority to submit its binding proposal, as evidenced by certified copy of board minutes **or other documentation**, which should be included with the proposal

Commissioner Morris continued:

- Number #1 under the “Matters to be Discussed in the Proposal” which reads as follows:
 - How you propose to structure the transaction, including the amount you are willing to pay for the purchase or lease of the Hospital real estate and the purchase of the non-real estate hospital assets
- My question is whether someone can give the County an amount without having a list of the non-real estate hospital assets is or are we asking them to do something that they can't do

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Think we are asking them to do something that they can't do
- Believe “and the purchase of the non-real estate hospital assets” should be deleted

Commissioner Morris continued:

- That is the only three (3) questions I had, otherwise, I think it is good to go
- Thanks again to staff and Ty for all the hard work getting this ready

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments from other Board members.

Commissioner Cox commented:

- Think it looks pretty good
- Was also concerned about what Commissioner Morris just mentioned – knowing that there has been a couple of interested parties and one that signed a NDA, they can't disclose maybe the amount is they are willing to negotiate to pay because it is not us, we are talking

- about, it is with the pledgers for their lease
- Striking that was good, think it looks pretty good other than that
- Don't have any other questions

Vice Chairman Wood commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Cox
- Get it out quickly

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Have read over the RFP two or three times
- I like the way it looks, but I will say this, I hope, and we know that there is interest, we know there is interest, I hope there is a lot of interest so we can put the hospital needs on solid ground
- We need to solidify whoever this provider is
- We need to really get someone, we need to vet them, make sure their references come out good
- I am going to tell you – we owe the people of Stokes County to get a solid agreement this time
- I will not accept anything less, whoever we get on this, if my name goes on that agreement, I want to make sure the hospital has someone or a group that is going to not just try to use it, make money off of Stokes County or not really care about it
- I don't want no more of that because I came on Board in 2016, if you remember, Pioneer had just gone bankrupt
- Then we got into this situation, and I want to see us get a good provider for that hospital
- Can't speak for other Board members, but do believe all five members of this Board want to get a good provider for that hospital
- Confirmed with other Board members that they all want to see a good provider for the hospital
- That is all I have

Commissioner Morris commented:

- Commissioner Cox's comments made me think, questioned County Attorney Browder if the rest of number #1 under the "Matters to be Discussed in the Proposal" is acceptable where we are asking them to give an amount or would it better if we just said something like – how do you propose to structure the transaction

County Attorney Browder responded:

- That would be up to the Board

Commissioner Morris continued:

- Let me ask it another way, putting that statement in the RFP, would putting an amount in their proposal have any impact negative or positive on the negotiations that the winning proposer has with the current operator or would that not really matter

Vice Chairman Wood confirmed with County Attorney that the RFP has been reviewed by Womble.

Commissioner Morris responded:

- I am fine with leaving it, I am just trying to head off any kind of friction this could cause
- All three (3) of us have to agree to this – current operator, the County, and the new winning proposer – with all three (3) having to agree to the transaction, it is not simple

County Attorney Browder responded:

- Do not know that it would have any effect or not
- You could possibly limit it to “how do you propose to structure the financial aspect”

Commissioner Morris responded:

- Suggested something like – “how do you propose to structure the financial transaction of the lease or purchase”

County Attorney Browder suggested:

- “How do you propose to structure the financial aspect of the lease or purchase”

The Board unanimously agreed to replace number #1 under the “Matters to be Discussed in the Proposal” to read as follows: “How do you propose to structure the financial aspect of the lease or purchase?” along with the other suggestions by Commissioner Morris.

Chairman Chandler confirmed with the other Board members that there was consensus to move the item to action agenda tonight.

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

Proposed Resolution for the Board’s consideration:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF STOKES, NORTH CAROLINA TO
LEASE, SELL, OR CONVEY STOKES-REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

WHEREAS, Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital (the “hospital”) is owned by the County of Stokes, North Carolina (the County”); and

WHEREAS, the Hospital consists of the Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital inpatient hospital facility located at 1570 NC Hwy 8 & 89 North, Danbury, North Carolina, and the J.R. Jones Medical Center outpatient facility located at 402 West King Street, King, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital also includes a forty (40) bed skilled nursing facility located at 1570 NC Hwy 8 & 89 North, Danbury, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital also includes a rural health clinic in leased space at the Pine Hall Community Center, located at 3853 US 311 Hwy N, Pine Hall, NC 27024; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital is leased as a community general hospital from the County of Stokes and the Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the County (the “Board of Commissioners”), is interested in receiving proposals for the lease, sale, or conveyance of the Hospital and intends to negotiate a contract to sell, lease, or convey the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, any lease, sale, or conveyance of the Hospital by the Board of Commissioners (i) shall be pursuant to the authority granted to the County by Part 1, Article 2, Chapter 131E of the North Carolina General Statutes (the “Statute”), and (ii) shall be in compliance with the procedures set out in the Statute, and any document of sale or lease shall include the conditions required by the

Statute; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Statute, the Board of Commissioners has given notice by publication of its intent to lease, sell, or convey the Hospital and has given notice by certified mail to certain agencies of the State of North Carolina, as required by the Statute; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Board of Commissioners a Request for Proposals for the lease, sale, or conveyance of the Hospital which the County intends to send to prospective lessees and buyers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF STOKES, NORTH CAROLINA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to lease, sell, or convey Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, pursuant to terms and conditions negotiated by the Board of Commissioners.
- (2) The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the form and content of the Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and hereby authorizes the County Manager of Stokes County to provide a copy of the RFP to any person who requests a copy.
- (3) The County Manager shall directly solicit proposals for the lease, sale, or conveyance of the Hospital from the entities listed on Exhibit "A" attached hereto. Each such solicitation shall include a copy of the RFP and a copy of the Statute. All proposals for the lease, sale, or conveyance of the Hospital must be received by April 19, 2024, in order to be considered by the Board of Commissioners.
- (4) Any entity interested in leasing or purchasing the Hospital shall provide to the County Manager information as to charges, services, and indigent care at similar facilities owned or operated by the proposed lessee or purchaser.
- (5) The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept the proposal that it determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, is in the best interests of Stokes County and its citizens
- (6) The Board of Commissioners intends to negotiate a contract for the lease, sale, or conveyance of the Hospital with the entity that submits the proposal accepted by the Board of Commissioners.
- (7) A public hearing on this Resolution of Intent shall be held at the beginning of the Regular Meeting on April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Administration Building, 1014 Main Street, Danbury, North Carolina, 27016.

Danbury Planning and Zoning Board ETJ Appointment

Chairman Chandler turned the floor over to Interim County Manager/Clerk Amber Brown for the Town of Danbury Planning and Zoning Board - ETJ Appointment.

Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown presented the following information:

- Received information from Danbury Town Administrator Mike Barsness that ETJ Member Melinda Ring's term expired on December 8, 2023
- Ms. Ring unfortunately passed recently from a lengthy illness
- The Danbury Town Council, at their regular February meeting, voted to recommend Jacob Elsdon to replace Ms. Ring as the Danbury ETJ member (resume included in tonight's agenda)

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for nominations for the regular ETJ position/appointment.

Commissioner Mendenhall made the motion to nominate Jacob Elsdon for the ETJ appointment. Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

With no further nominations, the motion passed unanimously.

With no further nominations, Chairman Chandler, with full consensus of the Board, directed Interim County Manager/Clerk Brown to place the appointment for the Town of Danbury Planning/Zoning Board-ETJ on the March 25th 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.

Approval of Amended Administrative Contracts

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve the proposed Amended Administrative Contracts (Interim County Manager Contract-Amber Brown and Administrative Support Contract-Darlene Bullins) which were presented at the February 26th meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the Amended Administrative Contracts (Interim County Manager Contract-Amber Brown and Administrative Support Contract-Darlene Bullins) which were presented at the February 26th meeting. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation Recognizing Frances Carroll's 100th Birthday

Chairman Chandler read and entertained a motion regarding the following proposed Proclamation Recognizing Frances Carroll's 100th Birthday:

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANCES CARROLL'S 100th BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Frances Carroll will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of her 100th birthday on March 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, she was born in 1924 on March 13th and has been a dedicated resident of this community; and

WHEREAS, she became the wife of William Columbus Carroll, and this marriage was blessed with one daughter Laura Beth Carroll; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a wife and mother, she has been active in church and civic responsibilities, including being a member of Rock Hill Church since 1949; and

WHEREAS, during a long and productive lifetime, she is considered to be a blessing by everyone

that knows her; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to Frances Carroll on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

This the 11th day of **March, 2024**.

Vice Chairman Wood moved to approve the proposed Proclamation in Recognition of Frances Carroll's 100th Birthday presented at tonight's meeting. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion.

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

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Stokes County Health Department Fee Increase Request

Chairman Chandler entertained to approve the Health Department Fee Increase Request presented by Health Director Martin at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve the Health Department Fee Increase Request presented at tonight's meeting. Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

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

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Letter of Engagement for Womble Bond Dickinson

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement for Womble Bond Dickinson LLP presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Cox moved to approve the Letter of Engagement for Womble Bond Dickson LLP presented at tonight'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.

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

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring the Intent to Lease, Sell, or Convey Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital and the Request for Proposal as amended by the Board at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to approve Resolution Declaring the Intent to Lease, Sell, Lease, or Convey Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital and the Request for Proposal as amended

by the Board at tonight's meeting. Vice Chairman Wood seconded the motion.

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

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to enter closed session.

Commissioner Cox 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)

Commissioner Mendenhall 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.

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

Amber Brown
Clerk to the Board

Brad Chandler
Chair



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

2:00 PM

Item number: V.b.

Budget Amendments

Contact: Lisa Lankford, Finance Director

Summary:

Budget Amendment # 54 To appropriate funding to the Adoption Assistance IV-E line item from the Medicaid Program Costs

Budget Amendment # 55 To transfer funds from medical supplies to equipment to purchase one semi-electric straddle stacker and uline industrial pallet truck and four teardrop rack starter unit

Budget Amendment # 56 To appropriate funding from SS County State Revenue to professional services line item. 100% reimbursement from the State

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Budget Amendments 54-56	3/22/2024	Cover Memo
Budget Amendment #57	4/5/2024	Cover Memo

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
100.5470.000	Title IV-E Adoption Assistance	\$ 220,471.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 286,471.00
100.5450.000	Medicaid Program Costs	\$ 100,000.00	\$ (66,000.00)	\$ 34,000.00
	TOTALS	\$ 320,471.00	\$ -	\$ 320,471.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding to the Adoption Assistance IV-E Fees line item and from the Medicaid Program Costs to cover the cost for Adoption Assistance unforeseen Fees that maybe incurred for FY23-24.

This will result in a net increase/decrease of \$0 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional Funding for the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Account.

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 25th day of March, 2024.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

Stacey Elmes
Department Head's Approval

Amel Brown
County Manager's Approval

Lisa Telford
Finance Director's Approval

Amel Brown

3/18/24
Date

3/21/24
Date

3/21/24
Date



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Stacey S. Elmes
Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Lee Richardson/Stacey Elmes, DSS Director

Date: March 14, 2024

RE: Budget Amendment
Title IV-E Adoption Assistance

This amendment will increase monies for the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance expenditure account for unforeseen adoption assistance expenses. We will be reducing the Medicaid Program Costs account for the appropriation of funds. This transfer of funds will have \$0 result in the county expenditures annual budget.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

HELPING OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES

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
100.5100.230	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 58,416.00	\$ (7,542.00)	\$ 50,874.00
100.5100.510	EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 5,534.00	\$ 5,534.00
100.5100.511	EQUIPMENT - NON CAPITALIZED	\$ 3,252.25	\$ 2,008.00	\$ 5,260.25
	TOTALS	\$ 61,668.25	\$ -	\$ 61,668.25

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Health Department would like to transfer funds from medical supplies to equipment in order to purchase one semi-electric straddle stacker and uline industrial pallet truck, as well as four teardrop rack starter unit with wire decking. This has been approved by NC Public Health Preparedness and Response and will be reimbursed by the state. (see attached)




This will not result in any increase 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 and must be expended by 6/30/24.

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 25th day of March, 2024.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

	3/11/24
Department Head's Approval	Date
	3/21/24
County Manager's Approval	Date
	3/21/24
Finance Director's Approval	Date

Hayley Shelton

From: phpr.sgm <phpr.sgm@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:19 AM
To: Savannah Hayes
Cc: Hayley Shelton
Subject: RE: [External] Stokes County Purchase Request
Attachments: Stokes County Prior Approval Request 01302024.pdf

Good morning,

Stokes County has been approved to use \$7541.35 of 514 funding to purchase the below items.

-One semi-electric staddle stacker and one Uline industrial pallet truck for a total price with taxes and shipping for \$5533.35 from Uline.

-One 48" x 96" x 144" TP teardrop rack starter unit with wire decking for \$2008.00 from T.P. Supply Co., Inc.

*****Blanket Prior Approval Reminders***:**

- Prior Approvals are not approvals for extra funding. Anything you purchase must be purchased through already allocated funds.
- Prior Approval authorizations are only good for 60 days following the date authorization was given. If you purchase after that time, the county must resubmit.
- Prior Approval items must be purchased within the contract period.
- Equipment \$5,000 and over must be tagged and kept track of at all times.
- Please contact PHP&R before disposing of any equipment purchased with grant funds since it is federal property and there is a process that must be used.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Kristen S. Bassett

Subrecipient Grants Monitor

Division of Public Health, Public Health Preparedness and Response Branch

NC Department of Health and Human Services

Office: 919-546-1827

Mobile: 919-576-5317

Fax: 919-715-2246

888-820-0520 (PHP&R 24/7 On-call)

Kristen.Bassett@dhhs.nc.gov

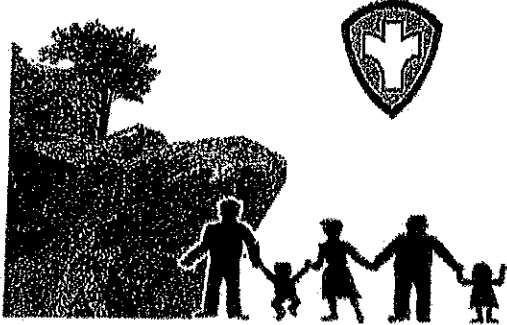
225 N McDowell Street, Cooper Building

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Raleigh, NC 27699-1902

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Stokes County Health Department



P.O. Box 187
Danbury, NC 27016
(336) 593-2400

Tammy Martin, MS, MPH Health Director
Lisa Cassidy-Vu, MD, Medical Director

514 AA Prior Approval Request

Stokes County Health Department is requesting to use 514 AA funds to purchase the following in support of our points of dispensing and emergency operations.

Semi-Electric Straddle Stackers in Stock - ULINE

Straddle Stacker Model Number H-5440

Industrial Pallet Jacks, Industrial Pallet Trucks in Stock - ULINE

Blue Model Number H-7504

\$4355 (Stacker) + \$405.00 (Jack) + \$423 shipping + 349.88 tax = ~~\$5533.35~~

TP Rack Teardrop Pallet Rack Starter Unit - 48"D x 96"W x 144"H with Wire Decking - T.P. Supply Company, Inc. (tpsupplyco.com)

Quantity Requested: 4 racks

Cost: 502.63 per rack (no shipping costs, local company) = ~~\$2008~~

SKU TPTDS48144303

TOTAL REQUEST with tax and shipping: \$7541.35 (See Attached Quotes)

PHEP Capability Addressed: Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination
Capability 8: Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Administration
Capability 9: Medical Material Management and Distribution

The Stokes County Health Department will have sufficient funds remaining to maintain health department preparedness and response operations and activities through the end of the contract period.

Health Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Martin".

Date 01/29/24



1-800-295-5510 uline.com
customer.service@uline.com

**PRICING
REQUEST**

EQUEST # 12258280 Thank you for your interest in Uline!

PROVIDED TO: STOKES COUNTY OFFICE

PO BOX 20

DANBURY NC 27016-0020

SHIP TO: STOKES EMERGENCY MNGMT BLDG

1286 NC 8 AND 89 HWY S

WALNUT COVE NC 27052-5705

CUSTOMER NUMBER		SHIP VIA		REQUEST DATE	
3643862		SOUTH EASTRN		01/29/24	
QUANTITY	U/M	ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE
1	EA	H-5440	SEMI-ELECTRIC STRADDLE STACKER - 137" LIFT DUE TO SIZE AND WEIGHT, THIS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE PALLET WITH A CRANE, FORKLIFT, OR OTHER SUITABLE LIFTING DEVICE.	4,355.00	4,355.00
1	BA	H-7504	ULINE INDUSTRIAL PALLET TRUCK - 48 X 27", BLUE	405.00	405.00
SUB-TOTAL		SALES TAX	SHIPPING/HANDLING	TOTAL	
4,760.00		349.88	423.47	5,533.35	

NOTE:

DELIVERY TIME 1 BUSINESS DAY VIA SOUTH EASTRN.
ATTENTION: SAVANNAH HAYES



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Quotation

DATE 1/29/2024

P.O. Box 1543

Quotation # 1292024339

Mount Airy, NC 27030

Phone (877) 302-2337 Fax (336) 789-2234

Quotation For:

Stokes County Emergency Management

Savannah Hayes

shayes@co.stokes.nc.us

Quotation valid until: 2/28/2024

(336) 413-2752

Comments or Special Instructions:

P.O. Number	Salesman	Terms	Ship Via	F.O.B. Point
	Tyler	Balance Due		27030
Quantity	Condition	Material List	Unit Price	Total
4	Rec.	48" x 96" x 144" TP Teardrop Rack Starter Unit with Wire Decking	\$502.00	\$2,008.00
Freight		Customer Pick Up		\$0.00
S JBTOTAL				\$2,008.00
TAX RATE				0.00%
S ALES TAX				\$0.00
TOTAL				\$2,008.00

Note

Lead Time: 2-3 Business Days

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Thank you for allowing us to quote you the following items. We look forward to your positive response!

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STOKES COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

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Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
100.5310.180	Professional Services	\$ 116,180.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 137,180.00
				\$ -
	TOTALS	<u>\$ 116,180.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 137,180.00</u>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funding from the SS County State Revenue line item to the Expenditure line item to cover the expense that may incur in FY23-24.

This will result in a net change of \$21,000 in the Revenue, for SS County State for the Revenue that will be received for FY 23-24 funds and reimbursement will be 100% from the State.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
100.3301.203	SS County State	\$ 116,948.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 137,948.00
				\$ -
	TOTALS	<u>\$ 116,948.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 137,948.00</u>

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 25th day of March, 2024.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

Haley Elmer
Department Head's Approval

Amber Brown
County Manager's Approval

Lisa Talford
Finance Director's Approval

Amber Brown

3/21/2024
Date

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Stacey S. Elmes
Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Lee Richardson/Stacey Elmes, DSS Director

Date: March 20, 2024

RE: Budget Amendment
Professional Services

This amendment will increase monies for the Professional Services expenditure account for any Emergency Placement Fund to assist with placement of children in Department of Social Services custody. We will be increasing the expenditure account and also increase the revenue recommended by the NC Department of the DHHS. This is funds supported by the State and at a 100 % reimbursement rate to Stokes County for FY23-24.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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STOKES COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

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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
	Animal Control			
100.4380.352	Maintenance&Repairs Building	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,500.00
	Total	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,500.00</u>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To budget monies awarded through a grant to Animal Control. These funds will be used for improvement and/or upgrades to the primary enclosures flooring and fencing at the Animal Shelter.

This will result in a net increase of \$25,000.00 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			
100.3301.432	NC Dept. of Agriculture Grant - Animal Control	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	TOTALS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>

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Adopted this 25th day of March, 2024.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board



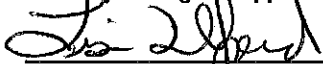
Department Head's Approval



Date

3/25/24

County Manager's Approval



Date

3/25/24

Finance Director's Approval

Date



**Board of County Commissioners
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM**

Item number: VI.a.

RiverStreet Networks Update

Contact: Greg Coltrain, RiverStreet Networks

Summary:

RiverStreet Networks will be presenting an update about current broadband projects and happenings in Stokes County.



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

2:00 PM

Item number: VII.a.

Tax Office Agenda

Contact: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator

Summary:

Discussion:

1. Monthly Reports for the month of February 2024.
 - a. Tax Collections Status Report FY 2023-2024.
2. Real and Personal Refunds less than \$100.00 per N.C.G.S. 105-381(b).
3. Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00.
4. Real and Personal Refunds more than \$ 100.00.
5. Present Use Late Application.

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
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)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
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 3/20/24
RICHARD T. BRIM DATE
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD CHANDLER DATE
CHAIRMAN-STOKES COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

STOKES COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION REFUND REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>LEDGER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
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
 TAX ADMINISTRATOR

3/20/24
 DATE

BRAD CHANDLER
 CHAIRMAN-STOKES COUNTY
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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COUNTY OF STOKES

Richard T. Brim
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:

<u>Taxpayer(s)</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Reason</u>
LAWSON, EFFIE JEAN	6939-00-15-8796	39.35	Late Delivery of Agric. PUV Application
APPROVAL _____ DENIAL _____			

Date 3/20/24

Date _____


Richard T. Brim
Tax Administrator

Brad Chandler-Chairman
Stokes County Board of Commissioners



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

2:00 PM

Item number: VII.b.

Animal Control Fee Change Request

Contact: Tommy Reeves, Chief Animal Control Officer

Summary:

Chief ACO Tommy Reeves will be present to request an increase in the fees at the Stokes County Animal Shelter. 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. Attached is the fee request and then the Humane Society of the Piedmont pricing sheet (the organization planning to be used for Spay/Neuters).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Animal Shelter Fee Change Request	3/22/2024	Cover Memo
Humane Society of the Piedmont Pricing Sheet	3/22/2024	Cover Memo

Request to Change Stokes County Animal Shelter Fees

The Stokes County Animal Shelter current pricing is below:

Adoption \$100, Rabies \$10, Redemption \$25, Surrender \$40, Euthanasia- \$25

Medical intake is completed on every animal that the shelter adopts out. This also includes animals taken by rescue groups.

The cost to the County for cats: FVRCP \$8.32, Rabies \$4.12, and Catego \$4.36, total of \$16.80 per cat.

The price for dogs: DA2PPV \$8.52, Bord (IN) \$8.36, Rabies \$4.12, Heart Worm Test \$4.56, Heart Worm Prev. \$1.00 Vectra (flea and Tick) \$6.76, for a total cost per dog of \$33.32.

Currently, the Shelter does not have a veterinarian to spay and neuter. We have to depend on the individual adopting the animal to take it to their veterinarian where the shelter pays what the veterinarian charges for surgery which usually runs from \$90 to \$250.

When the shelter adopts an animal out, the shelter loses \$16.80 per cat and \$68.32 per dog under 50 pounds and \$108.32 dogs over 50 pounds. Spay and neuter estimated pricing is \$100 for cats and \$175 for dogs.

We have found an organization that is willing to come to the shelter and pick up the animals, take them back to their location, complete the spay or neuter surgery, and return the animal the next day. This organization is Humane Society of the Piedmont. Their pricing list for this service is \$100 for female cats and \$90 for male cats. For dogs it is \$135 for females under 50 pounds and \$175 for females over 50 pounds, and for males \$120 for under 50 pounds and \$165 for males over 50 pounds.

After talking to the Humane Society and looking at the shelter's pricing, I am recommending that the shelter increase adoption fees to \$125 for all cats and \$175 for all dogs. With this pricing, the shelter will still lose money on some adoptions but make some on the others which would balance out over the year and allow the shelter to break even. The fees being proposed are as follows:

Adoption fees- \$125 cats, \$175 dogs

Surrender- \$40 per animal or \$40 for 3 if pups, litter of cats, or feral cat colonies (this pricing helps reduce the overpopulation of cats and stray dogs).

Quarantine- \$15 a day (up \$5)

Redemption- \$25 (same)

Euthanasia- \$25 (same)

Medical Intake will include rabies, Catego and FVRCP for cats, and rabies, DA2PPV, Bord (IN) heart worm test, heart worm prev. and Vectra (flea and tick) for dogs,

We have checked the pricing of surrounding counties and this will bring the shelter to mid-level pricing.

The current pricing for other counties:

Surry County- Cats \$180, dogs \$200

Forsyth County- Cats \$100, dogs \$200

Yadkin County- Cats \$85, Dogs \$100

Current Pricing Break Down:

Cats		Dogs under 50 pounds		Dogs over 50 pounds	
Adoption	\$100	Adoption	\$100	Adoption	\$100
Med. Intake	\$16.80	Med. Intake	\$33.32	med intake	\$33.32
Spay/neuter	\$100 (Estimated)	Spay/neuter	\$135 (Estimated)	Spay/neuter	\$175 (Estimated)
Total	-\$16.80	Total	-\$68.32	Total	-\$108.32

New Pricing Break Down:

Cats		Dogs under 50 pounds		Dogs over 50 pounds	
Adoption	\$125	Adoption	\$175	Adoption	\$175
Med. Intake	\$16.80	Med. Intake	\$33.32	med intake	\$33.32
Spay/neuter	\$100	Spay/neuter	\$135.00	Spay/neuter	\$175
Total	+\$8.20	Total	+\$6.68	Total	-\$33.32

Surgical Services

Female Dog (Spay)	(1-50 lbs) \$135	(51-100 lbs) \$175	(101-120 lbs) \$205
Male Dog (Neuter)	(1-50 lbs) \$120	(51-100 lbs) \$165	(101-120 lbs) \$190
Female Cat (Spay)	\$100		
Male Cat (Neuter)	\$90		
Feral Cat	\$95 (REQUIRED ear tip / rabies vaccine /capstar/ REQUIRED to be in humane trap)		

Surgical Additions

Abdominal Cryptorchid	\$75 - \$90	Determined after Pre-Surgical Exam
Hernia Repair	\$50 - \$90	Determined after Pre-Surgical Exam
Pregnant	1st Trimester \$35 / 2nd Trimester \$40 / 3rd Trimester \$50 + \$35 Sub-Q Fluids	
Additional Handling Fee	\$20	
Cat Nail Trim	\$10	*Cat nail trims must to be requested at check-in
Dog Nail Trim	Complimentary	
E-Collars	\$5	
Pain Medication	\$25	

Dog Vaccines

Rabies 1-year	\$15
Rabies 3-year	\$15 (previous proof REQUIRED)
Distemper/Parvo	\$25
Bordetella (Kennel Cough)	\$25
Heartworm Test	\$40

Cat Vaccines

Rabies (Purevax) 1-year	\$20
Rabies (Purevax) 3-year	\$45 (previous proof REQUIRED)
Feline Distemper	\$25
Feline Leukemia	\$25
Feline Combo Test	\$40

Recommended Services

Microchip	\$30
Ear Mite Check/ Ear Cytology	\$25
Anal Gland Expression	\$30
Dental Cleaning	\$200 (Exam required prior to scheduling)
Dental Extraction	\$15

All services are by appointment ONLY. Email or call to schedule.

Pet Wellness Plans

Kitten Wellness Plan

Kitten 1st Visit (\$110)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Itemized Total	\$145	\$110

Kitten 3rd Visit (\$95)

Service	Itemized Prices	
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Purevax Rabies	\$20	\$20
FeLV Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$110	\$95

Kitten 2nd Visit (\$85)

Service	Itemized Prices	
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
FeLV/FIV Test	\$40	\$35
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$105	\$85

Kitten 4th Visit (\$105)

Service	Itemized Prices	
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
FeLV Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$125	\$105

Adult Feline Wellness Plan

*** 3-year Purevax Rabies Vaccine can be administered for \$45 with proof of prior vaccination.

Annual Visit (\$205)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
FeLV/FIV Test	\$40	\$35
FeLV Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Purevax Rabies Vaccine 1-year	\$20	\$20
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Microchip	\$30	\$30
Itemized Total	\$235	\$205

All services are by appointment ONLY. Email or call to schedule.



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Pet Wellness Plans

Pet Wellness Plans

Puppy Wellness Plan

Puppy 1st Visit (\$110)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
DA2PP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Itemized Total	\$145	\$110

Puppy 3rd Visit (\$90)

Service	Itemized Prices	
DA2PP(L) Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Rabies Vaccine	\$15	\$15
Bordetella Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$105	\$90

Puppy 2nd Visit (\$50)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
DA2PP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$65	\$50

Puppy 4th Visit (\$80)

Service	Itemized Prices	
DA2PP(L) Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$100	\$80

Adult Canine Wellness Plan

Annual Visit (\$200)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
DA2PP(L) Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Heartworm Test	\$40	\$35
Bordetella Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Rabies Vaccine	\$15	\$15
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Microchip	\$30	\$30
Itemized Total	\$230	\$200

All services are by appointment ONLY. Email or call to schedule.



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

2:00 PM

Item number: VII.c.

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
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM**

Item number: VII.d.

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

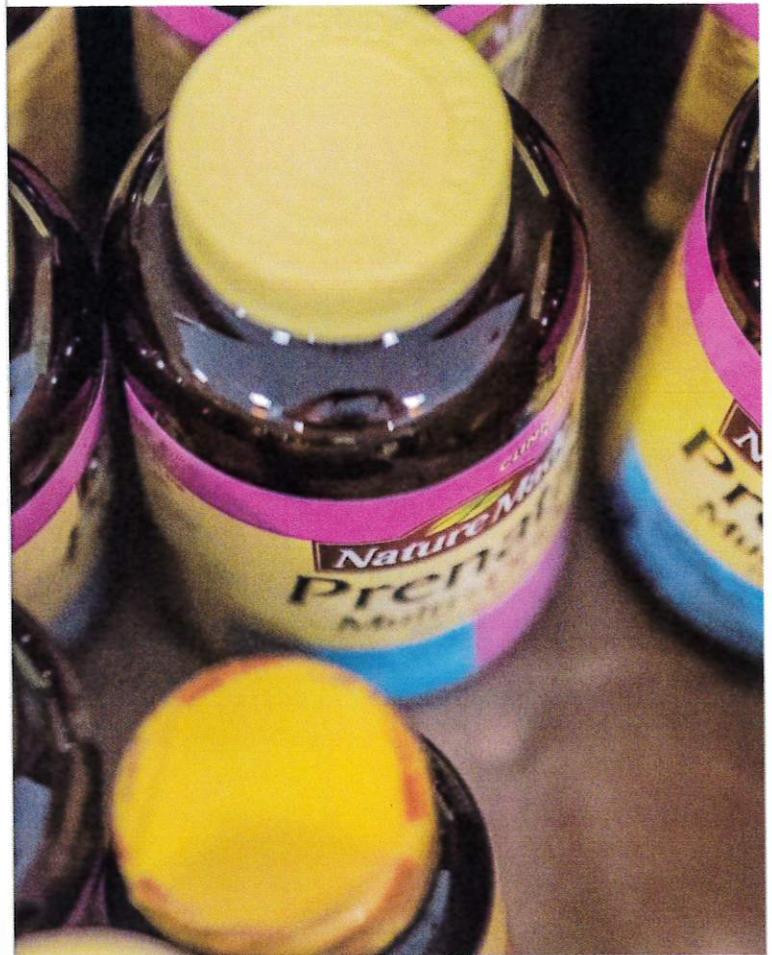
Amount: \$5,000

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

Total: \$398,820

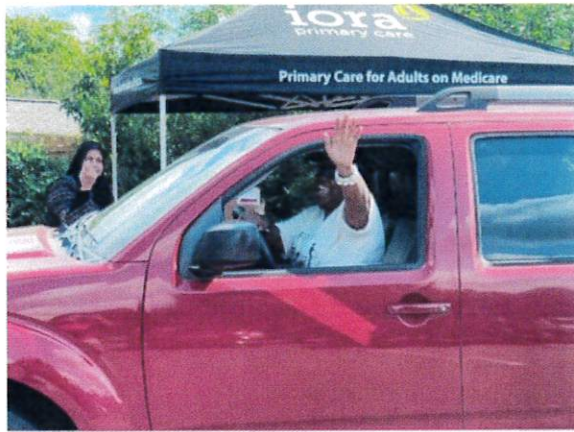
Community Investment Request

Mobile Free Pharmacy Program 2023-2024



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.



Mission in Action.



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

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| 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

1151 West Lebanon Street, Suite 200, Mt. Airy, NC 27030

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



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

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The Parenting PATH is an Exchange Club Sponsored Child Abuse Prevention Center





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 shown 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 to 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).

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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

The Sid Lee Memorial Mental Health Association
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Walnut Cove, NC 27052



Board of County Commissioners
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM

Item number: VII.e.

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 – Communitiy 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



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

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Item number: VII.f.

Bridge #37 Replacement Project

Contact:

Summary:

The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has been working on a project to replace Bridge #37 on NC 268 over Big Creek.

NCDOT considered the following two alternatives for the replacement of the NC 268 bridge...

- Replace in its current location with 18-month road closure and 15-minute detour.
- Replace on new location to the north of the existing bridge while maintaining traffic.

A southern alignment option has been considered but that alignment resulted in the intersection with NC 89 being too close to the NC 89 bridge over the Dan River, creating a potential safety hazard.

Based on initial discussions with County EMS officials, 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 they will "adapt" to whatever the NCDOT decides. However, 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. It has been discussed that a public hearing on the issue would be ideal so that citizens and board members can share their input on the bridge replacement where NC DOT officials can be in attendance. The proposed public hearing date is at the beginning of the April 22, 2024, Board of Commissioners Meeting.



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

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Item number: VII.g.

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. Public Works Director Stewart Easter will be presenting the request at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Purchase Agreement for Future Green Box Site	3/22/2024	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:

J. Owen Matis _____ (SEAL)

Gill S. Snyder _____ (SEAL)



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

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Item number: VII.h.

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: _____

**** 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.**

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.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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).

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



**Board of County Commissioners
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM**

Item number: VII.i.

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.

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.

I 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

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 lightning 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 current 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.

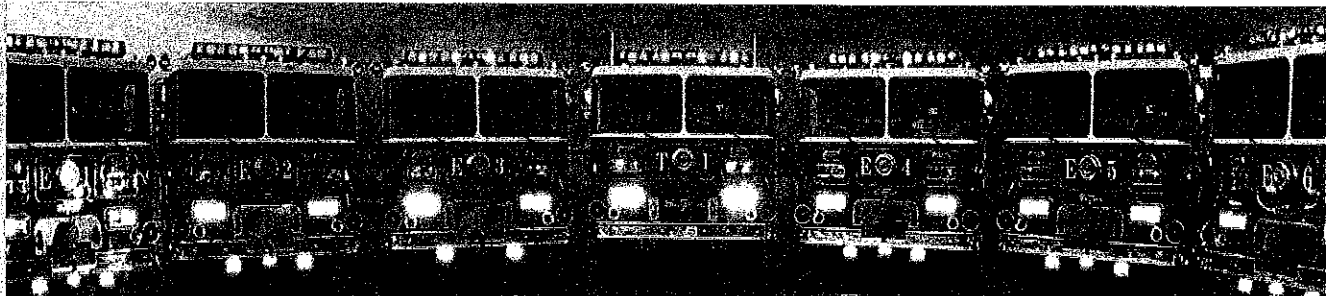
Since the FRF laws remained virtually unchanged until the 1950's, several department's LFRF across the State got laws passed at the State level to allow them uses for their fund that were not allowed by Article 84 at the time. There are currently over 50 local bills of this nature. Due to changes in 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.





Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

2:00 PM

Item number: VIII.a.

Demolition at 1075 Dodgetown Road

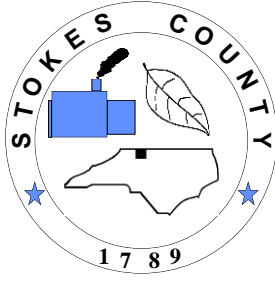
Contact: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

Summary:

Bids were received for the demolition project at 1075 Dodgetown Road and opened publicly on February 29, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Demolition at 1075 Dodgetown Road	3/5/2024	Cover Memo
Map	3/5/2024	Backup Material



Stokes County
Purchasing Department

Memorandum

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

Date: March 4, 2024

Re: Demolition at 1075 Dodgetown Road

Bids were received for the demolition project at 1075 Dodgetown Road and opened publicly on February 29, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Below are the ten (10) bids received:

Bidder	Amount
EMR Services Inc	\$104,857.50
East Landscaping & Seeding, Inc DBA East Grading	\$137,588.00
DH Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc	\$149,742.00
KTF Contractor Services, LLC	\$158,850.00
MBH Enterprises, Inc	\$162,346.00
Carolina Hauling & Junk Removal	\$192,115.00
Four Seasons	\$237,000.00
Stewarts Grading & Hauling	\$245,059.76
Silas Ridge Construction Services	\$296,757.00
James Mabe, Faith Farms Grading & Hauling	\$425,000.00

EMR Services, Inc from Thomasville, NC was the lowest bid received. I am requesting the Board to approve EMR Services, Inc as the demolition contractor for this project with the bid of \$104,857.50.



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Stokes County GIS Mapping

Tax Map

2.0 Acres Estimated in White Outline for Re-seeding

1:1,200

0 25 50 100 150 200 Feet

Printed
 Date: 2/15/2024





Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

2:00 PM

Item number: VIII.b.

Danbury Planning and Zoning Board ETJ Appointment

Contact: Interim Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown

Summary:

Danbury Planning and Zoning Board ETJ Member Melinda Ring's term expired in December 2023. A new Danbury ETJ Member needs to be appointed to fill this vacancy. The Danbury Town Council voted to recommend Jacob Elsdon be appointed by the Board of Commissioners to fill this position.

Attached is Mr. Elsdon's resume along with an appointment request letter from Town Manager Mike Barsness.

At the last commissioners meeting, the Board of Commissioners nominated Jacob Elsdon to serve in this role.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Jacob Elsdon Resume	3/8/2024	Cover Memo
Danbury ETJ Appointment Request	3/8/2024	Cover Memo

Jacob Elsdon

Current:
495 Seven Island Rd
Danbury, NC 27016

Jake.Elsdon@gmail.com
Height: 6'1" Weight: 210#
DOB: 9/29/1986

- Objective** To earn a position working as a zoning officer for the town of Danbury, NC.
- Education**
- Sonoran Desert Institute (SDI)**
Certificate of Firearms Technology – Gunsmithing In Progress
CGPA 4.0/4.0, to be completed January 2024
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), Prescott, AZ**
Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics Dec 2012
Minor in Applied Meteorology
CGPA 3.3/4.0
- Chaffey College, Rancho Cucamonga, CA**
Associate of Science in Business Administration May 2010
- Certificates** Private Pilot License; Airplane Single Engine Land
NC Class A Commercial Driver License, current DOT Medical
- Experience**
- Great Lakes Cold Logistics, Warrendale, PA** Sep 2018 – Present
Class A Commercial Driver
- Operate a commercial combination vehicle subject to the FMCSA regulations approximately 2500-3000 miles per week.
 - Perform pre-trip/post-trip inspections and ensure proper operation of the air brakes system, manage schedule to comply with E-Log work hours per the DOT, and coordinate with dispatch and third-party brokers for the safe and on-time delivery of all loads.
- Advance School of Driving, Fontana, CA** Spring 2016 –2018
Class A CDL Driver Instructor
- Operating a commercial combination class A vehicle as a Driver Instructor under the standards contained in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 and Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.
 - Instruct and train four student drivers per week in a combination vehicle on backing skills to include the practice of straight-backing, offset-parking, parallel-parking, and the alley-dock. Instruct over the road on shifting basics using a 10-speed manual transmission, situational awareness, speed control with respect to safe braking distance, turning corners basics with a trailer, reading road signs regarding commercial vehicles, and more to prepare students for the DMV exam.
- Skills**
- Effective communicator
Valuable team member
Independent problem solver

Town of Danbury

201 Courthouse Circle
P.O. Box 4
Danbury, NC 27016
(336) 593-2002
Fax- (336) 593-2019
Email – admin@townofdanbury1957.org

Janet S. Whitt, Mayor
W. Eugene Russell, Town Attorney

Mike Barsness, Town Administrator
Dianne Starnes, Town Clerk

February 29, 2024

Amber Brown
Stokes County Manager
PO Box 20
Danbury, NC 27016

RE: Danbury ETJ Appointment

Dear Amber:

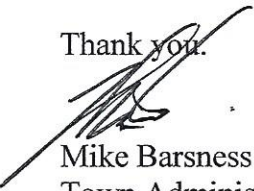
The term for Danbury Planning & Zoning Board ETJ member Melinda Ring expired on December 8, 2023. Unfortunately she has had a lengthy illness and recently passed. Article II of the Danbury Zoning Ordinance requires reappointment or replacement of board members at the end of their respective three-year term.

The Danbury Town Council, at their regular February meeting, voted to recommend Jacob Elsdon be appointed by Stokes County Commissioners to replace Mrs. Ring as a Danbury ETJ member.

Mr. Elsdon and his family are relatively new members of the Danbury ETJ and want to be contributing members to the community.

Please present this request to the Stokes County Board of Commissioners for consideration at the appropriate time and advise us of their decision at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.



Mike Barsness
Town Administrator

Attachment: Jacob Elsdon Resume



**Board of County Commissioners
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Item number: VIII.c.

Final Offer for Two Parcels on Merridon Drive

Contact: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

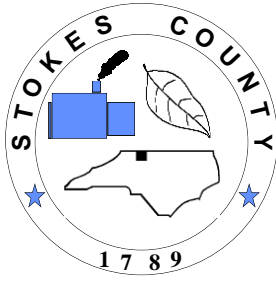
Summary:

An offer was received for the mentioned two parcels and was brought to the Board at the February 26, 2024, Commissioners Meeting where a consensus was given to continue with the process.

As outlined in NCGS 160A-269, the upset bid process started on February 29, 2024, and ended at 9:00 am Monday, March 11, 2024, for the two surplus tax foreclosure parcels located on Merridon Drive. No upset bids were received and final approval for the offer is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Offer to Purchase Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property	3/18/2024	Cover Memo
Offer to Purchase Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property	3/18/2024	Backup Material



Stokes County
Purchasing Department

Memorandum

To: Stokes County Board of Commissioners

From: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

Date: March 18, 2024

Re: Surplus Tax Foreclosed Property

As outlined in NCGS 160A-269, an advertisement for upset bid was published in the February 29, 2024 edition of the Stokes News along with being posted on the County web page. This advertisement pertained to the sale of tax foreclosed surplus property as indicated below:

Parcel # 5996-00-10-7059
DB/PG 770/2429
Merridon Drive
Pinnacle, NC 27043
Offer for the sum of \$3,500.00

Parcel # 5996-00-19-7936
DB/PG 770/2429
Merridon Drive
Pinnacle, NC 27043
Offer for the sum of \$3,350.00

The upset bid process started on February 29, 2024 and ended at 9:00 am Monday, March 11, 2024. No upset bids were received.

At this point, the Board of Commissioners has the option of accepting or rejecting the offer above.

I recommend accepting the offer made by United Investment Properties, LLC on both properties and proceeding with the deed transfer.

NORTH CAROLINA
STOKES COUNTY

Offer To Purchase Property
Upset Bid I

Received 2/21/24
Merridon Drive

I, Devis R. Ulloa, am offering to purchase from the County of Stokes tax parcel
5996-00-10-7059, Deed Book/Page 770/2429, for the sum of \$3,500

Refundable Deposit - 5% of bid amount \$ 175

I understand that this sale is being held in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 105-376 (c) as real property purchased at a tax foreclosure sale by a taxing unit and 53A-176 and 160A-269 for upset bids.

I understand that a quitclaim deed will be issued and that it is possible for there to be outstanding deeds of trust on the property. Stokes County is selling its tax interest only in this property.

I also understand that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject this or all bids received if the Board deems it to be in the best interests of Stokes County.

Devis R. Ulloa
Signature

Devis Roral Ulloa Medina
Print Name

02/13/2024
Date

Deed to: United Investment Properties LLC

Offer to Purchase must be notarized if mailed in.

Contact Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager (336) 593-2452 for guidelines.

Notary: George V. M. Randall
My commission expires: July 13, 2028

NORTH CAROLINA
STOKES COUNTY

Offer To Purchase Property

Upset Bid 1

Received 2/21/24
Merridon Drive

I, Devis R Ulloa, am offering to purchase from the County of Stokes tax parcel
5996-00-19-7936, Deed Book/Page 770/2429, for the sum of \$ 3,350.00

Refundable Deposit - 5% of bid amount \$ 167.50

I understand that this sale is being held in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 105-376 (c) as real property purchased at a tax foreclosure sale by a taxing unit and 53A-176 and 160A-269 for upset bids.

I understand that a quitclaim deed will be issued and that it is possible for there to be outstanding deeds of trust on the property. Stokes County is selling its tax interest only in this property.

I also understand that the Stokes County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject this or all bids received if the Board deems it to be in the best interests of Stokes County.

Devis R Ulloa

Signature

Devis Roral Ulloa Medina
Print Name

02/13/2024

Date

DEED TO: United Investment Properties LLC

Offer to Purchase must be notarized if mailed in.

Contact Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager (336) 593-2452 for guidelines.

Notary: Regina V. McRandal

My commission expires: July 13, 2028



Board of County Commissioners
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM

Item number: VIII.d.

Verizon Tower Booth Mountain Lease

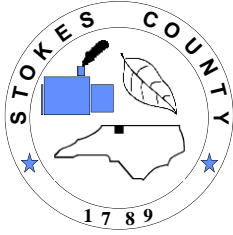
Contact: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

Summary:

As requested by the Board at the March 11, 2024, meeting, Purchasing/Project Manager Glenda Pruitt negotiated with Verizon for the lease on Booth Mountain. An increased rent amount was agreed upon. Details are included in the attachments. If the Board agrees with the negotiated amount, the lease requires approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Memo-Verizon Tower Lease Booth Mountain	3/18/2024	Cover Memo
Final Verizon Term Sheet	3/18/2024	Backup Material



Stokes County
Purchasing Department

Memorandum

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

Date: March 14, 2024

Re: Verizon Tower Booth Mountain

As requested by the Board at the March 11, 2024 meeting I have spoken with Shiree Alexander, lease consultant with Verizon. I negotiated an increase from the previous offer and a rent guarantee for 5 years. Verizon's new offer is outlined below:

- New Rent Amount: \$1,166.00 per month, commencing on (August 1, 2024)
- New Rent Escalator: Fifteen Percent (15%) every 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 \$69,960.00 for the next 60 months.

I would like to request the Board's approval to proceed with this offer and continue the lease with Verizon. With the Board's approval of the new lease, documents will be created by Verizon and submitted to County Attorney Browder for approval.



March 12, 2024

STOKES COUNTY

,
ATTN: Glenda Pruitt

Site Name: DANBURY

Site ID: 59331

Dear Landlord,

I am following up with you regarding our recent telephone conversation setting forth Verizon Wireless's Lease Optimization Program. As discussed during our conversation, Verizon Wireless is interested in making certain modifications to the cell site lease regarding the Verizon Wireless communications facility on your property. These lease modifications will allow the cell site on your property to better meet Verizon Wireless's current operational needs and enhance its long term value to the overall network.

Criteria for Cell Site Retention/Rent Guarantee Period

As we discussed, Verizon Wireless would like to include this site in its long-term portfolio under the following terms:

- **New Rent Amount:** \$1,166.00 per month, commencing on (August 1, 2024)
- **New Rent Escalator:** Fifteen Percent (15%) every 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 \$69,960.00 for the next 60 months.

The foregoing proposal does not constitute a binding offer to amend the lease. No legal obligation is created by this letter or any other written or oral communications until a written amendment to the lease has been signed by both Landlord and Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless will continue to abide by the terms of the current lease until an amendment has been executed or the existing lease has been terminated or expires. Verizon Wireless values its affiliation with you and hopes that you choose to secure your site(s) to continue a long and mutually profitable relationship in the years to come. After having reviewed this proposal, please contact me prior to **March 26 2024.**

Sincerely,

Shiree Alexander
Lease Consultant
Lease Optimization - CENREV

O 469.421.2954



Shiree Alexander

[LC SIGNATURE]

180 Washington Valley Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921



Board of County Commissioners
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM

Item number: VIII.e.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Contact: Stacey Elmes, DSS Director

Summary:

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To recognize the month by dedication to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families, this proclamation is being presented. Attached is the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation and the flyer for the 2024 Ring Out Child Abuse Event on April 5th.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation 2024	3/25/2024	Cover Memo
Ring Out Child Abuse Event Flyer 2024	3/22/2024	Cover Memo



CHILD ABUSE 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 Brad Chandler

Vice-Chairman Keith Wood

Commissioner Sonya Cox

Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall

Commissioner Rick Morris

Clerk to the Board Amber Brown

RING OUT CHILD ABUSE

STOKES COUNTY



**WEAR
YOUR
BLUE!**

**Join us as we ring the bell on child abuse
awareness and commit to our
community's children**

**Friday, April 5, 2024
Stokes County DSS
1010 North Main Street
Danbury, NC 27016
10:30AM**

**IT'S NOT JUST A PINWHEEL
IT'S A PROMISE!**

**THE BLUE PINWHEEL IS THE NATIONAL
SYMBOL OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
PREVENTION. IT IS A REMINDER THAT ALL
CHILDREN DESERVE A HAPPY CHILDHOOD
AND IS REFLECTIVE OF THE BRIGHT FUTURE
ALL CHILDREN DESERVE.**





Board of County Commissioners
March 25, 2024
2:00 PM

Item number: VIII.f.

Animal Control Fee Change Request

Contact: Tommy Reeves, Chief Animal Control Officer

Summary:

Chief ACO Tommy Reeves will be present to request an increase in the fees at the Stokes County Animal Shelter. 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. Attached is the fee request and then the Humane Society of the Piedmont pricing sheet (the organization planning to be used for Spay/Neuters).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Animal Shelter Fee Change Request	3/22/2024	Cover Memo
Humane Society of the Piedmont Pricing Sheet	3/22/2024	Cover Memo

Request to Change Stokes County Animal Shelter Fees

The Stokes County Animal Shelter current pricing is below:

Adoption \$100, Rabies \$10, Redemption \$25, Surrender \$40, Euthanasia- \$25

Medical intake is completed on every animal that the shelter adopts out. This also includes animals taken by rescue groups.

The cost to the County for cats: FVRCP \$8.32, Rabies \$4.12, and Catego \$4.36, total of \$16.80 per cat.

The price for dogs: DA2PPV \$8.52, Bord (IN) \$8.36, Rabies \$4.12, Heart Worm Test \$4.56, Heart Worm Prev. \$1.00 Vectra (flea and Tick) \$6.76, for a total cost per dog of \$33.32.

Currently, the Shelter does not have a veterinarian to spay and neuter. We have to depend on the individual adopting the animal to take it to their veterinarian where the shelter pays what the veterinarian charges for surgery which usually runs from \$90 to \$250.

When the shelter adopts an animal out, the shelter loses \$16.80 per cat and \$68.32 per dog under 50 pounds and \$108.32 dogs over 50 pounds. Spay and neuter estimated pricing is \$100 for cats and \$175 for dogs.

We have found an organization that is willing to come to the shelter and pick up the animals, take them back to their location, complete the spay or neuter surgery, and return the animal the next day. This organization is Humane Society of the Piedmont. Their pricing list for this service is \$100 for female cats and \$90 for male cats. For dogs it is \$135 for females under 50 pounds and \$175 for females over 50 pounds, and for males \$120 for under 50 pounds and \$165 for males over 50 pounds.

After talking to the Humane Society and looking at the shelter's pricing, I am recommending that the shelter increase adoption fees to \$125 for all cats and \$175 for all dogs. With this pricing, the shelter will still lose money on some adoptions but make some on the others which would balance out over the year and allow the shelter to break even. The fees being proposed are as follows:

Adoption fees- \$125 cats, \$175 dogs

Surrender- \$40 per animal or \$40 for 3 if pups, litter of cats, or feral cat colonies (this pricing helps reduce the overpopulation of cats and stray dogs).

Quarantine- \$15 a day (up \$5)

Redemption- \$25 (same)

Euthanasia- \$25 (same)

Medical Intake will include rabies, Catego and FVRCP for cats, and rabies, DA2PPV, Bord (IN) heart worm test, heart worm prev. and Vectra (flea and tick) for dogs,

We have checked the pricing of surrounding counties and this will bring the shelter to mid-level pricing.

The current pricing for other counties:

Surry County- Cats \$180, dogs \$200

Forsyth County- Cats \$100, dogs \$200

Yadkin County- Cats \$85, Dogs \$100

Current Pricing Break Down:

Cats		Dogs under 50 pounds		Dogs over 50 pounds	
Adoption	\$100	Adoption	\$100	Adoption	\$100
Med. Intake	\$16.80	Med. Intake	\$33.32	med intake	\$33.32
Spay/neuter	\$100 (Estimated)	Spay/neuter	\$135 (Estimated)	Spay/neuter	\$175 (Estimated)
Total	-\$16.80	Total	-\$68.32	Total	-\$108.32

New Pricing Break Down:

Cats		Dogs under 50 pounds		Dogs over 50 pounds	
Adoption	\$125	Adoption	\$175	Adoption	\$175
Med. Intake	\$16.80	Med. Intake	\$33.32	med intake	\$33.32
Spay/neuter	\$100	Spay/neuter	\$135.00	Spay/neuter	\$175
Total	+\$8.20	Total	+\$6.68	Total	-\$33.32

Surgical Services

Female Dog (Spay)	(1-50 lbs) \$135	(51-100 lbs) \$175	(101-120 lbs) \$205
Male Dog (Neuter)	(1-50 lbs) \$120	(51-100 lbs) \$165	(101-120 lbs) \$190
Female Cat (Spay)	\$100		
Male Cat (Neuter)	\$90		
Feral Cat	\$95 (REQUIRED ear tip / rabies vaccine /capstar/ REQUIRED to be in humane trap)		

Surgical Additions

Abdominal Cryptorchid	\$75 - \$90	Determined after Pre-Surgical Exam
Hernia Repair	\$50 - \$90	Determined after Pre-Surgical Exam
Pregnant	1st Trimester \$35 / 2nd Trimester \$40 / 3rd Trimester \$50 + \$35 Sub-Q Fluids	
Additional Handling Fee	\$20	
Cat Nail Trim	\$10	*Cat nail trims must to be requested at check-in
Dog Nail Trim	Complimentary	
E-Collars	\$5	
Pain Medication	\$25	

Dog Vaccines

Rabies 1-year	\$15
Rabies 3-year	\$15 (previous proof REQUIRED)
Distemper/Parvo	\$25
Bordetella (Kennel Cough)	\$25
Heartworm Test	\$40

Cat Vaccines

Rabies (Purevax) 1-year	\$20
Rabies (Purevax) 3-year	\$45 (previous proof REQUIRED)
Feline Distemper	\$25
Feline Leukemia	\$25
Feline Combo Test	\$40

Recommended Services

Microchip	\$30
Ear Mite Check/ Ear Cytology	\$25
Anal Gland Expression	\$30
Dental Cleaning	\$200 (Exam required prior to scheduling)
Dental Extraction	\$15

All services are by appointment ONLY. Email or call to schedule.

Pet Wellness Plans

Kitten Wellness Plan

Kitten 1st Visit (\$110)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Itemized Total	\$145	\$110

Kitten 3rd Visit (\$95)

Service	Itemized Prices	
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Purevax Rabies	\$20	\$20
FeLV Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$110	\$95

Kitten 2nd Visit (\$85)

Service	Itemized Prices	
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
FeLV/FIV Test	\$40	\$35
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$105	\$85

Kitten 4th Visit (\$105)

Service	Itemized Prices	
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
FeLV Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$125	\$105

Adult Feline Wellness Plan

*** 3-year Purevax Rabies Vaccine can be administered for \$45 with proof of prior vaccination.

Annual Visit (\$205)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
FVRCP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
FeLV/FIV Test	\$40	\$35
FeLV Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Purevax Rabies Vaccine 1-year	\$20	\$20
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Microchip	\$30	\$30
Itemized Total	\$235	\$205

All services are by appointment ONLY. Email or call to schedule.



PHONE (336) 299-3060

FAX (336) 299-6072

EMAIL appointments@hspiedmont.org

Pet Wellness Plans

Pet Wellness Plans

Puppy Wellness Plan

Puppy 1st Visit (\$110)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
DA2PP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Itemized Total	\$145	\$110

Puppy 3rd Visit (\$90)

Service	Itemized Prices	
DA2PP(L) Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Rabies Vaccine	\$15	\$15
Bordetella Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$105	\$90

Puppy 2nd Visit (\$50)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
DA2PP Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$65	\$50

Puppy 4th Visit (\$80)

Service	Itemized Prices	
DA2PP(L) Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Dewormer	\$25	\$15
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	\$10
Itemized Total	\$100	\$80

Adult Canine Wellness Plan

Annual Visit (\$200)

Service	Itemized Prices vs Package Price	
Physical Exam	\$45	\$40
DA2PP(L) Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Heartworm Test	\$40	\$35
Bordetella Vaccine	\$25	\$25
Rabies Vaccine	\$15	\$15
Fecal Test	\$35	\$30
Nail Trim	\$15	Complimentary
Microchip	\$30	\$30
Itemized Total	\$230	\$200

All services are by appointment ONLY. Email or call to schedule.



Board of County Commissioners

March 25, 2024

2:00 PM

Item number: IX.a.

Presentation on Broadband

Contact: Jeff Brooks, NC Department of Information Technology

Summary:

Mr. Brooks will present information on the NC Department of Information Technology and current programs being facilitated by the Broadband Infrastructure Office. A presentation will be provided at the meeting.

This item has been placed last on the agenda so as not to hold other presenters up at the request of Mr. Brooks. The placement also allows for more involved discussion *if needed and appropriate* in closed session.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
NC BIO Presentation	4/5/2024	Cover Memo



Current Broadband Programs

Stokes County

North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office

March 25, 2024

DIVISION OF BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY

It's Time to Close the Digital Divide in North Carolina

At least 1.1 million North Carolina households lack access to high-speed internet, cannot afford it or do not have the skills needed to take advantage of the digital economy. Gov. Roy Cooper has a plan to close the digital divide to achieve digital equity for all North Carolinians.



AGENDA



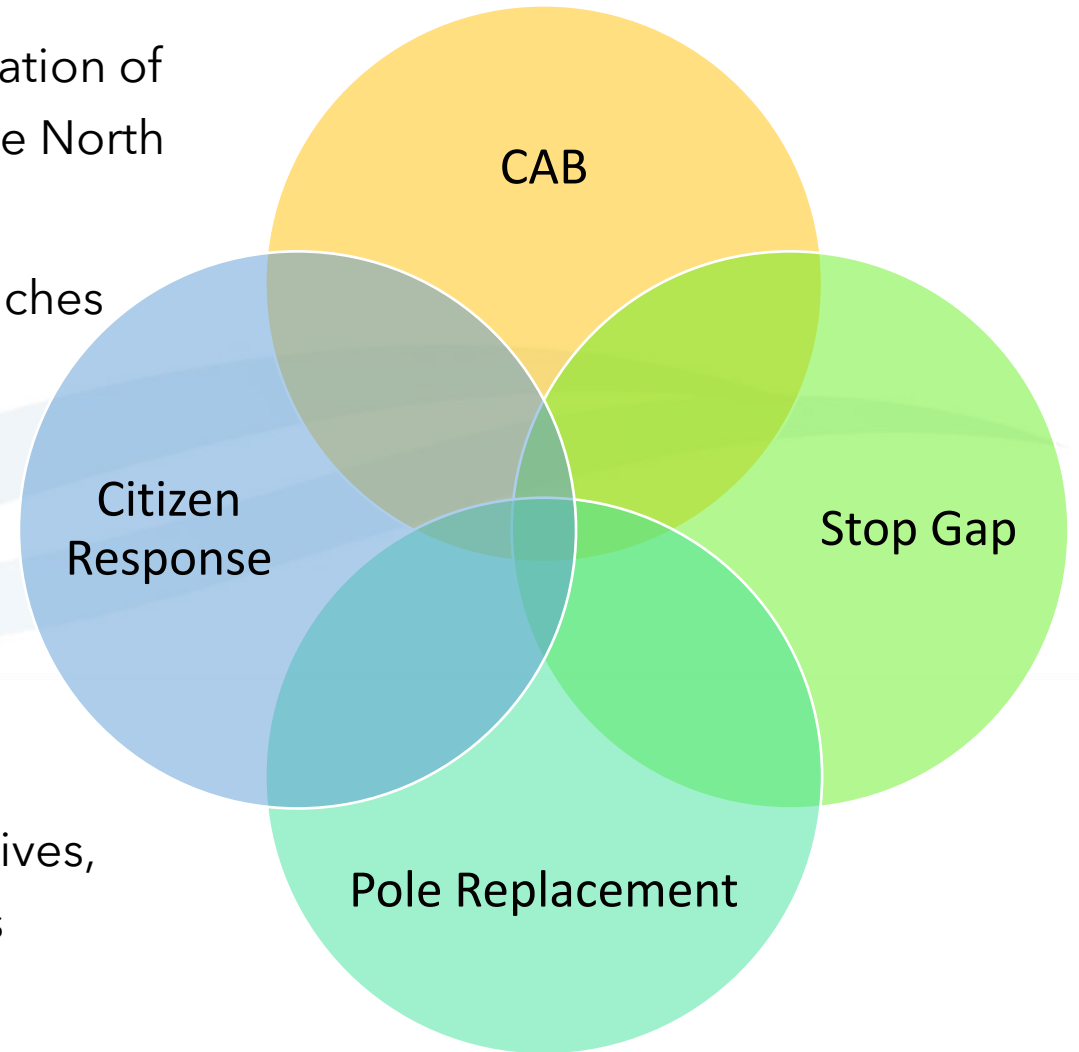
- Introduction
- Digital Equity & Inclusion
- Grant Programs
- Summary
- Questions
- Contact Information



OUR ROLE

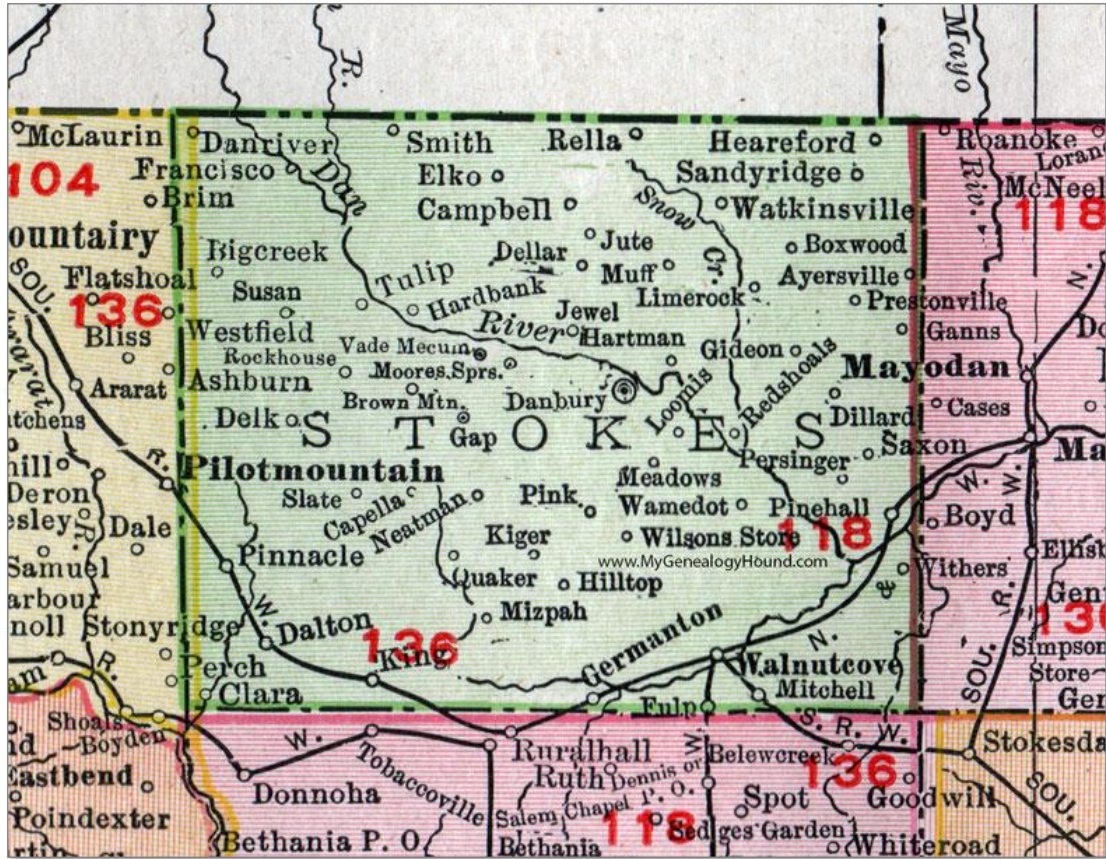


- Our team is responsible for the development and initialization of the CAB, Stop Gap and Pole Replacement programs in the North Carolina Broadband Office
- We provide support to the Legislative and Executive branches in responding to citizen and other inquiries
- We actively promote the work of the GREAT Grant and Office of Literacy & Digital Equity teams
- Our team represents a resource in North Carolina with a singular focus on direct engagement with and support of all 100 counties.
- We are engaged with Councils of Government, Cooperatives, Service Providers, Manufacturers and Community Groups





WHERE WE ARE – STOKES COUNTY



Rand McNally - 1911

State Broadband Survey Results - 18 mos

County	Households	Responses	Pct.
Stokes	18,992	2,050	10.8%
Catawba	64,442	1903	2.9%
Rowan	56,618	573	1.1%



Stokes County Summary Data

County	Locations
Unserved	2,347
DSL Only	2,990
No Internet Devices	14.54% of all h/h

2022 – 2023 GREAT GRANT APPLICATIONS



Stokes County	Award Zitel LLC
Project Cost	\$6,536,631
Locations Passed	1319
Cost Per Location	\$4.954
Topology	FTTH





NCDIT – Division of Broadband & Digital Equity

NORTH CAROLINA BROADBAND OVERVIEW

- Mission of North Carolina Division of Broadband & Digital Equity is to promote the expansion of access to broadband for citizens and businesses within the State.
- Grant programs are appropriated by the North Carolina General Assembly with certain requirements set in State legislation.
 - Programs which utilize federal funding have additional program requirements defined by federal rules.

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 or even fast-food restaurants to perform tasks such as:



Find health, medical or government services info



Find legal or consumer rights info



Look for a job or job training



Find info on local schools



Purchase products or services



Do homework online



Attend online class, meeting or webinar

LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITY



Infrastructure (Availability)

Many North Carolina households currently do not have access to high-speed internet of 100/20+ due to lack of infrastructure.

Does infrastructure pass my home, farm, or business?



Affordability (Adoption)

Approximately 1.3 million households would have to pay more than 2% of their annual income to afford a broadband cost of \$60/month.

Can I pay the bill each month?

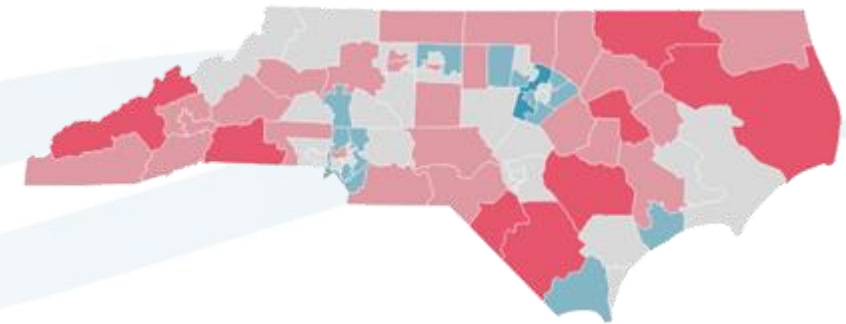


Digital Literacy and Enablement (Adoption)

More than 350,000 households are without a home laptop or desktop computer. As many as 1.2 million adults may lack the digital literacy required to take advantage of online services.

*Can you use the internet personally for education, health care, etc.?
Can your business use it to retain and service customers?*

Percent of Households Without a High-Speed Internet Subscription (2019)¹



% of households



1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) Microdata, for respondents who don't have an internet subscription or that only have cellular data or only have dial-up, satellite or other.

NORTH CAROLINA'S CURRENT INVESTMENT PLAN



INFRASTRUCTURE

\$971M

Ensure availability of internet service at speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps for more than 98% of North Carolina households.

\$380M

- GREAT Grant (\$350M American Rescue Plan Act; \$30 State CIF)

\$400M

- Completing Access to Broadband (CAB)

\$90M

- Stop Gap Solutions

\$100M

- Broadband Make Ready Accelerator (Broadband Pole Replacement Fund)

\$1M

- Broadband Mapping



AWARENESS AND DIGITAL LITERACY

\$50M

Improve awareness and enable all North Carolina citizens to realize the benefits of high-speed internet through digital literacy allowing access to the digital economy.



ADMINISTRATIVE

\$15M

Supplement North Carolina's capacity to support broadband expansion efforts.



FUTURE BEAD FUNDING 2025-28

\$1.57B

Closing the digital divide to ensure 99.5% + of North Carolinas have access to broadband services. Provides additional support for adoption across the state including education, hardware support and continued outreach in partnership with local governments to senior citizens, minorities, low-income households and more.



FEDERAL “INTERNET FOR ALL” PROGRAMS

Program	Funding
FCC’s Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) * <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provides \$30 per month subsidy for qualifying households; Up to \$75 subsidy for households on Tribal lands1X discount of up to \$100 for laptop, tablet or desktop (with a co-payment between \$10 and \$50)20 internet providers now offering \$30 high-speed internet monthly plan; details at getinternet.gov	\$14.2B
Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">High-cost areas (\$4.245B), Formula grants (\$37.356B)Must include affordability component; prohibits exclusion of municipal networksNorth Carolina’s estimated award \$1.57B	\$42.45B
Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Single award in central North Carolina	\$1B
Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program	\$2B
State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program	\$60M
State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program	\$1.44B
Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program	\$1.25B

** Program is expected to run out of funding in the spring of 2024*

Digital Equity, Literacy & Inclusion in North Carolina



BROADBAND ADOPTION | VOICES



Date Submitted ▼	address ▼	Are there any other comments you wish to share with Scotland County regarding broadband service or Internet access? ▼
6/7/2021	28351	Consistency is what we lack now. When a storm or cloudy day comes, our service becomes spotty, and sometimes we lose it completely.
6/2/2021	28351	ESC has been fit our needs.
7/8/2021	28351	Fair and uner communicati varied opinio
6/3/2021	28352	From search f mile of the ci
6/2/2021	28363	Glad to see th get what they
7/6/2021	28352	I feel the cour
7/15/2021	28352	I know that th used to provi and therefore have the high speeds in the can't do their the same.
6/3/2021	28352	I think the pro
7/15/2021	28352	I'm an educat Internet servi
Date Submitted ▼	address ▼	Are there any other comments you wish to share with Scotland County regarding broadband service or Internet access? ▼
6/27/2021	28396	Improving broadband access is critical to our quality of life in the 21st Century. I would like to see in Scotland County a service similar to Fibrant Communications in Salisbury and Greenlight in Wilson.
6/29/2021	28351	It would be nice to have more internet options for those out of the city limits
7/13/2021	28345	Just would really wanna get some decent internet services in my area.. thank you
7/6/2021	28352	Our AT&T DSL is very poor and we cannot upgrade it. They say no space available. If we didn't have a hot spot on our phone we would be in big trouble.
6/3/2021	28352	Please provide a high speed internet in our area. ESC is the only thing available and its not good.
6/4/2021	28351	Safe, uninterrupted access to high speed internet is critical for education, information and staying connected with family and friends. Slow and unreliable internet is the antithesis to the above.
7/14/2021	28396	Seniors who can't get out much it helps them n many ways...social community, family, paying bills and keeping up with banking, shopping on line, getting it delivered..just browsing
6/4/2021	28352	Spectrum would not offer us internet service without paying them 1500 to connect. They said they didn't offer service to our area despite being so close in proximity to the Hospital. We could only find access to the internet through ESC and Hughes Net was ridiculous expensive. In the 21st century internet access is as important as water and electricity so I am hard pressed to understand why Laurinburg does not have the capacity to connect homes to a valuable service. With ESC streaming is difficult by connection speeds are slow and multiple users cannot connect at the same time. Additionally when it rains we lose service regularly. There has to be a solution for our county!
6/23/2021	28352	That it be available to everyone who want it.
7/8/2021	28352	The current internet service at our location is awful.
7/13/2021	28351	We bought our first home here in Laurel Hill about two years ago, however we regret it because of the poor Internet service that we didn't know about. My husbands in the military and the deploys often, it's hard to stay in touch with him on his deployment with little Internet service. We've been on a waitlist for two years through ESC. Because of the bad Internet service we have through Hughes net, 2020 was very hard on my children doing virtual school.

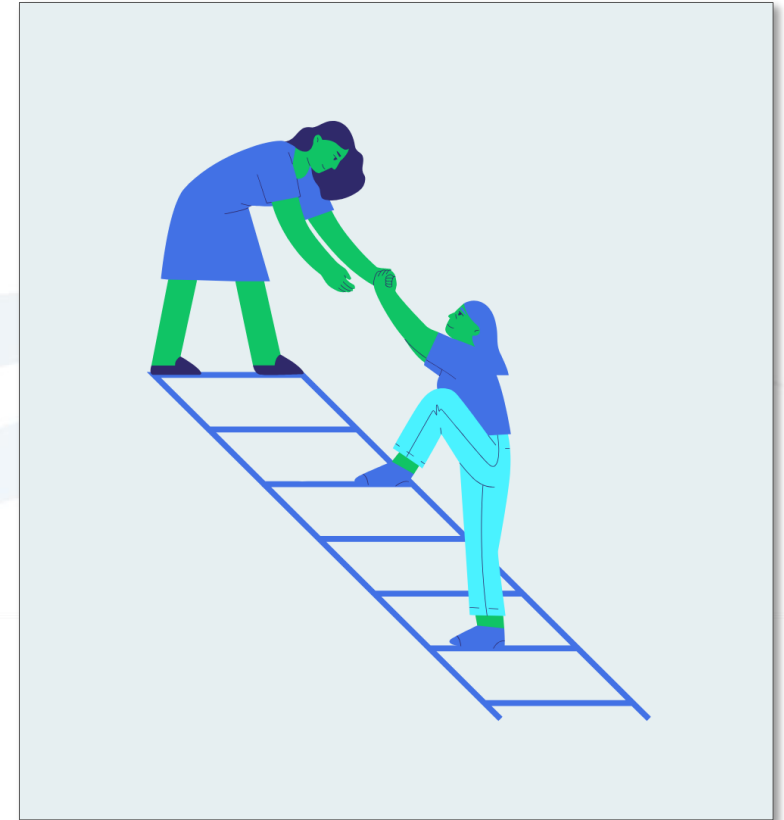
2021 Survey Lumber River COG
Broadband Assessment – total
4,907 responses across 90 days.

BROADBAND ADOPTION | DEFINITIONS

- **Digital Equity.** "... all individuals and communities have the information and technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy. Digital equity is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services."
- **Digital Literacy.** "...the ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring both cognitive and technical skills."
- **Digital Inclusion.** "...activities necessary to ensure that all individuals and communities, including the most disadvantaged, have access to and use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)."



- Office of Digital Literacy and Equity | 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 Connectivity Program.



DIGITAL CHAMPIONS GRANT 2024 | ODEL



- Maximum grant of \$1.5M per project / \$400,000 per county.
- Focused on projects which address digital inclusion such as:
 - Affordability
 - Internet enabled devices
 - Access to digital literacy and skills training
 - Programs and online content to enable/encourage self-sufficiency, participation and collaboration

Applicants listing Stokes County as a service area:

Jason Lagesse	YMCA of Northwest North Carolina	Stokes
Michelle Slaton	Piedmont Triad Regional Council ODEL	Stokes
Ken Rogerson	Sanford School of Public Policy	Stokes
Kris Yerkie	North Carolina Cyber Academy	Stokes
Amy Ball Braswell	Forsyth Technical Community College	Stokes
Kimberley Thompson-Hairston	Stokes County Schools	Stokes
Beth Chartrand	North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Stokes

Application window opened November 2023 and closed January 8, 2024. A total of 325 applications were received with projects indicated in all 100 counties in NC.

Infrastructure in North Carolina

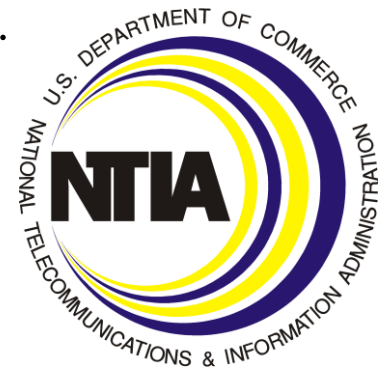


FEDERAL PROGRAMS



Programs solely administered by federal agencies with limited to no State engagement.

- Prior Programs
 - BTOP, CAF, CAF II, Community Connect, NTIA Broadband.
- Current Programs
 - USDA ReConnect Program. Avg. \$1.2 B per year grants and loans
 - FCC Regional Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Program. \$20.0B one-time reverse auction
- Future Program - B.E.A.D. \$42.5 B North Carolina expects \$1.57B
 - Significant State engagement in BEAD program management and funding.



NORTH CAROLINA MAJOR PROGRAMS

- GREAT (Initiated in 2018 – First statewide broadband program in the U.S.)
 - In 2022, - total of 305 applications received – total of 211 disputes / protests reviewed
 - Requested \$1.77B in total project costs – total of \$380M awarded
 - Additional 25 applications processed for the CAB > GREAT program with 15 awards.
 - \$198.5M in matching funds and 149,268 awarded locations
- Completing Access to Broadband (CAB)
 - Active engagement with county management and elected leadership locally and in person
 - \$400M available – maximum award \$8M
- Stop Gap Solutions
 - Guidance under development
 - \$90M available



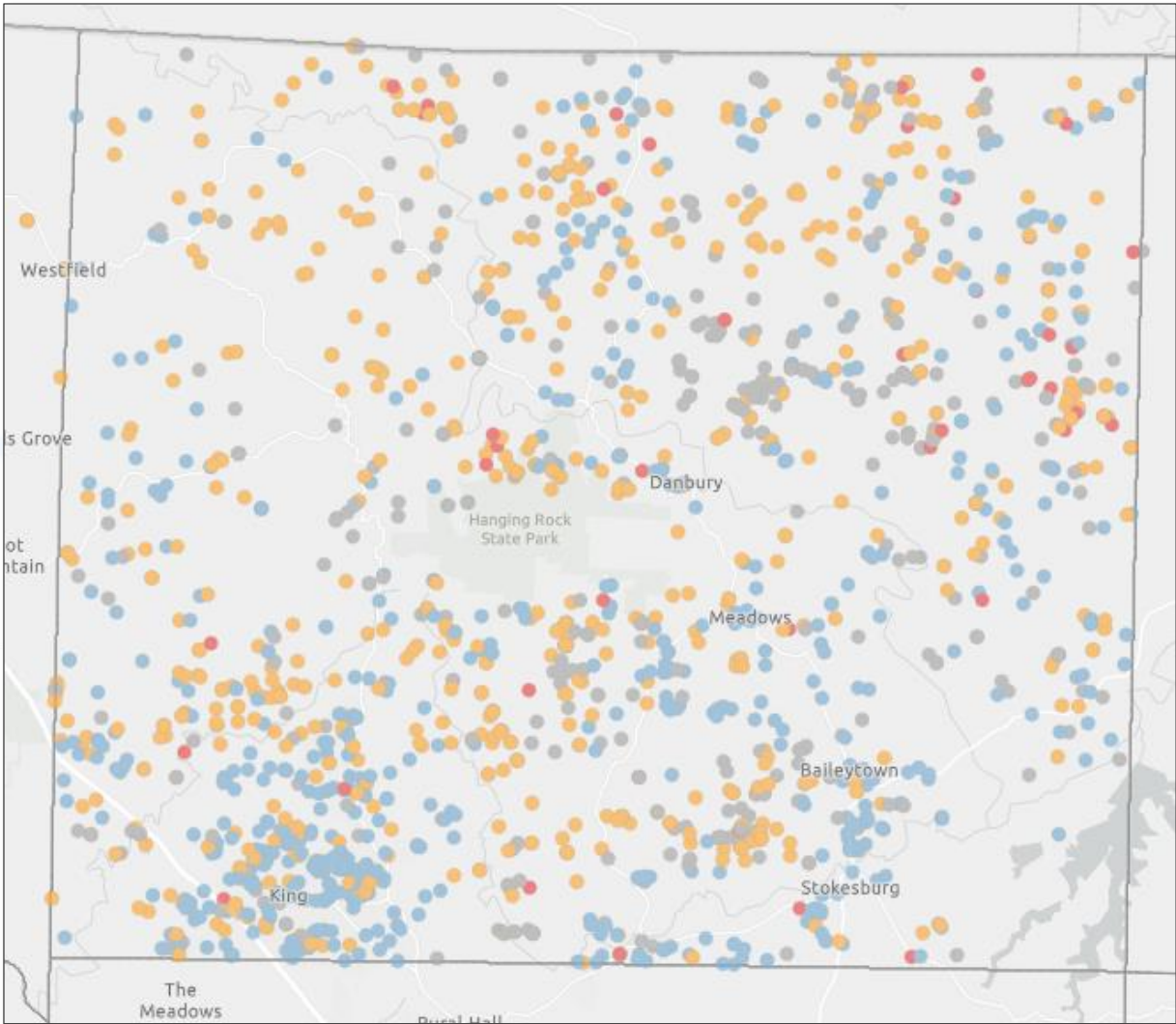
CAB PROJECT FUNDING & ELIGIBILITY



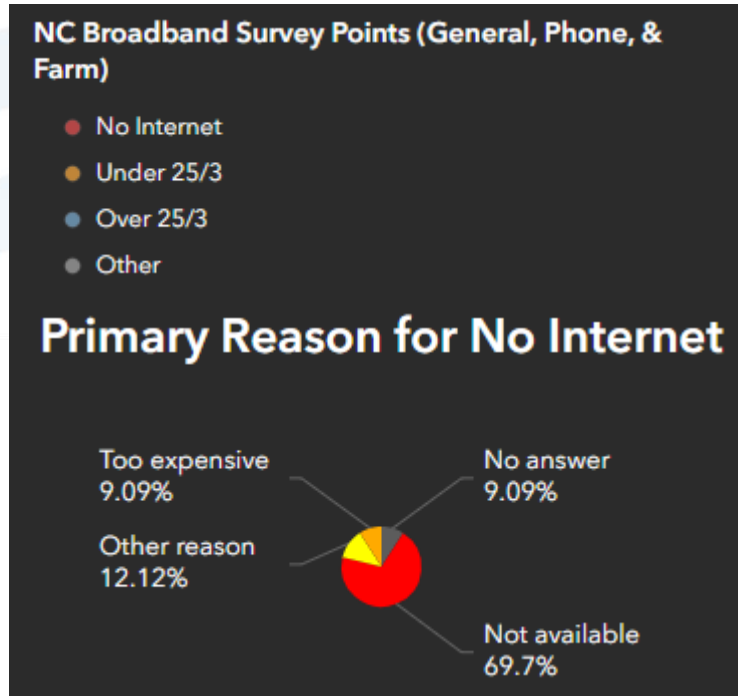
- **County Eligibility:** A county is considered ineligible to participate in either the GREAT or CAB programs:
 - If a county has entered into a contract with an ISP on or after May 1 2021, and
 - has used federal funds for a broadband infrastructure project unsupported by a State program
- CAB Components
 - Provider Prequalification Process
 - Mapping Requirements
 - Financial Requirements



CAB PROJECT | BROADBAND SURVEY



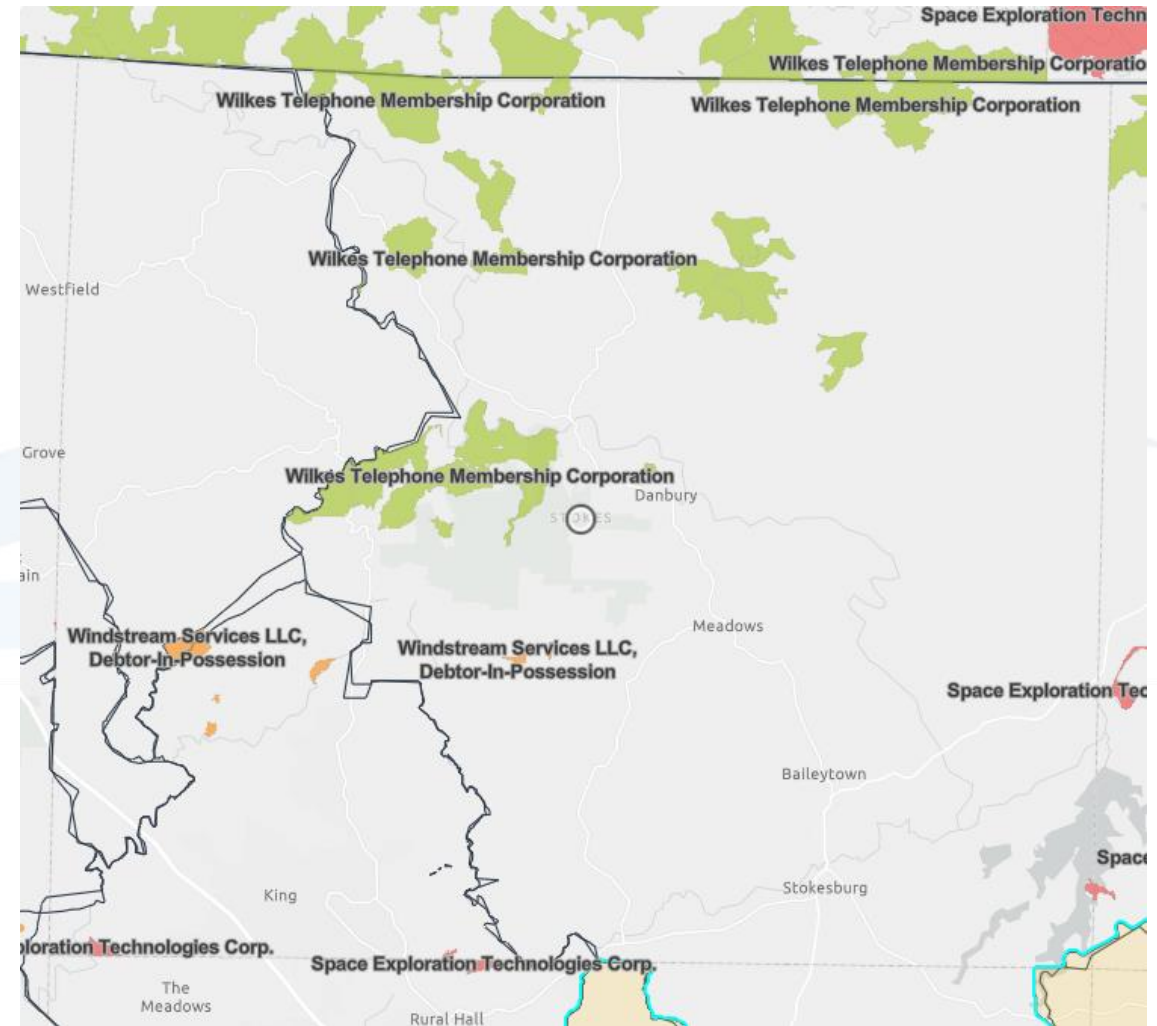
Households	18,992
Survey Responses	2,050
Participation Rate	10.8%



FEDERAL AWARDS IN STOKES COUNTY

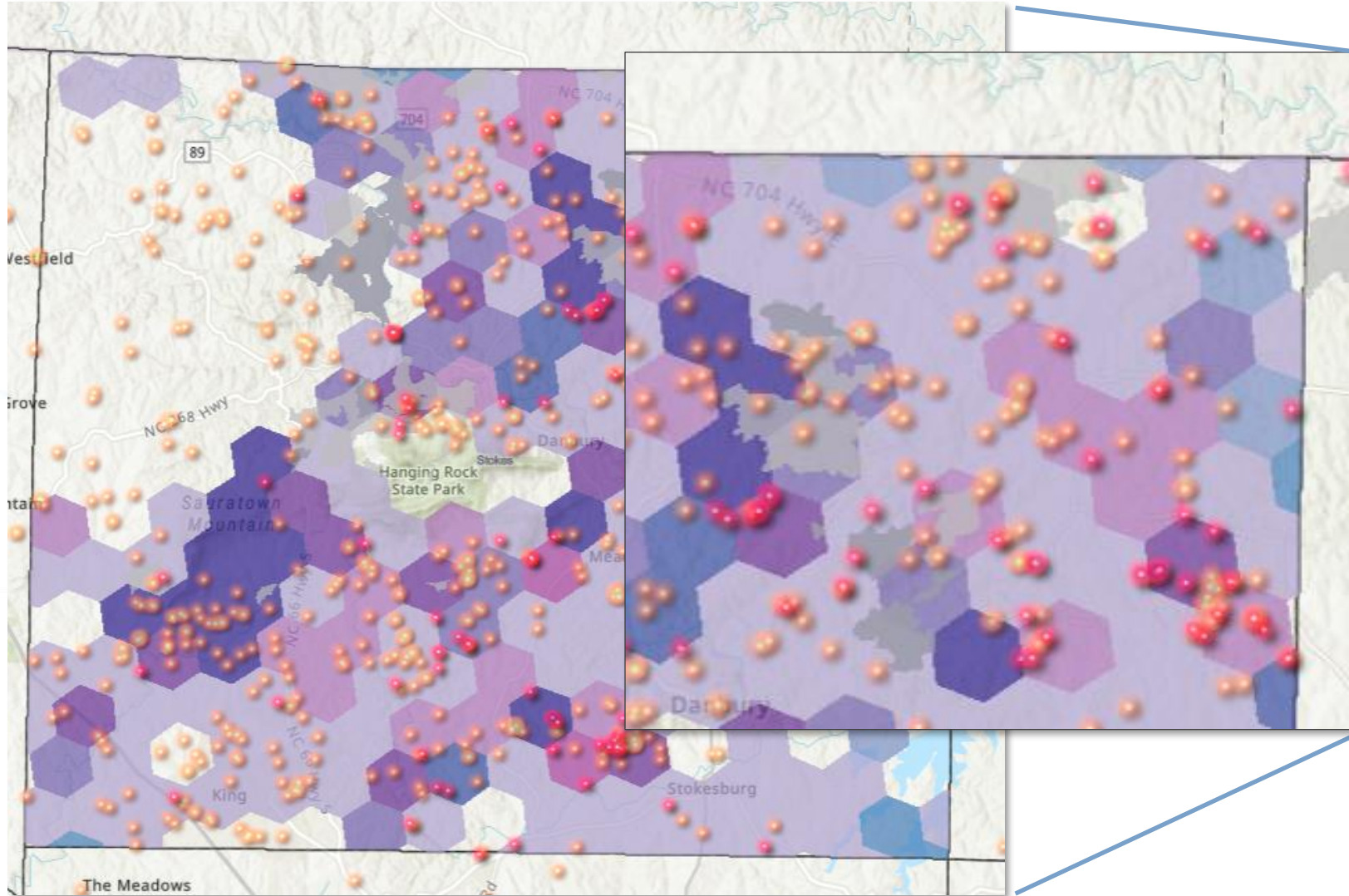


- **FCC RDOF Program.** Competitive, one time, FCC reverse auction program initiating in 2020 and awarding \$20B in funding across US
- Timelines:
 - 6 years total from contract to construction completion
 - 10 years for subsidy payout
- **USDA ReConnect Program.** Continuing USDA program awarding about \$1.2B annually in grants and low interest loans across the US.
- Timeline: 3-4 years construction
- <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/c46fb30bdfb7465fb204a1748b023a38>

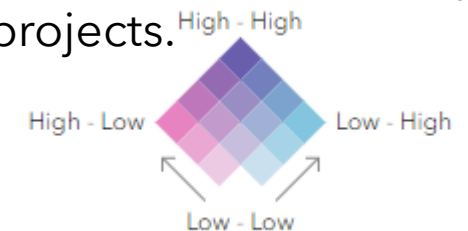


* National RDOF Awards Map

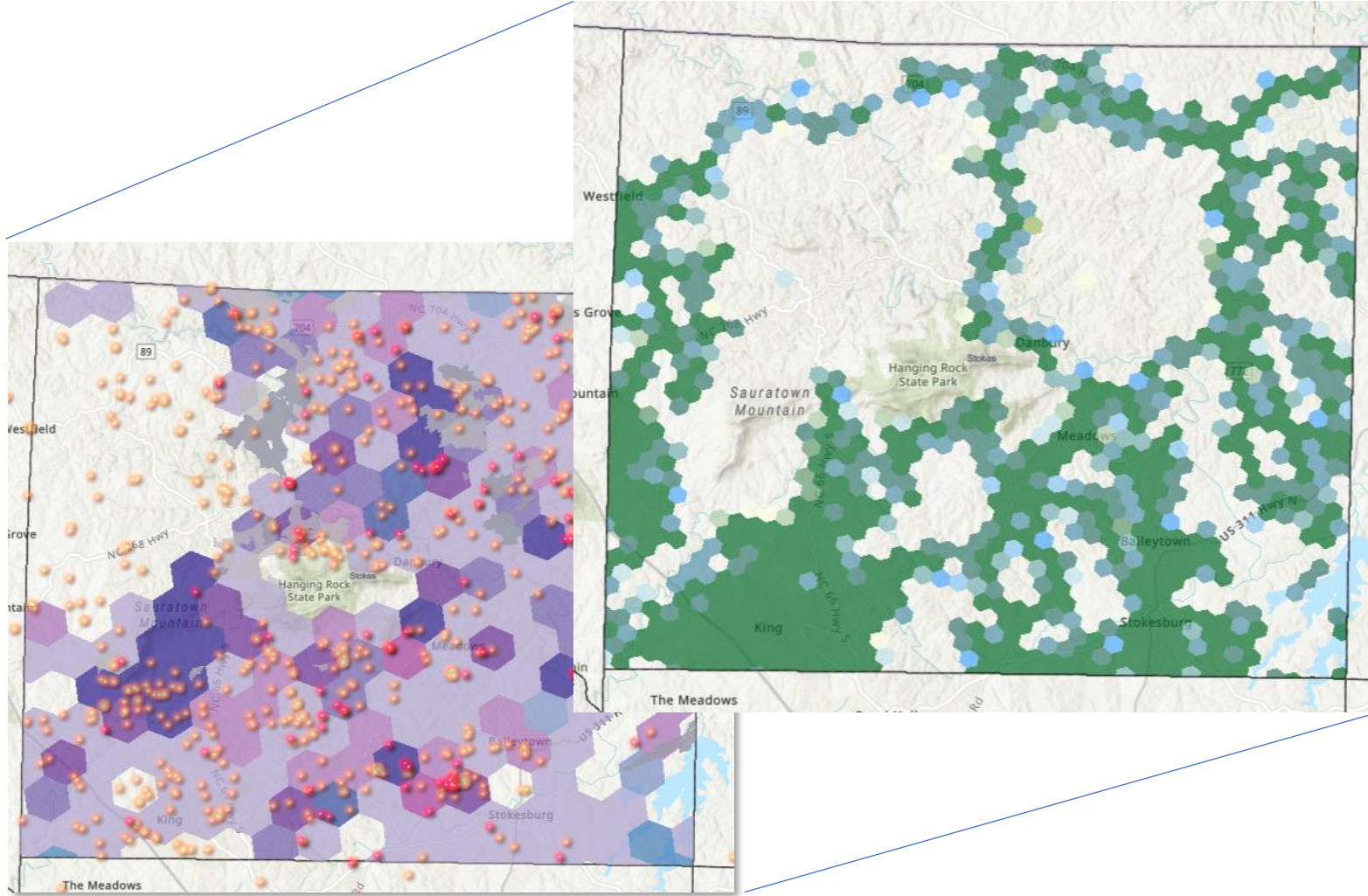
CAB PROJECT FUNDING & ELIGIBILITY



- Counties are divided into artificial units termed as Hexbins.
- Value of the tool for planning is shown via the example in the inset.
 - Shaded hexbins indicate a potential “natural” path for a network route.
- Hexbins are also used to support “geocoding” of locations that are prioritized / identified for CAB and Stop Gap projects.



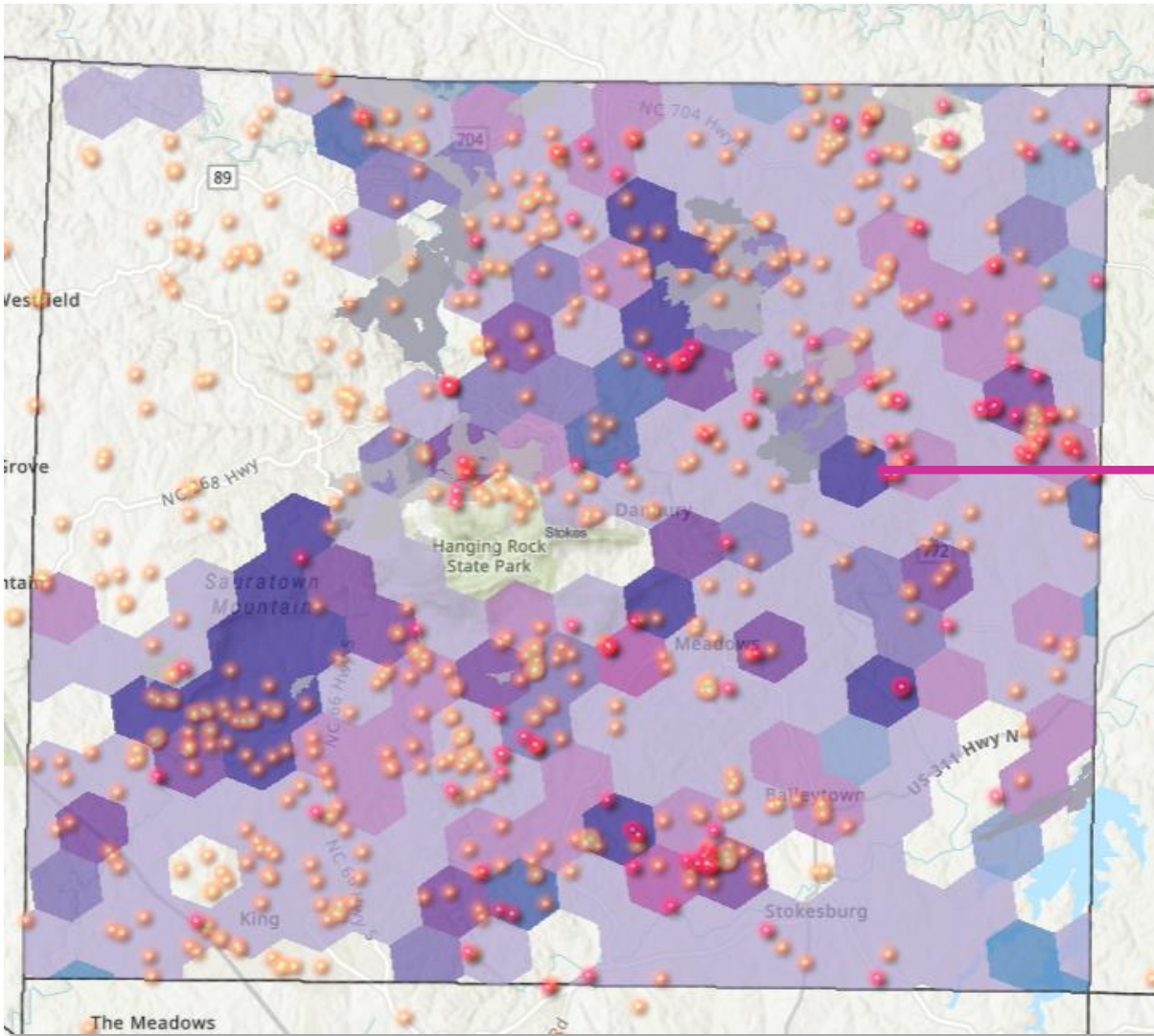
CAB PROJECT | CAB PLANNING TOOL



- This chart indicates availability of Cable broadband service.
- CAB Planning Tool site is available online at:

<https://www.nconemap.gov/pages/broadband>

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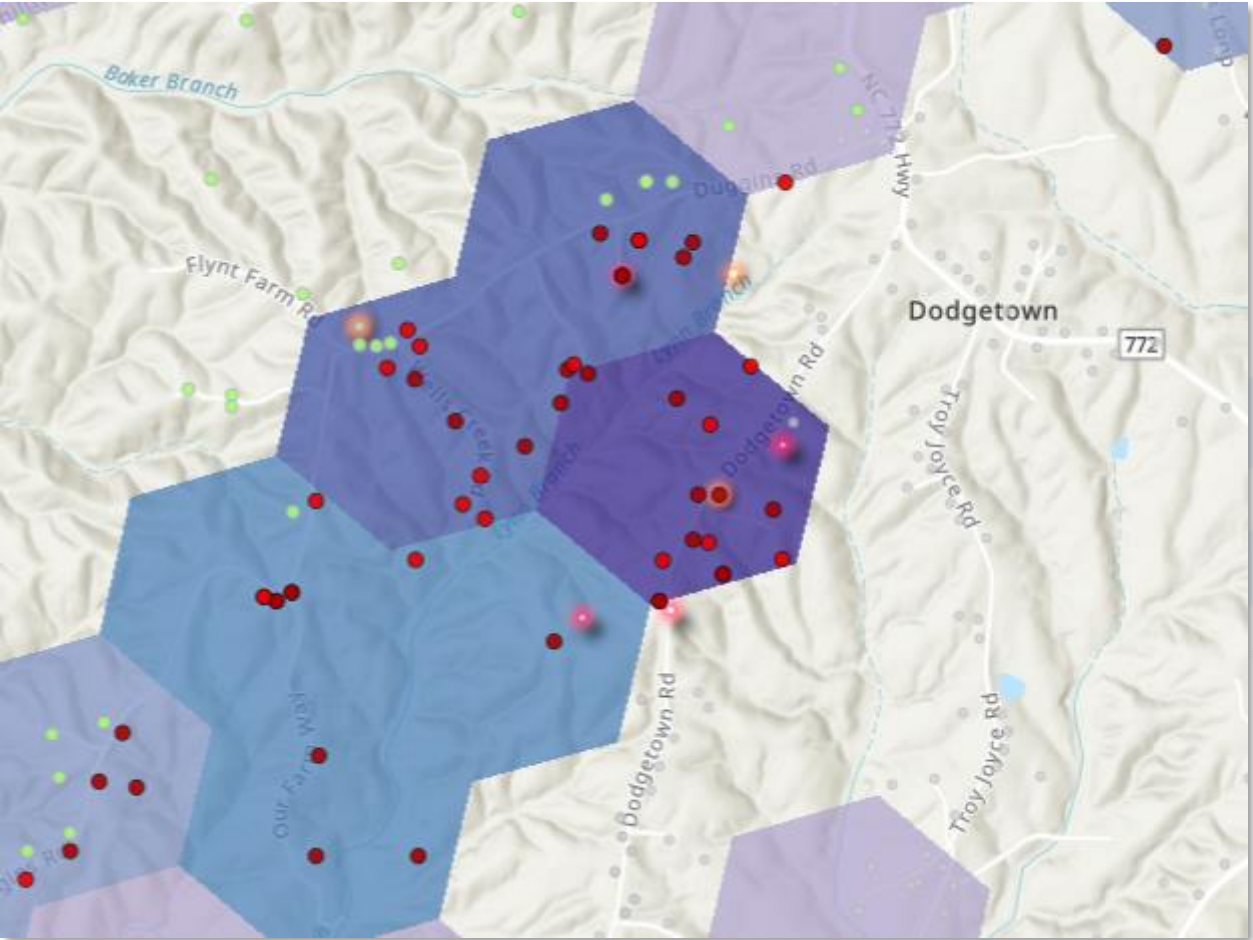
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Zoom to Pan

23 CAB Eligible Locations
63.89% Eligible

County	STOKES
Total Broadband Serviceable Locations	36
Unserved Locations	11
Percent Unserved	30.56
Underserved Locations (Less Than 100/20)	0
Pct_Underserved	0.00
UnservedNoServiceLocations	25
Percent_Unserved_No_Service	69.44
FundedLocations	13
PercentEligible	63.89
EligibleLocations	23
Locations with Fiber Reported	0

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CAB Eligibility Map LEGEND

Unserved & Unfunded Locations with No Reported Service



Unserved & Unfunded Locations



Underserved & Unfunded Locations



State Funded Location (INELIGIBLE FOR CAB)



Local Funded Location (INELIGIBLE FOR CAB)

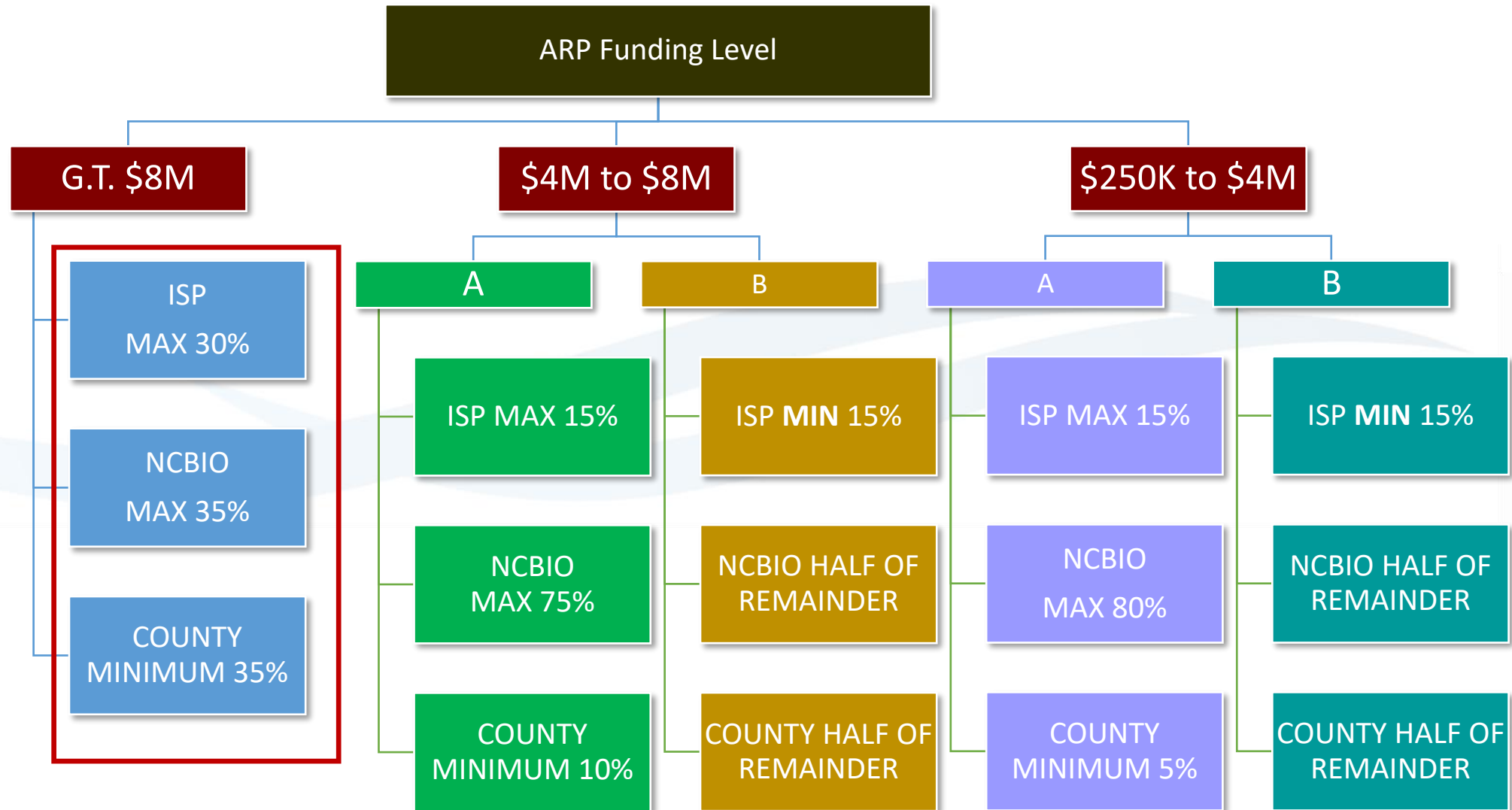


Federal Funded Location (INELIGIBLE FOR CAB)



2023 – 2024 CAB PROJECT FUNDING

- NC Maximum is \$8M per county
- County contributions can be ARP SLFRF, Revenue Replacement or non-ARPA from the county's General Fund

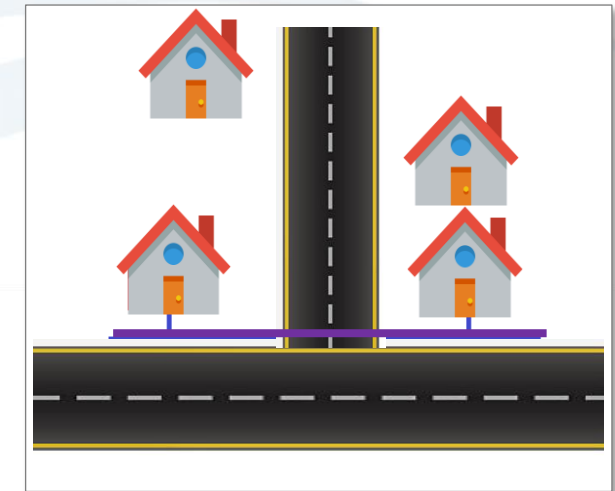
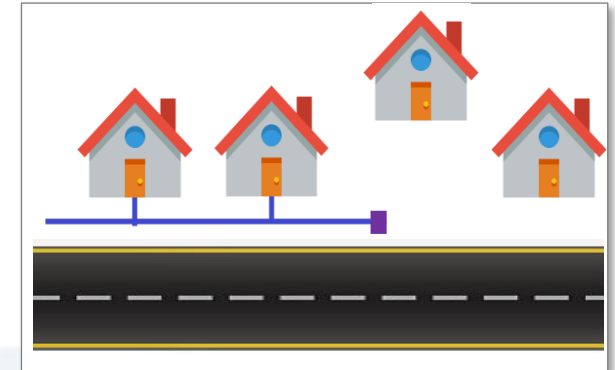


STOP GAP PROGRAM



- Stop Gap designed for niche issues.
- 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 State parks, Welcome Centers, county facilities
- \$90M in funding to support projects across the State.
- Expected summer 2024.

**STOP
GAP**



BROADBAND POLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

- Oriented towards pole owners & ISP's
- Aerial 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
 - Relocation
 - Loading
 - Ownership
 - Height
- Generally identified during engineering, outside plant work, pruning or make ready

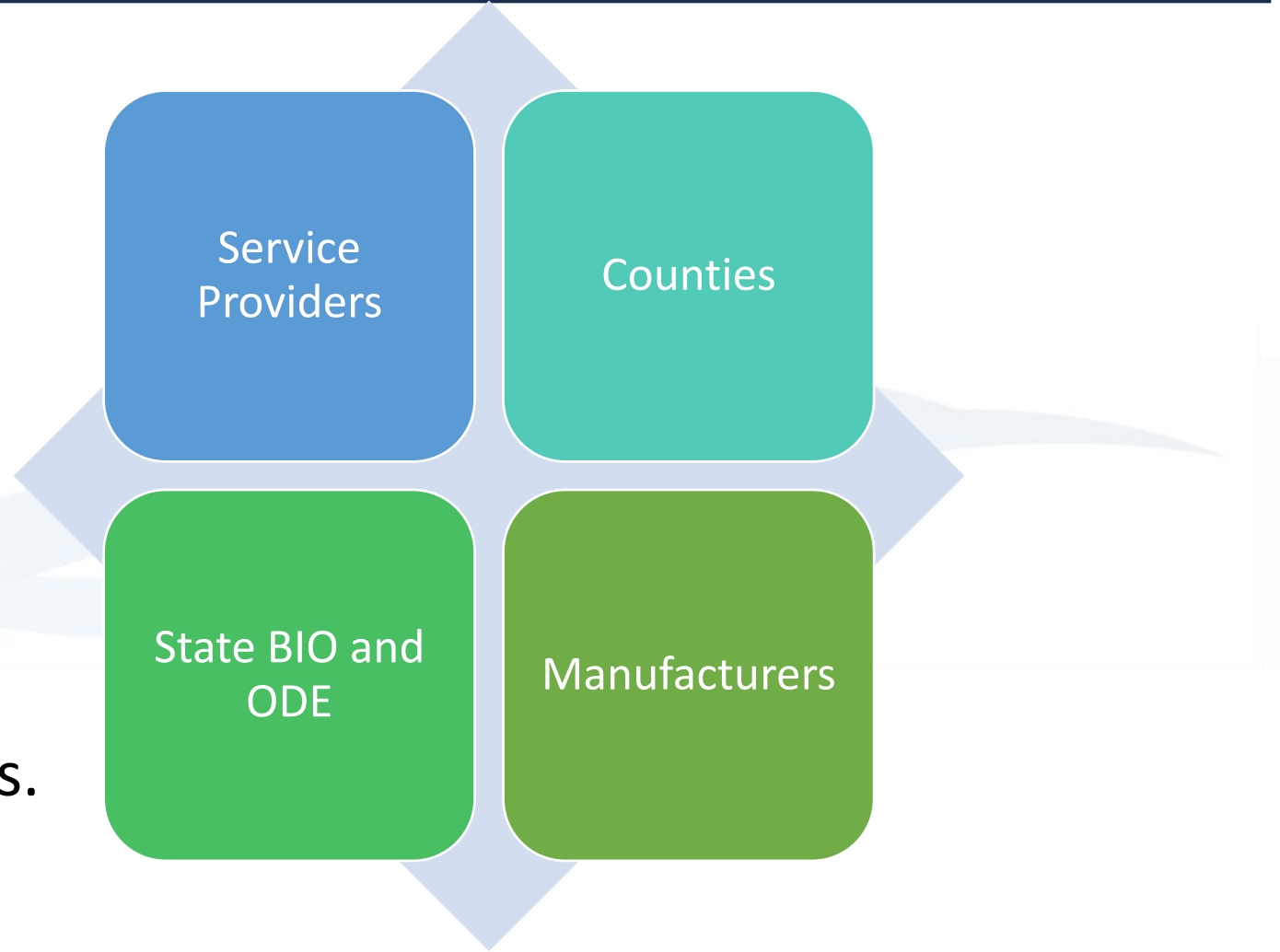


Summary



CRITICAL INTERRELATIONSHIPS

- Overview of NC Division of Broadband & Digital Equity.
- The Digital Divide.
- Adoption and Availability.
- Locations (Who).
- Buildout (How).
- Budget (Cost).
- NCDIT Support for County needs.



IMPORTANCE OF BROADBAND PROGRAMS



- Counties face challenges in 2024
 - Access to quality education is critical to the future of every county in North Carolina
 - 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
- All counties should place new emphasis on the North Carolina Survey



STAYING IN TOUCH



- Infrastructure team is continuing outreach via email, outbound calls and direct meetings with:
 - County Managers (Primary "client")
 - County elected Leadership
 - County Attorneys, Directors of Finance and County Economic Development Director
 - COG Directors
 - Service Providers
 - Manufacturers
- Direct visits to 87 county seats in NC including 41 board presentations.
- Please reach out to us at cabprogram@nc.gov or via our direct email (next slide).



RESOURCES

Internet Links:

[NC Broadband Home Page](#)

[GREAT Grant Applications by County](#)

[Take the NC Broadband Survey](#)

[NC Broadband Map Data](#)

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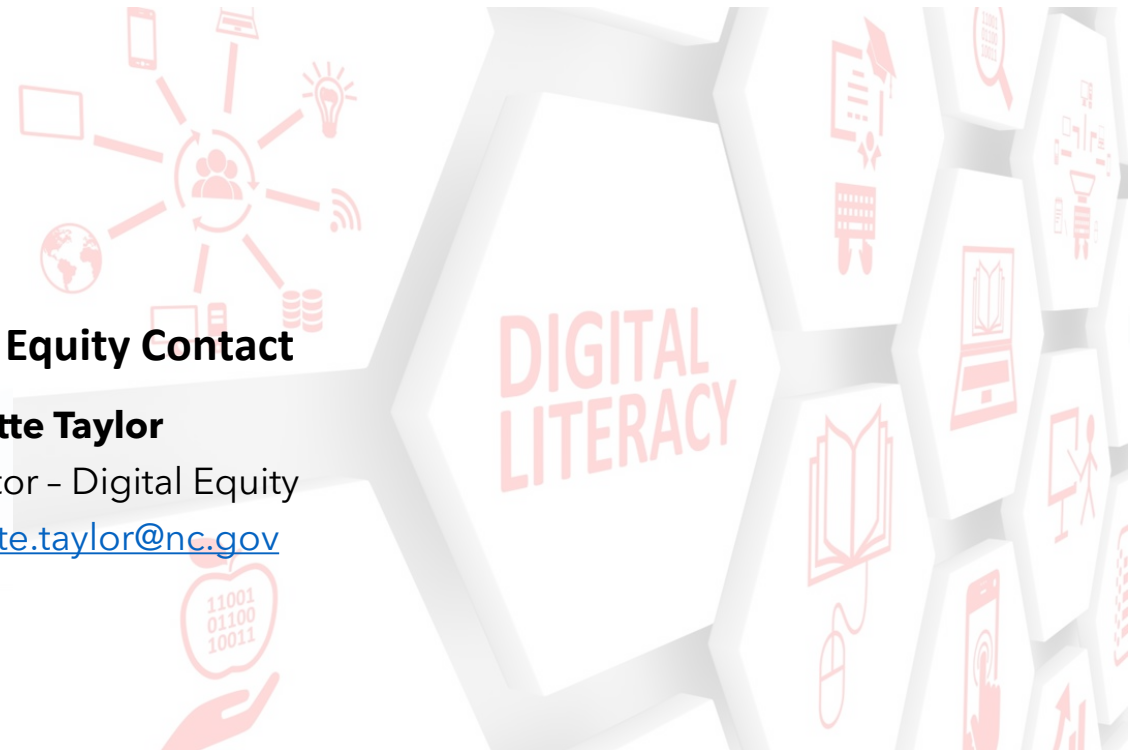
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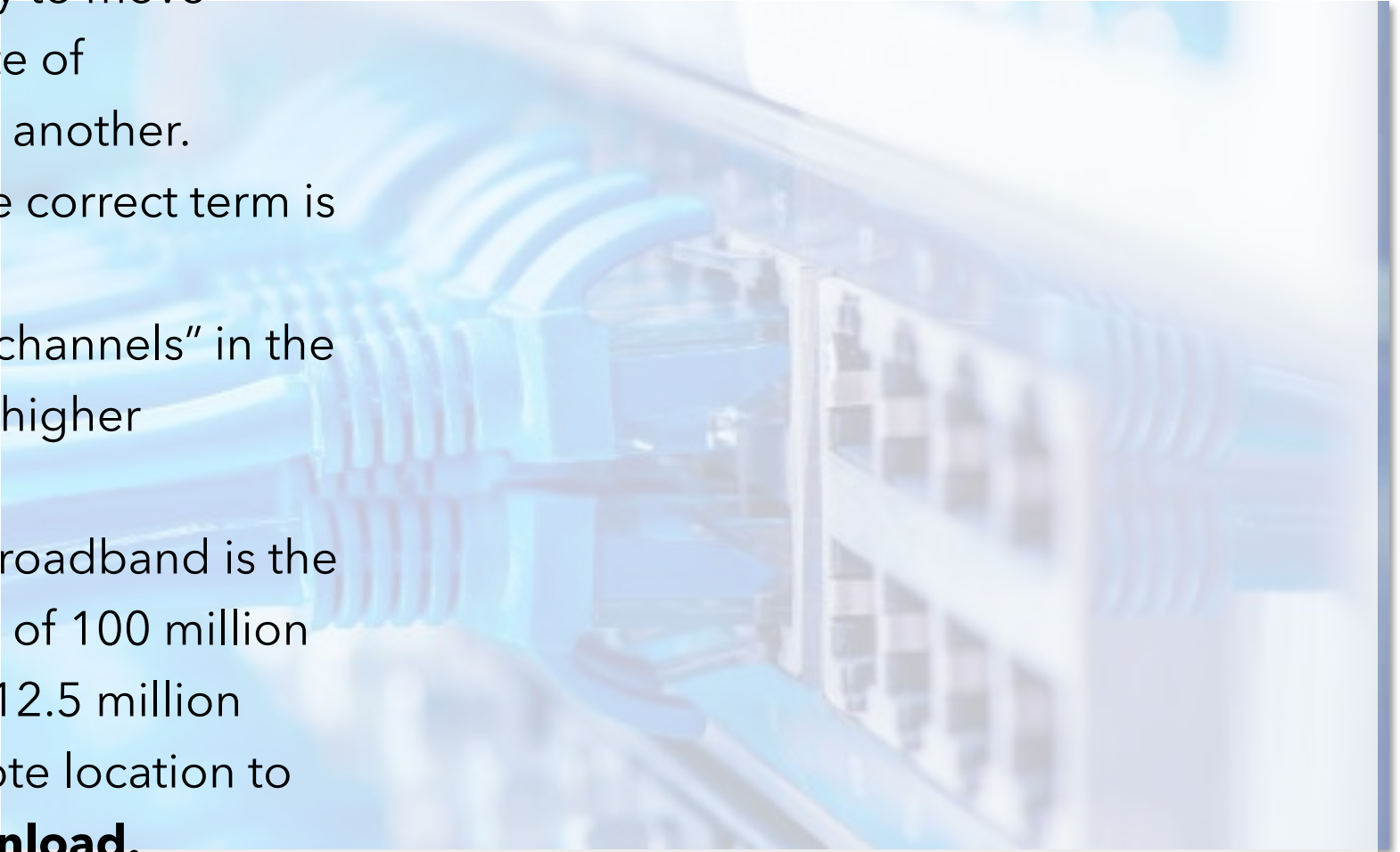


Broadband Basics [Optional]

BROADBAND BASICS



- Broadband represents the ability to move information or data, at a high rate of transmission from one source to another.
- Often referred to as “speed;” the correct term is throughput.
- Broadband leverages multiple “channels” in the transmission medium to deliver higher throughput.
- The “new” official definition of broadband is the ability to maintain a transfer rate of 100 million bits of information per second (12.5 million bytes or characters) from a remote location to an end user; this is termed **download**.



BROADBAND BASICS

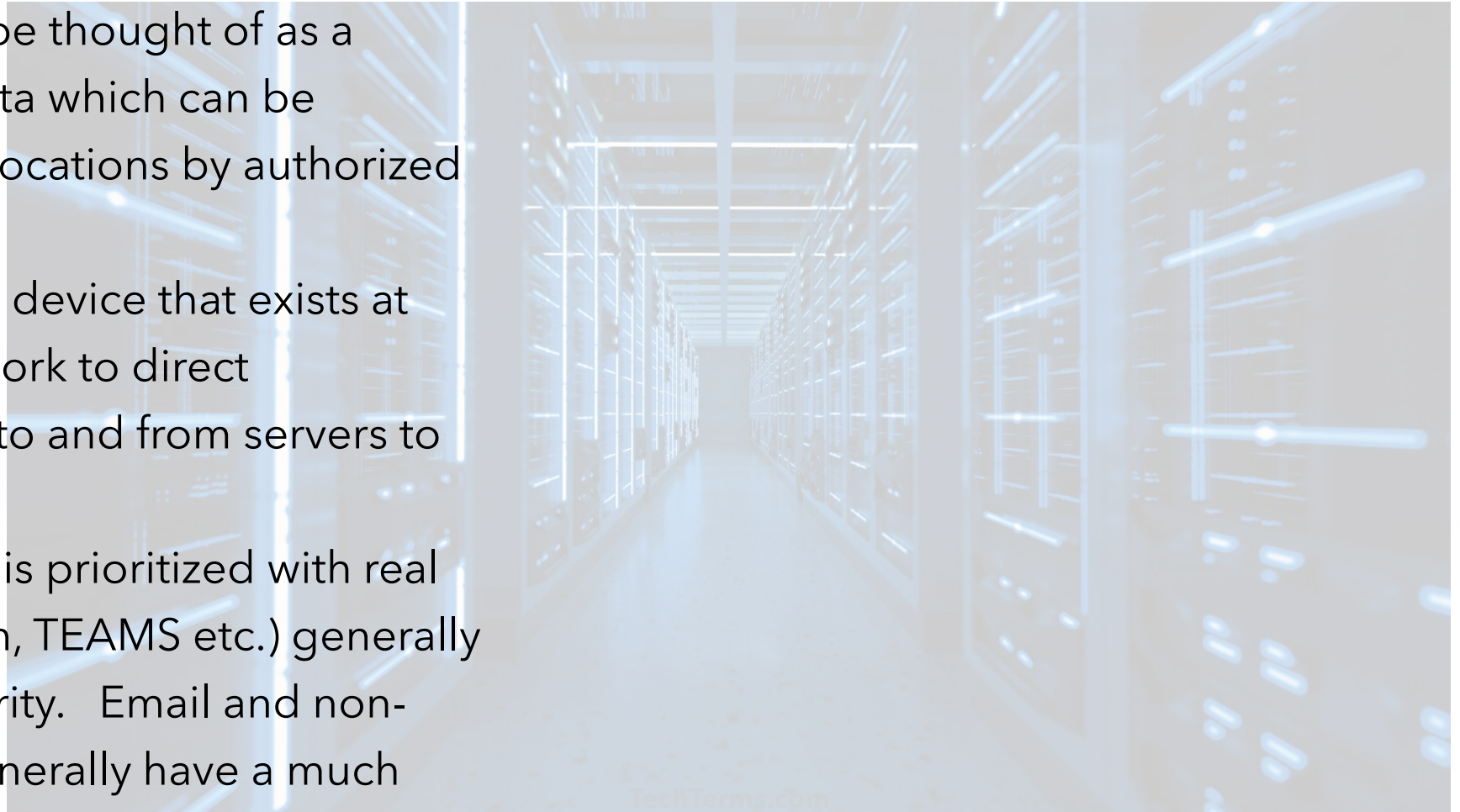


- The definition further includes the movement of information from an end user to another location; this is termed **upload**, and the new standard is 20 million bits of information/second.
 - The network has to be able to migrate to 100 million bits per second in the near term.
- Bits are an electrical way to designate information - 8 bits equal to a unit of data termed a "Byte."
- A byte is approximately equal to one character in the alphabet - i.e. , a letter - a number - or a symbol.

BROADBAND BASICS



- A server can generally be thought of as a computer that holds data which can be accessed from remote locations by authorized individuals.
- A router is a computing device that exists at various points in a network to direct communications traffic to and from servers to individual end users.
- Communications traffic is prioritized with real time 2-way video (Zoom, TEAMS etc.) generally having the highest priority. Email and non-dynamic web pages generally have a much lower priority.



BROADBAND BASICS

