

MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 4, 2019

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:01 P.M. with the following members present: Chairman Keith Elmore, Vice Chairman Eddie Settle, Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, Commissioner David Gambill, and Commissioner Brian Minton.

Also present for the meeting were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Keith Elmore welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Commissioner David Gambill led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Gideon Keith Elmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Commissioner David Gambill, seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on May 21, 2019.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS/TRANSFERS – Motion was made by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle to approve Budget Amendment No. 31 (General – Sheriff – The 2017 JAG (\$10,410) has been made available for spending. The Wilkes County Sheriff’s Office intends to use this money to purchase the items listed below. Items purchased will better equip this office with handling IED situations. Van Ramp, Night Vision, Weapon Lights, Special Pincer Probes, Tactical Gun Mounts); and Budget Amendment No. 32 (General – DSS Purchase of Care/Private Providers is running under budgeted amount and there is a need to purchase 2 (two) vehicles (\$50,000) because one vehicle is broken and will cost more to fix than the value of the vehicle and the other vehicle has high mileage); and Budget Amendment No. 33 (Health-Programs – Family Planning Wilkes County Health Department received additional funds for the state (\$8,099) for Family Planning. These funds will be used for salaries. No County money involved); and Budget Amendment No. 34 (Fire Districts – General – These Fire Department’s collections were higher than projected (\$95,000) in the current budget). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC):

1. JCPC CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 – Chairman Elmore welcomed and recognized Christyn Grant, Chairperson JCPC. Ms. Grant thanked the Board and stated she is here for review and approval of the JCPC Certification Standards for FY 2019-2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brian Minton to approve the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Certification Standards for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and passed unanimously.

2. JCPC BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS – Ms. Grant said the Wilkes County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council is requesting renewal of the following 2-year term appointments for the following Board members of JCPC:

Scott Perry, Chief Court Counselor position
Zachary Shepherd, Director AMH/DD/SA position
Casey Prim-Shields, DSS Supervisor position
Christyn Grant, Substance Abuse Professional position
Bryan McDevitt, Member of Faith Community position
Andrew Warren, Juvenile Defense Attorney position
Jane Casarez, Representative United Way/other non-profit position
Amy Mastin, County Commissioner Appointee position

Ms. Grant stated the JCPC is also submitting the following recommendations for approval of 2-year term appointments to fill vacancies on the Board created by resignations for the following positions:

Captain Jason Delbert, Wilkesboro Police Department to fill the Chief of Police vacancy created by the resignation of Tommy Rhoades; and Lieutenant Jana Hayes, Wilkes County Sheriff's Department to fill the Local Sheriff or designee vacancy created by the resignation of Logan Kerr.

Commissioner Brian Minton made a motion to Reappoint Scott Perry, Zachary Shepherd, Casey Prim-Shields, Christyn Grant, Bryan McDevitt, Andrew Warren, Jane Casarez, Amy Mastin for 2-year terms and Appoint Captain Jason Delbert, and Lieutenant Jana Hayes to 2-year terms to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as requested and presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

BLUE RIDGE OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (BROC) – WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY – PROCLAMATION – Chairman Elmore welcomed and recognized Jennifer Cooper, Director BROC Senior Nutrition Services. Ms. Cooper said BROC as the Lead Agency on Aging in Wilkes are requesting the Board proclaim June 15, 2019 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Wilkes County. She added their hope is to start this year with the proclamation and next year the goal is to organize an event to have more public awareness. Chairman Elmore stated this is the first time they have recognized this. Ms. Copper replied yes. Ms. Cooper read the Proclamation at this time.

Commissioner Brian Minton made a motion to approve the Proclamation to declare June 15, 2019 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Wilkes County and adopt the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation as requested and presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities;*
- WHEREAS: In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and*
- WHEREAS: 2019 marks the 13th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and*
- WHEREAS: The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and*
- WHEREAS: As our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and*
- WHEREAS: Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS: Recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and*
- WHEREAS: Preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and*
- WHEREAS: Where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, NCEA urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults.*
- WHEREAS: Join us in our engaging and empowering movement, and putting an end to abuse.*
- THEREFORE We, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2019 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Wilkes County, and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.*

Dated on this day of June 4th, 2019 by

2019-2020 BUDGET ADOPTION – Chairman Giddeon Keith Elmore stated they have had work sessions and public hearings on the proposed budget and asked for comments from the Board. Commissioner Gambill stated the staff has worked hard to get the budget ready and they appreciate all their work. Commissioner Blevins added it is tough every year. Chairman Elmore stated it is a process and no one gets everything they want in the Budget but he hopes there is a consensus. Vice Chairman Settle stated there has been a lot of hard work on this budget and there is going to have to be a lot of work in the upcoming years. Chairman Elmore added it is going to be tight. Vice Chairman Settle said next year there has to be a lot of no’s to folks and they will have to turn the school and others down. He added hopefully the fund balance will be better than expected. Commissioner Blevins stated maybe the sales tax will also be better than expected. Commissioner Gambill said he feels confident the fund balance will be better than expected. Vice Chairman Settle stated the EMS stations are not included and he is depending on the Board to stick with this, it will be a positive for the outlying areas of the county. Commissioner Blevins added they are making progress in the right direction. Commissioner Gambill agreed.

County Manager, John Yates stated the changes the Board agreed to and added by consensus during their last budget work sessions are as follows:

Proposed Fund Balance Appropriations by County Manager	\$4,727,432
Add:	
Wilkes County Schools	100,000
Lincoln Heights	2,000
Airport Grant	100,000
Register of Deeds Position	38,124
 Additional amount needed from Fund Balance to balance the budget after May 28 work session	 <u>\$240,124</u>
 Total used from Fund Balance	 <u><u>\$4,967,556</u></u>

Mr. Yates stated the Budget is before the Board for consideration. Chairman Elmore stated he would like to request consideration from the Board to leave the tax rate as it is currently (67¢), but if it is the wishes of the Board to not do this he understands.

BUDGET – 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR

Motion was made by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved to adopt the 2019/2020 Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$98,907.506 with the tax rate at sixty-six (66) cents per \$100.00 valuation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NORTH CAROLINA, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED – JUNE 4, 2019.

SECTION I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of Wilkes County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, according to the following summary and schedules:

SUMMARY	2019/2020 ADOPTED BUDGET	TRANSFER TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
General Fund	\$84,012,839	[900,000]	\$83,112,839
E 911 Telephone System	685,057		685,057
Law Enforcement Restricted	5,000		5,000
Fire Dist. Funds	4,254,833		4,254,833
Airport Enterprise	3,882,962	400,000	4,282,962
Landfill Enterprise	4,541,815	1,000,000	5,541,815
Landfill Capital Reserve	1,525,000	[500,000]	1,025,000
TOTAL	\$98,907,506		\$98,907,506

SECTION II. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund the following:

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
Governing Body	\$ 285,650
Administration	434,530
Finance	473,545
Tax Administration	1,383,177
Legal	250,000
Court Facilities	752,098
Elections	380,301
Register of Deeds	413,164
Information Technology	458,498
Central Garage	1,142,192
Public Buildings	974,390
Purchasing	74,883
Central Operations	2,472,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ <u>9,494,428</u>
Sheriff	\$ 6,267,593
Jail	4,261,107
Emergency Communications	1,483,002
Emergency Management	100,765
Fire	249,976
Building Inspections	526,674
Medical Examiner/Coroner	137,000

Emergency Medical Services	5,519,987
Animal Control	731,306

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSE **\$ 19,277,410**

Forestry	\$ 105,747
Other Environmental	160,000

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL **\$ 265,747**

Planning	\$ 290,058
Economic Development	479,600
Other Community Development	153,857
Cooperative Extension	248,023
Extension Local	77,000
Soil & Water Conservation	386,686

TOTAL ECONOMIC PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT **\$ 1,635,224**

General Health	\$ 2,267,473
Health Programs – Salaries	2,278,371
Health – Environmental	10,980
Health - Food & Lodging	12,391
Health - Tuberculosis	3,355
HIV & STD Federal	1,305
Health - Communicable Disease	2,293
Comprehensive - B & C Cancer Control	15,300
Adult Health	225,000
Health Care Connection	34,000
Health Promotion	10,000
Women-Infant-Children	43,300
Health-WIC/BPCP	2,610
Maternal Clinic	1,508
Pregnancy Care Management	5,500
Infant Mortality Reduction	29,811
Child Health	63,077
Health - MESH Unit/Schools	56,300
Health – School Nurse Funding	150,000
Health - Family Planning	37,584
Care Coordination for Children	3,010
Health – Immunization Action	500
Case Management/Community Care	2,250
Wilkes Dental Clinic	1,500,000
Health – Preparedness	2,700
Health – AIM	36,000

Health – Substance Use Disorder 178,766

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICE - HEALTH \$ 6,973,384

VAYA Health/Mental Health \$ 254,200
 Daymark Recovery Services – ABC 5¢ Bottle Tax 15,000
 Child Abuse Prevention Team 21,008
 Adult Developmental Activity Program 32,400
 Vocational Workshop 51,120
 Wilkes Developmental Day School 153,160
 SAFE Program 11,866

TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH \$ 538,754

Administration \$ 7,662,876
 DSS Occupancy Expense 307,768
 Work First Employment 140,000
 Income Maintenance/Food Stamps 721,126
 IM/Medicaid Assistance XIX 903,500
 Legal 170,000
 Foster Care 4,909,381
 Links 58,255
 Other Assistance 55,000
 Other Contractuals 76,000
 Day Care 164,558

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES \$ 15,168,464

VETERANS SERVICE \$ 116,505

JCPC/Youth Services \$ 253,476
 Community in Schools/Friends of Youth 16,524
 Secure Detention/Juvenile Subsidy 48,000

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES – YOUTH \$ 318,000

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION \$ 22,686

Aging Program Exp/To Agencies 650,000
 Volunteer Coalition of Wilkes 8,528
 Appalachian Senior Programs 3,240
 Ruby Pardue Blackburn Adult Day Care Center 5,600
 American Red Cross 12,960
 Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission 66,065
 Wilkes Senior Resources 220,040

National Guard Armory	2,160
Barium Springs/Children’s Hope Alliance	32,082
Volunteers for Wilkes Literacy	14,040
Crime Stoppers	2,000
Mountain View Ruritan Club/Fly-In	4,800
Wilkes Transportation/ROAP Grant	230,000
Wilkes Transportation Authority Appropriation	50,000
Catherine Barber Shelter	10,000
Hospitality House Crisis Shelter	4,750
Lincoln Heights	2,000

TOTAL OTHER HUMAN SERVICES \$ 1,318,265

Public Schools	\$ 17,644,614
Wilkes Community College	4,165,958

TOTAL EDUCATION \$ 21,810,572

Appalachian Regional Library	\$ 662,209
Traphill Library	31,316
Parks & Recreation	971,254
Cultural & Museums	34,588

TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION \$ 1,699,367

CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND \$ 25,000

TOTAL COUNTY DEBT \$ 4,449,033

TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS \$ 900,000

TOTAL GF EXPENSES & OTHER USES \$ 84,012,839

SECTION III. It is estimated the following General Fund Revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, to meet the foregoing General Fund Appropriations:

Taxes - Ad Valorem	\$ 38,371,574
Sales Taxes	17,628,578
Other Tax and Licenses	470,000
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	457,000
Restricted Intergovernmental	17,243
Health - Restricted State & Federal	4,533,330
DSS – Restricted State & Federal	8,575,875

Daycare – Restricted State & Federal	0
Other Restricted – State & Federal	2,707,857
Restricted Local - General Fund Other	251,500
Restricted Local - Health	83,940
Restricted Local - DSS	45,000
Permits and Fees	969,415
Health Permits and Fees	125,000
Health Sales & Services	328,400
DSS Sales & Services	33,975
Sales & Services - General Fund Other	3,413,000
Investment Earnings/General Fund	465,746
Miscellaneous/General Fund	569,050
Fund Balance Appropriated	4,966,756
TOTAL ALL TAXES & GENERAL FUND REVENUE	<u>\$ 84,012,839</u>

SECTION V. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the E-911 Telephone System Fund the following:

E-911 Telephone System Expense \$ **685,057**

SECTION VI. It is estimated the following E-911 Telephone System Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

E-911 Telephone System Revenues \$ **685,057**

SECTION VII. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Restricted Fund the following:

Law Enforcement Restricted Fund \$ 5,000

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTRICTED FUND EXPENSE \$ **5,000**

SECTION VIII. It is estimated the following Law Enforcement Restricted Fund revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 to meet the foregoing Law Enforcement Restricted Fund Appropriations:

Law Enforcement Restricted Fund Revenues \$ 5,000

TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTRICTED FUND REVENUE \$ **5,000**

SECTION IX. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Fire District Fund the following:

DEPARTMENT	TAX RATE	APPROPRIATED
No. 1 - Broadway	.09	\$ 283,573
No. 2 - Mountain View	.08	\$ 255,127
No. 3 - Moravian Falls	.09	\$ 352,166
No. 4 - Mulberry-Fairplains	.11	\$ 396,027
No. 5 - Pleasant Hill	.12	\$ 172,557
No. 6 - Traphill	.09	\$ 152,337
No. 7 - Boomer	.11	\$ 148,051
No. 8 - Champion	.11	\$ 383,841
No. 9 - Austin	.12	\$ 169,483
No. 10 - Goshen	.10	\$ 144,281
No. 11 - Millers Creek	.07	\$ 396,491
No. 12 - Arlington (Ronda)	.10	\$ 6,892
No. 13 - State Road	.075	\$ 91,919
No. 14 - Ronda	.13	\$ 193,183
No. 15 - Knottville	.12	\$ 100,021
No. 16 - Shepherds Crossroads	.07	\$ 61,780
No. 17 - Roaring River	.06	\$ 162,518
No. 18 - Ferguson	.10	\$ 163,585
No. 19 - Cricket	.10	\$ 172,922
No. 20 - McGrady	.13	\$ 94,405
No. 21 - Brushy Mountain	.08	\$ 56,905
No. 22 - Buck Shoals	.05	\$ 39,573
No. 23 - Little Brushy Mountain	.12	\$ 55,034
No. 24 - Wilkes-Iredell	.12	\$ 70,841
No. 25 - Wilbar	.12	\$ 131,321
TOTAL FIRE DISTRICTS		\$ 4,254,833

SECTION X. It is estimated that the following Fire District Fund Revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 to meet the foregoing Fire District Fund Appropriations:

TOTAL FIRE DISTRICT REVENUE **\$ 4,254,833**

SECTION XI. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Airport Fund the following:

Airport/Capital Projects	3,100,000
Airport/Operating Expenses	1,182,962

TOTAL AIRPORT EXPENSES **\$ 4,282,962**

SECTION XII. It is estimated the following Airport Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 to meet the foregoing Airport Fund Revenue and Appropriations:

Airport – Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ -0-
Airport – Grants/State & Federal	2,700,000
Airport – Sales & Service	1,065,962
Airport – Rents	117,000
Airport – Miscellaneous/Airport	-0-
Airport – Transfers from Other Funds/Airport	400,000
TOTAL AIRPORT REVENUE	\$ 4,282,962

SECTION XIII. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Landfill Fund the following:

Landfill	\$ 4,541,815
Transfer to Other Funds/Landfill	-0-
TOTAL LANDFILL EXPENSES	\$ 4,541,815

SECTION XIV. It is estimated that following Landfill Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 to meet the foregoing Landfill Fund Revenue and Appropriations:

Landfill – Restricted State & Federal	\$ 165,000
Landfill – Sales & Service	2,228,517
Landfill – Investment Earnings	20,000
Miscellaneous/Landfill	28,000
Fund Balance Appropriation/Landfill	1,100,298
Landfill – Transfer from Other Funds/Landfill	1,000,000
TOTAL LANDFILL REVENUE	\$ 4,541,815

SECTION XV. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund the following:

TOTAL LANDFILL CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENSE	\$ 1,525,000
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SECTION XVI. It is estimated the following Landfill Capital Reserve Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 to meet the foregoing Landfill Capital Reserve Fund Revenue Appropriations:

Interest on Investments	\$ 25,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	1,000,000
Transfer from Landfill Enterprise Fund	500,000
TOTAL LANDFILL CAPITAL RESERVE REVENUE	\$ 1,525,000

There is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 a tax rate of sixty-six (\$0.66) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of taxable property as listed as of January 1, 2019, for the purpose of raising the revenue from current year's property tax as set forth in the foregoing estimate of revenue, and in order to finance foregoing appropriations.

The tax rate of sixty-six (66) cents per hundred dollars valuation is based on an estimated total appraised value of property for the purpose of taxation of \$5,836,230,713, with estimated collection of 96.00% on real and personal property and 100% on vehicles.

BUDGET 2019/2020 - ADOPTED – JUNE 4, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

1. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 – APPROVAL – Chairman Gideon Keith Elmore recognized and welcomed Department of Social Services Director John Blevins. Mr. Blevins said this agreement began last year with a few changes this year. He added last year the MOU did not have a corrective action plan, in November 2018 it was changed from static measures to growth measures, which is good. The new MOU has to show growth, not meet a target number, which is easier for counties to do. The good news is not all of the programs are included in the corrective action plan as Attachment I sets out. Mr. Blevins said the rest will be monitored, because the state can't validate the data on those programs and tell them what criteria they would have to meet so those are not included. Chairman Elmore asked if this means it could cost them for the plans that are included. Mr. Blevins replied yes eventually. He added Attachment II is the Corrective Action section of the MOU and explained how this would work. There is a process before it gets to that point, there are many steps. Mr. Blevins stated they feel they will meet the criteria set out in the MOU at this time on the programs included.

Vice Chairman Eddie Settle made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Wilkes County as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

2. ENERGY PROGRAMS OUTREACH PLAN – APPROVAL FOR FY 2019-2020 – Mr. Blevins said this is a standard plan for low income energy assistance and crisis fuel assistance programs and there have not been any changes since last year. The plan states they have a committee as listed in the plan and how they will work and get the information out to the

public for people to apply for this assistance and the hours they can apply. Mr. Blevins said for the upcoming fiscal year they will receive \$347,063 for each program included with no county funds. He stated the Outreach Plan must be approved by the local Board and he is requesting approval of the DSS plan for FY 2019-2020. Mr. Blevins said this is a lot of money that comes to Wilkes and helps a lot of people, which is wonderful and they give out all of these funds quickly.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve Wilkes County Department of Social Services Energy Programs Outreach Plan for FY 2019-2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

3. UPDATE – Mr. Blevins provided the Commissioners with handouts for April. He briefly went over the monthly caseload report, Foster Care financial report, Adoption Services financial report, Child Development and Subsidized Child Care financial report. He also went through the CPS Foster Care monthly reports for April.

The Board thanked Mr. Blevins for his update.

TAX DEPARTMENT:

1. TAX RELEASES – LISTING – UNCOLLECTABLE – Chairman Elmore welcomed and recognized Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator. Mr. Hamilton asked the Board to approve tax releases for uncollectable in the amount of \$7,951.42.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the tax releases for uncollectable as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

2. TAX RELEASES – LISTING – Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator asked the Board to approve tax releases for listing in the amount of \$3,658.77.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the tax releases for listing as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

3. TAX RELEASES – COLLECTIONS – Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator asked the Board to approve tax releases for collections in the amount of \$779.65.

Vice Chairman Eddie Settle made a motion to approve the tax releases for collections as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

Commissioner Blevins said he would like to mention and acknowledge the funeral yesterday for Mr. Bill Michael who worked for the tax department and was a great guy. He added he was honored to know him; all the Board feels the same way. It was a great service and they miss him as a county employee. Mr. Hamilton thanked the Board. He added Bill will be missed, he worked for the county for almost 29 years, was 81 years old, came to work every day, which he enjoyed, and it was a big part of his life.

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – ROAD PETITION – LITTLE JOHN CIRCLE – County Manager John Yates stated they received a letter from David Poindexter, District Engineer with the Department of Transportation. It said they received a petition (form SR-1) requesting consideration of the addition of (Little John Circle) to the State Maintenance System. This is in the Nottingham Subdivision off Mt. View Road on Caudill Road and Nottingham Drive. He added Commissioner approval is needed before DOT will consider adding this street to the State Maintenance System.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle, seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins unanimously adopted to approve the N.C. DOT Road Petition for the Little John Circle to be added to the State Maintenance System as presented and requested.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – SALE OF SURPLUS INVENTORY – County Manager John Yates stated the Wilkes County Purchasing Department is requesting approval from the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners to sell the following surplus inventory using electronic auction method, govdeals.com:

All vehicles listed, unless stated (not in working order) are high mileage vehicles that were used on a daily basis.

1995 Ford F-150, Vin.#92536 Mileage 194,363 Department-Landfill; Major repairs needed to engine

2004 GMC 3500 Ambulance Vin.#11042 Mileage 145,558 Department-EMS; Starts with a boost

2005 Ford Explorer Vin.#53218 Mileage 225,572 Department-Sheriff; Multiply repairs needed

2008 BMW 328i Vin.#84698 Mileage 150,974 Department-Sheriff; Repairs needed to engine

2003 Forest River 32FT. All American Camper Vin.#151468 Department-EMS Roof leaks and water damage/Dry Rot

1986 D&S Trailer Serial#12257 Department-Sheriff-No longer needed

One pallet of used and obsolete auto parts Department-Miscellaneous

Two camper shells and One bed cover Department-Sheriff No longer needed

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to approve the sale of surplus inventory using the electronic auction method govdeals.com as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Minton and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY MULBERRY TOWNSHIP – County Attorney Tony Triplett said there is a resolution in the package, this is the Wyatt property that was just released by Mr. Hamilton. He added this is what they have to do, release the taxes and then sale the property. The entire list of upset bids is included in the resolution and the price is now \$10,500. Mr. Triplett stated this does not completely cover the cost of the clean-up and house removal, but does cover all the taxes, attorney fees, and court cost. He added if the Board wishes to proceed all that is needed is a motion to adopt the resolution to approve the sale of property. Commissioner Blevins asked what was the original price. Mr. Triplett replied \$7,000. He added the high bid was from Jody Freeman.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented at tonight’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

*RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY*

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting of March 19, 2019, authorized advertisement for sale of two tracts of land owned by Wilkes County (hereinafter “the County”) located in Mulberry Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, each consisting of one-half (1/2) acre, more or less, the same having been acquired by the County under Commissioner’s Deeds dated October 24, 2018, and recorded respectively in Book 1274, Page 189, and Book 1274, Page 190, Wilkes County Registry, pursuant to tax foreclosure sales in those actions captioned “Wilkes County vs. Richard Emory Wyatt and wife, Retha Dowell Wyatt, et al.,” File Nos. 18 CVD 344 and 18 CVD 345, Wilkes County Clerk of Superior Court’s Office., and being identified on the records of the Wilkes County Tax Mapping office, respectively, as PIN #3960-19-9062, Parcel ID No. 12-02590, and PIN #3960-29-0025, Parcel ID No. 12-02591;

AND WHEREAS, said sale is by negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bid pursuant to G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County received an initial offer from Tim Wagoner of 115 Gwyn Hayes Street, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$7,000.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on March 22, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County then received a timely upset bid from Benny Ellis of 336 Elledge Mill Road, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$7,500.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on March 29, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County then received a timely upset bid from Tim Wagoner of 115 Gwyn Hayes Street, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$7,925.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on April 5, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County then received a timely upset bid from Jody F. Freeman of 201 East Main Street, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$8,400.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on April 12, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County then received a timely upset bid from Wanda S. Ellis of 336 Elledge Mill Road, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$8,870.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on April 23, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County then received a timely upset bid from Jody F. Freeman of 201 East Main Street, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$9,400.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on April 26, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County then received a timely upset bid from Tim Wagoner of 115 Gwyn Hayes Street, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$9,920.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on May 3, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, the County then received a timely upset bid from Jody F. Freeman of 201 East Main Street, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for the purchase of said tracts, in the total amount of \$10,500.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs;

AND WHEREAS, said offer was duly advertised in the Wilkes Journal-Patriot on May 14, 2019, as required under G.S. §160A-269;

AND WHEREAS, no further upset bids have been received, and the time has expired in which an additional upset bid may be submitted;

AND WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners desires to accept said high bid of \$10,500.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs, and desires to authorize sale of the property pursuant to said bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to G.S. §160A-269, that the bid of \$10,500.00 plus the cost of publication for the required public notice, Deed preparation, and recording costs received from Jody F. Freeman of 201 East Main Street, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, is hereby approved, and upon payment of said purchase price, a Special Warranty Deed shall be executed by the County and conveyed to Jody F. Freeman or her assignee for the above referenced property.

This the 4th day of June, 2019.

WILKES COUNTY

By: _____

*Giddeon Keith Elmore, Chairman,
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners*

ATTEST:

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

PURCHASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY – ELK TOWNSHIP – County Attorney Tony Triplett stated this is different as explained in his memo with the background on this matter. This is also a tax foreclosure property, but is an unusual circumstance where the former owner wishes to buy it back. Mr. Triplett said there is a specific statute that covers this, the Board is not required to, but are permitted to sale it back to the original owner. He added they do not need to put it out for upset bids, so long as the offer is at least what the county has in the property. He added Mr. David Nate Whaley, the former owner, explained that he went through a bad financial spell and could not pay the taxes for several years and allowed it be foreclosed on. Now he is back on his feet and would like to buy the property back. Mr. Triplett stated it is vacant property, the county has \$10,432.84 in the property total and he has offered \$10,500. Mr. Triplett said N.C.G.S. §105-376(c) permits the Board to sell it back to him for that price, if the Board wishes to do so.

Chairman Elmore said he is glad Mr. Whaley can now do this and he is happy the Board is allowed the option to do this for him. Commissioner Blevins asked the appraised value or tax value of the property and has there been any attempts to sale it. Mr. Triplett stated the tax value is listed in the memo at \$56,290, there were not bids at the tax foreclosure sale. Commissioner Gambill stated the \$10,432.84 covers all cost. Mr. Triplett replied yes. Commissioner Blevins asked if the Board has ever done this before. Mr. Triplett replied if they have it has been 15 to 20 years ago. Commissioner Gambill stated he would like to allow Mr. Whaley to buy it back

for what the county has in it, everyone has had hard times at some point. Commissioner Blevins said he is not sure this is the right thing to do for the tax payors.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to approve the sale of 3.26 acres, more or less, in Elk Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, as acquired by the County through tax foreclosure in Deed Book 1280, Page 051, Wilkes County Registry, to the former owner, David Nate Whaley, for \$10,432.84, pursuant to G.S. §105-376(c). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle. Voting on the motion:

Ayes: Chairman Keith Elmore
Vice Chairman Eddie Settle
Commissioner David Gambill
Commissioner Brian Minton

Nays: Commissioner Gary D. Blevins

CLOSED SESSION – Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to go into Closed Session under Section 143-318.11 (a)(4) of the North Carolina General Statutes to discuss the location or expansion of business in Wilkes County; and under Section 143-318.11(a)(3) of the North Carolina General Statute to consult with the Board’s attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle, seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn back into regular session. No action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURN - Motion was made by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 8:21 P.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Gideon Keith Elmore, Chairman

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved: June 18, 2019