

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2014**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2014 in the Main Courtroom, 202 Court Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Jordan, Owens, Jernigan, Hofler, and Felton were present. Also present was Interim County Manager, Ken Windley.

Chairman Jordan led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved during the 1st monthly meeting; non are available at this time.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Owens made a motion to amend the agenda by adding item 11, Budget Amendment 40 for HVAC Units at GITS and Dental Clinic, under New Business Commissioner Hofler seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Delegations – Unannounced

Tom Morgan, Gates County Technical Review Committee Member, stated that he has served on the TRC since it was formed. He is the only committee member that serves as a volunteer; everyone else is on the clock with their various departments. Mr. Morgan stated that he tries to prepare thoroughly for each meeting that is brought before the committee. The May 15th meeting was to discuss the proposed minor subdivision at Merchants Commerce Park which should be a major subdivision. The plats were labeled at Merchants Commerce Park and are not a minor subdivision but an expansion of the major subdivision. Most of the members on the committee receive their pay checks from the county or have close dealings with the County. The County Manager was present at the meeting and insisted that the county ordinance was poorly written and needs amendments and that the project should pass as a minor subdivision. The Manager stated at the meeting that a lawsuit could take place if the committee did not vote to pass as a minor subdivision. The vote was taken and it was passed. The result is a terrible precedent to our ordinance. This could result in law suits from pass developers that were not allowed this advantage and are no longer available to take this advantage. I have no doubt that the County Manager truly believes that this project is in the best interest of the County but I am not sure why and I realize that he has consulted with some of you about this project. My question to you, is it your will as a body to ignore our existing subdivision ordinance to benefit a single individual. Please explain why it is in the interest of the county and please make your stand here with a vote.

Commissioner Felton asked to comment on Mr. Morgan's comment. Commissioner Felton stated that he has been dealing with subdivisions for 40 years and is very familiar with our subdivision ordinance. Mr. Morgan is right and this property has had several minor subdivisions already even though they were not called subdivisions. There were two properties divided off when it was Ms. Jimmy Hands property. Then the property was bought out by another company which surveyed the entire property and broke it up into five parcels all over 10 acres, which was fine. In doing so they put a note on there of the two lots that were already approved and were going to be developed, that's fine too. Then there was a recombination of those five parcels broken into five other parcels, one of those parcels was 3 acres of land which by definition would be a subdivision. It was called a recombination but in reality it was another subdivision. Then there was a major subdivision which was five lots and is called a major as it should be. Now this one wants to be the third minor and is not legitimate for several reasons:

1. The minor has already been used even though it was not named a minor
2. The commerce street is extended through the two lots and the street is listed. The subdivision ordinance states that it cannot be a minor if a new street is created, right of way created or an old one is stated.
3. Our subdivision ordinance also says that utilities cannot be extended.

Commissioner Felton stated that he agrees with Mr. Tom Morgan and if we do this now and start working around our subdivision ordinance we have a lot of explaining to do.

Commissioner Jordan stated that he appreciates the comments of Commissioner Felton but feels in all fairness to the Board there needs to be adequate time to research and investigate before the item is addressed. The Board needs time to review the situation and what has happened to be able to take a position. It is not fair to debate on something when one person has had the opportunity to research and others have not. As a Board member Commissioner Jordan does not want to take position at this time. Commissioner Felton stated that there is no objection to the lots themselves it is only to the procedure in which they were asked to be approved. Mr. Jordan stated there again we have not had the opportunity to look at the process.

Commissioner Hofler stated that she is concerned about several things that have happened in the past six months, several things have not followed the policies and procedures that have been established by the governing bodies before us. When you start going down that slippery slope, that's not a good thing. Commissioner Hofler stated that before she came to the meeting tonight she had calls from individuals from two different departments stating concerns they are having. I think we need to take a look at a lot of things that have gone on and have a clearing of the deck. This TRC meeting, after speaking with some members it is my understanding that there was not a quorum. There are nine members and I believe only four were present and one of those were not on the Board. I understand a motion was made by a member that is not on the Board. I think that we really need to be informed and support what you are saying, that this might not be the right time to discuss it. Let's be transparent and if information is good then a light shining on it will not be of harm. We need to be upfront, share, and let everyone in the county know what is going on.

Mr. Ken Windley stated that he is sorry that there is a difference of opinion as far as what the rules say and what they don't say and will be happy to speak with Board members individually.

Chairman Jordan stated that the Board needs to meet with the County Manager to discuss the issue at hand and this is not the time to have the discussion. The Board determined that the latest edition of the subdivision ordinance was 2010 and a copy is on the website for Board members to review.

Commissioner Felton stated that it was mentioned tonight because it was presented to the TRC as something that is an emergency and needed to be decided upon immediately and we see that quite often. Things that need to be done right now have to still follow all policies. Commissioner Jordan stated that he does disagree with that and there are some issues that we see that have to be dealt with on a fast track and if we feel that way we might as well close up shop and tell citizens that we don't want anything for them, we are just going to sit and debate everything. Commissioner Hofler asked, but shouldn't we still follow the procedures that are in the books now. Commissioner Felton stated that is all he is asking for. Chairman Jordan stated that as a Board we have the opportunity to make changes to the procedures as we see need be. Commissioner Hofler stated that you can not do that after the fact, changes have to come first.

Mrs. Renee McGinnis, Member of the TRC, stated that she is not really a legal member because she is not listed in the ordinance, she was asked to be on the committee later. A quorum really wasn't present, even including herself, and with that being the case does it need to be stated in tonight's meeting that any decisions made were nullified because there was not a quorum.

Interim County Manager, Mr. Windley, stated that he did not realize who all was a member and who was not because some came and some didn't and assumed all that there were members. Technically we do not have anything approved by the TRC because we did not have a majority of members there to prove anything. So as of right now there is no approval of anything. Chairman Jordan stated that once the TRC approves it does not go to the Board for any additional approval. Mr. Windley stated that is correct. Commissioner Hofler stated that, that is not correct. Mrs. McGinnis explained that when she read the ordinance it stated that the TRC can pass to the planning board if they so

choose. Commissioner Felton says that the ordinance reads that the issues go to the Planning Board after TRC review. Commissioner Jordan asked what the number would be for a quorum. Mrs. McGinnis stated it would need to be five. Chairman Jordan thanked Mrs. McGinnis for all the information but we need an opportunity to take a look at all the information and until we take a look and have all the facts we can't make any constructive decisions but we will revisit it.

Delegations – Announced

None

Administrative Reports

Administrative Reports are presented during the 1st monthly meeting; none are available at this time.

Public Hearings

None

Old Business

Interim County Manager, Ken Windley, presented the recommendations from the Personnel Committee for review to the Board. The following recommendations were presented:

1. The following job descriptions were modified to be more efficient or, in the case of the County Planner, to provide the starting point for a new position:

Position	Effective Date
County Planner	July 1, 2014
Public Facilities Director	March 1, 2014
Public Utilities Director	March 1, 2014
Public Utilities Supervisor	March 1, 2014
Planning and Permitting Technician	July 1, 2014

Commissioner Owens asked what material in the job description is new. Chairman Jordan stated that under work functions of the County Planner it was added that the Planner would be required to update the official zoning maps and coordinate the updating of the GIS website as well as representing the County on committees and boards; review and recommends changes to ordinances as they pertain to the physical development function.

Commissioner Felton asked if this job description has been discussed with the Public Utilities Supervisor. Mr. Windley stated that yes; he has personally met with this individual in the county manager's office.

Commissioner Jernigan asked if the updated experience needed would put anyone in danger of being released from their position. Mr. Windley stated the requirements are all in line with what current employees have and these individuals are not at risk or losing their position.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve Personnel Committee recommendation 1, as presented. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion, motion was approved without opposition.

Mr. Windley presented recommendation number 2:

2. Pay for Building Inspectors Earning Certifications

The only changes in the policy are:

 - a. For regular employees, any new certification would result in a one-step pay increase (2%) which clarifies the current policy.
 - b. Part-time inspectors would receive a 2% increase in pay for each additional certification. They work on an hourly rate.

Chairman Jordan stated that one of the concerns is when a new certification is received there is some type of commitment to the County for at least one year. The County pays for these certifications.

Commissioner Owens asked if Commissioner Hofler had any comments since she sits on the Personnel Committee. Commissioner Hofler stated that her only question was is there a cap on the number of certifications an individual can obtain. Mr. Windley stated that to get the job you have to have a level one in each of the four certifications. The typical employee may obtain 4 other certifications. Commissioner Hofler stated that they can travel to steps 1, 2, 3, and 4. Mr. Windley stated that if they really wanted to they could get eight certifications instead of four but that would be a lot of work for them.

Commissioner Owens asked if this needed to be changed per department. Mr. Windley stated that inspections is really the only office that operates off of numerous certifications that are not necessarily required by the job.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve Personnel Committee recommendation 2, as presented. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion, motion was approved without opposition.

Mr. Windley presented recommendation number 3 and stated that it probably needs to be looked at again by a professional but the current recommendation is a fair short term solution:

3. Pay Plan for DSS Employees

The attached information shows the following by position:

- Current grade and salary range
- Proposed grade and salary range
- Interim Manager's proposal
- Salary ranges in Chowan and Perquimans Counties

The proposed grades and ranges are not in compliance with the State Personnel Guidelines. The Interim Manager's proposal is in compliance. Most employees would receive a 2%-3% increase. One position, SW Supervisor III, would receive about 5% due to the four grades of separation from the SWIII.

Chairman Jordan explained that the study was developed and designed by the previous county manager based on his knowledge but when you begin to apply the step differences there is a problem with what the state requires, the state requires a step between each one. When we began to put those steps in place, there were some cases where there was going to be quite a big increase so Ken and Geoff worked on that and were able to adjust the grades that we have with DSS employees so that it would not give raises that were totally out of kealter. We have a pretty consistent pay increase and are following state guidelines. We do need to have a pay study conducted by a consultant; Albemarle Commission has had to do it, instead of trying to do something internally that may not meet all of our needs.

Geoff Marett, DSS Director, was available for questions.

Commissioner Owens asked if Mr. Marett had ever been involved with a pay study. Mr. Marett stated that he has not directly been involved with a pay study but has the state mandates that require a degree of separation in pay classes which can cause some challenges. The State Personnel Act sets their requirements. The proposal accomplishes the goal of a pay increase without it being disproportional.

Commissioner Owens clarified that we are talking about data and statistics so someone that does the study may not need to come to the county but could work from an office outside of the county. Chairman Jordan stated that one of the things the consultants like to do is talk with the employees and make sure that everything in the job description matches up with the pay associated with the job. The contract that Albemarle Commission was able to receive was very reasonable in cost and was very productive. Some employees did receive raises and others did not.

Commissioner Owens stated that this is an issue that we have talked about a great deal and would be in favor of looking at who is available and what a contract may look like so that we can take that step.

Commissioner Jernigan asked if a study was completed would be just for DSS or for all County employees. Chairman Jordan stated that it would be for all employees. Commissioner Hofler stated that she would like to see the current pay plan integrated before we conduct a new study.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to approve Personnel Committee recommendation 3 as presented and to have a contract for a professional consultant for a pay study be brought before the Board by July 1, 2015. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, motion was approved without opposition.

New Business

Mike McAllister, Municipal Engineering Services Company, presented a contract for engineering for NCDENR Approval for a Spray Field Site. The contract is just for the evaluation of the property and not for any construction. Mr. McAllister was available for questions.

Chairman Jordan explained that one of the concerns is that we have to have NCDENR approval, what is the timeline for getting them here to do an analysis and what can we expect. Mr. McAllister stated that after this he will contact the Washington Regional Office to have them come out and take a look to see if they concur with my evaluations since they are the ones that have to make the ultimate call, once I have that I will have a little more comfort level to go out and get the soil scientist, agronomist and all of the pieces put together before we can actually design the spray field. Really all this is, is that they are going to tell you this is not a commitment to permit but that they concur that you can take the leap. There used to be a fast track process for permits but NCDENR has done away with that process there are some items by soil scientist that will have to take place before MESCO can even begin to put together designs. We may find after their report that we may not need to use as many acres as we originally thought; my numbers are based on a very conservative estimate.

Chairman Jordan asked if pressure from legislators could help speed up the process. Mr. McAllister stated that it could help but the Washington Regional office has been very good to work with and they have not experienced the delays that they did at one time. Things have been pushing through a lot quicker. Chairman Jordan stated that this is one of the items that is needed to secure the grants that we have in place. We have to respond to grant agencies as well to let them know that this part is in place.

Commissioner Owens clarified that the contract does not include any design. Mr. McAllister stated that this contract does not approve any design or grant administration. Commissioner Owens asked what the projected number of acres may be that we may be able to use. Mr. McAllister stated that the cleared area that has now grown with weeds will have the best soils. The other areas have slopes and some wet areas.

Commissioner Felton stated that according to the expense report we have spent \$1,357,268.91 on this private development, not all of that is county money, \$761,495 is county money spent, so this will be in addition to that.

Chairman Jordan state that this will be reimbursable and out of the \$761, 000 if we want to recoup some of that money we would need to try to secure the grant needs so that we can recoup that money. If you do not have the grants you cannot recoup that money. Commissioner Felton stated that the money already spent has come out of the general fund and the water fund and not grant money. Chairman Jordan stated that it is reimbursable we will submit for reimbursement of funds that have been spent. Chairman Jordan stated that if we are going spend our citizens money, we have spent $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million as you pointed out, we have done that on the basis that these grants have been awarded and to take a position that I have spent county money and this project has gotten lost. You are spending citizen's money and not trying to recoup any of it. Commissioner Felton stated that is says that the total county cost to date that is reimbursable by grants would be \$345,000. Chairman Jordan stated that is the CDBG money and is one of the

grants that we will lose the funds, we have already received \$350,00 CDBG funds, if we do not satisfactory provide them with updates on where we are at with this project will have to repay the money back.

Commissioner Owens stated that the grants require us to spend the money first and then they will be reimbursed later. Chairman Jordan stated that CDBG is the only grant that allowed us to withdrawal as we went, the other grants will be reimbursed. Not moving forward will cost citizens money. Commissioner Owens stated his position on the project is that we are doing these things to move forward for the assisted living facility to come to the county. The assisted living facility has required us to show that we have future spray field development. Chairman Jordan clarified that the assisted living facility did not require that, it is required by the grants. Commissioner Owens stated that we have to show capacity and for this ball to move forward we need this.

Commissioner Hofler stated that when we first stated this project we had a sewer system that we were going to improve that existed at the old prison facility and we made the upgrades there. Then we were told it does not have enough capacity and that we have to have another spray field, now we have gone back and currently its standing is that we don't need the capacity we have enough capacity with the old system for the assisted living facility, is that correct? Chairman Jordan stated we are at 80% of our capacity now. Commissioner Hofler stated that this is because the spray field has not been kept up to prime condition. I have looked back at the minutes, and we asked last August about reseeding to take place, and that was not the first time that we asked about the reseeding. The trees had grown up on the spray field down at the honeypot and those trees had to be removed and reseeding to bring it back up to capacity. I will give you that some of the trees have been cut but not all of the work including the reseeding has been done.

Chairman Jordan stated that the weather has not been permissible for reseeding and will happen in two weeks. We inherited a 25,000 per gallon per day sewer system and the state of NC came and recertified it to 15,000 and have only had it for 2 or 3 years.

Mr. McAllister stated that some of the issues that are being discussed were done when the department of correction had the facility and did not maintain it how they should. Mr. McAllister stated that he visited the site with the State to see if they would allow us to go back up on the flow and because of the significant runoff that has happened down in the woods, the spray heads that are around the perimeter down at the woods have been cutoff so we don't have as many spray heads operating and the over seeding that you referred to has not been done, that was the two notes they made to me the day I visited with them

Commissioner Owens asked if the spray heads were closed off at the recommendation of the state. Mr. McAllister stated yes because of the runoff that was going into the woods. Mr. McAllister said that he has been told, but doesn't know for a fact, that the operator was in charge of multiple spray fields that belonged to the department of corrections and did not operate them the way they should be. The county has inherited something that wasn't exactly what you thought it was.

Commissioner Hofler asked Mr. McAllister if in his professional opinion could get the site back up to maximum flow. Mr. McAllister stated that he is not sure that it can get back up to maximum flow. I have asked the Washington Office, on two visits that we have been out there, if they would be willing to do that, but until some remediation efforts have taken place, they are not even wanting to talk about it.

Commissioner Owens asked if the spray heads around the perimeter are too close to the woods or is it the slope and the runoff. Mr. McAllister stated that it is the slope and the runoff, the design was ok but what happened was the continuous over spraying bound up the soils and is running off down in the woods toward the streams, that is the one thing you cannot have.

Chairman Jordan stated that even when we reseed it is not a guarantee that it will increase capacity it just maintains. Mr. McAllister stated that it is not a guarantee; once we get it rehabilitated we can bring them back out and see what their recommendations are.

Commissioner Owens asked after it is reseeded and rehabilitation starts what time frame may be needed. Mr. McAllister stated that it may take a few years to get the soils amended back to where they need to be. Back in February the only thing that was mowed was the lanes where the spray heads were and the grass was hip high and was bending over because of the amount of moisture that was being held.

Commissioner Hofler read a portion of an article that in the Roanoke Chowan News Herald May 25, 2011 the EDA is one financial source that the county is using to expand our existing wastewater treatment facility, upgraded to handle a capacity of 50,000 gallons per day and its current capacity is 25,000 per day. Commissioner Hofler asked if this was an incorrect statement. Mr. McAllister stated that he cannot speak to any article that was prior to his coming on board. Chairman Jordan stated that it was in reference to upgrading but now the 25,000 can't be upgraded to 50,000 because it won't hold it. You have to have an additional spray field to cover the additional 50,000. Mr. McAllister stated that the soils do not have the capacity to go to 50,000. Commissioner Hofler asked why we have not been told this information sometime sooner than tonight.

Commissioner Owens stated that that Commissioner Hofler and Chairman Jordan both make good points but we have fallen victim to not having the right care of our facility and have been lacking the proper care and some damage was done prior to the county taking over. We are told it was 25,000 per day and took it for its word and with us not being experts we don't know the difference and now we are being blindsided with additional cost to purchase spray field land, engineering, future infrastructure cost and things of that nature however we are also faced with the projects that we want to bring and the project that is sitting on the table which brings a lot of revenue to the county, brings 50 jobs. I wish we could turn back the clock but we can't do that. Mr. McAllister stated that he has only been involved in the project since October and wishes that he had better answers for the Board. I can't sit here and say what a previous engineer did or did not do. I can only tell you where we are from October moving forward.

Commissioner Owens stated that there has been some good planting season for the reseeded to take place prior to Ken and it has not been done. Mr. McAllister stated that he does not disagree and the worst thing that could be done would be to take heavy equipment on the soggy ground. Obviously you have had some periods where it could have been done and why it hasn't, I can't answer that.

Commissioner Hofler read a quote from prior County Manager Toby Chapel and from the previous Chairman Graham Twine. Where they were pleased with the work conducted by Cavanaugh and felt they were fully informed of everything. Everyone thought they were doing a great job and it was money well spent for the future.

Commissioner Owens asked Mike McAllister if he would have been on the site in the prior years would you have seen this damage. Mr. McAllister stated that he cannot speak for another engineer he can only speak to what he would have done which would have been to get the state out there to evaluate the site and make a recommendations before the transfer was made.

Commissioner Owens asked if we hire you to do the engineering realize that you are across the road doing engineering on this other plot, how far is it going to come back to our current place and will it include any advice or counseling on our current spray field. Mr. McAllister explained that he will have the individual that is going to be doing the soils evaluation to take a look at the field and offer their advice toward remediation and it may be that we can get something worked out with the state, but I can't make any promises. But the goal is to have the soil scientist and the agronomist out there to meet with the geologist and soil scientist with the Washington Regional Office to see if we can get some additional capacity. Whether you will get 25,000 gallons per day again I would have to kind of doubt it based on what they are telling me but we may be able to get some more. If you can get five more and take it up to twenty, every little bit would help. This is included in the items listed. I have had the discussions with the state and they will not budge until some work has been completed.

Commissioner Owens stated that he is aware of the grant work that has taken place with the state folks and we informed them that we want to move forward with the project and

they were willing to help us and we were given some extensions based on some steps that must be taken. We do not want to go back on our word or risk losing grant money.

Mr. McAllister stated that we are up against some tight deadlines with the grant administrators. We are working diligently to get information to them by May 31st to try to make sure you can keep the grants in place.

Commissioner Hofler stated that she has no quorums with Mike or MESCO but feels that we have just been misinformed about the project and have not been fully informed. Commissioner Hofler stated that she wasn't fully briefed on the meeting that was spoken about in Raleigh. Chairman Jordan stated that various emails were sent out. Commissioner Hofler stated that face to face conversations would be helpful.

Mr. McAllister stated that some of the confusion is that the whole grant system has been turned upside down since the process started. It has been confusing to keep up with who all is doing what. Commissioner Owens stated that it speaks a lot about what the grant administrators see as a promising project and believes in it enough to give extensions and work with us. Mr. McAllister stated that they do seem to see it as a promising process and am pleased that NCDENR was able to work with you on the flows to get Meridian in place but now you have used all your capacity and now this next step is needed and that is what EDA needs to see before the commit their money.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the contract for Engineering for NCDENR Approval for Spray Field Site with Municipal Engineering Services. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion passed without opposition.

Interim County Manager, Ken Windley, presented three bids for work on the exterior of the Historic Courthouse. There were two bids, Rison Painting \$23,500 & Rodan & Associate \$48,900 and one withdrawn bid. It is the recommendation of the County Manager to accept the low bid for the exterior work.

Commissioner Jernigan asked when the project would start. Mr. Windley stated within the next 30-45 days. Commissioner Hofler asked if that would be the painting. Mr. Windley stated that it would be the power washing. Commissioner Jernigan asked about the painting on the west wing. Mr. Windley stated that the work will not be completed on the west wing until the structural repair is completed.

Commissioner Owens asked if anyone was familiar with the company. None of the Board was familiar. Mr. Windley stated that it is a company that the County has used before and feels comfortable with.

Commissioner Owens asked about the difference in the two dollar amounts. Mr. Windley stated that Rodan has to rent all of the equipment, scaffolding, etc and Rison already owns their equipment.

Commissioner Felton asked if the company is bonded. Mr. Windley stated yes sir, they have to be.

Commissioner Owens asked if they would be subbing any of the work out. Mr. Windley stated that subbing out the work would not be allowed.

Commissioner Owens asked if any discussion has taken place to decide on the paint color. Commissioner Hofler stated that the conversation has not occurred but the intention is to restore it back to the original color.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to approve the bid from Rison Painting \$23,500 to do the exterior work on the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Hofler seconded the motion, motion passed without opposition.

The Board discussed the July 2014 Commissioners meeting date and decided that the meeting will remain July 2, 2014.

Mr. Windley presented a Resolution for Approving Local Water Supply Plan. The resolution is something that is required by DENR after their approval. The plan was

approved between April 2013 and April 2014 and goes into a supply plan and capacity. We are at about a 55% capacity and don't expect to be at 80% for another decade. No major expansions are needed in the next five years. We are interconnected with Chowan and Perquimans Counties. According to NCDENR everything is fine with the County water system and indicated that it was one of the best plans reviewed. NCDENR would like an endorsement from the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hofler made a motion to approve the Resolution for Approving Local Water Supply Plan. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

The resolution reads as follows:

GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
A RESOLUTION
FOR APPROVING LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water services or plans to provide such services shall, either individually or together with other such units of local government, prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Local Water Supply Plan for Gates County, has been developed and submitted to the Gates County Board of Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Gates County Board of Commissioners finds that the Local Water Supply Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355(l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for Gates County, as well as useful information to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gates County Board of Commissioners of Gates County that the Local Water Supply Plan entitled, Gates County Local Water Supply Plan dated April 30, 2013, is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gates County Board of Commissioners intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

This the 19th day of May, 2014

GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Henry L. Jordan, Chairman

Attest: _____
Melissa A. Coe, Clerk to the Board

Interim County Manager, Ken Windley, Presented the 2014-2015 proposed Gates County budget ordinance and message that goes along with the information that was reviewed. It presented to you today and asked that you agree to have a public hearing and adoption at the next meeting. It is required by law that we have a budget ordinance and is asking the Board to vote to receive public input at a public hearing in June.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to accept the budget ordinance and set the public hearing to be on June 4, 2014. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Sandy Pittman, presented budget amendment number 40 for a HVAC system for GITS and the Dental Clinic. Since this is an emergency we did not have the money budgeted and will pull the money out of the fund balance.

Commissioner Owens asked if we are familiar with the company. Ms. Pittman stated that we have used them numerous times and have been pleased with their work and service.

Commissioner Hofler made a motion to approve budget amendment 40 for HVAC systems. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Owens asked how well we are covered if the system is stolen. Mr. Windley stated that he would be happy to see how much it would cost to have the units fenced in with barb wire across the top.

Citizen Comments

None

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Felton thanked everyone for attending and stated that he has probably already said enough tonight. I want to make sure that citizens know as much as possible about what is going on including what is going on at Merchants Commerce. He would love to see the public be made aware every month of the money being spent at Merchants Commerce and the updates in the project. The only way you are going to know is to come and learn what is going on in the County and bring your friends and family.

Commissioner Hofler thanked everyone for attending and it is interesting to see and hear what the County is doing and working on. I have probably already said too much also but it is things that have weighed on my mind a lot. I really believe in following policies and procedures that are on the books that we have currently and I do believe in transparency. The more people know the better decisions we can all make.

Commissioner Jernigan thanked everyone for attending and stated that he still believes that you don't change the rules in the middle of the ball game and we can't change rules in the middle of the process and this is something that we are going to have to go back and really look at. You have to deal with what the current rule is when you make the decision.

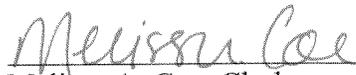
Commissioner Owens thanked everyone for attending and for bringing the debate to the table tonight and thanked Billy and Ms. Hofler for their comments concerning the sewer project. He reminded everyone, as Linda said, if something is right and it is good, it is okay for it to be in full light.

Commissioner Jordan thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Commissioners for a very lively meeting and their input. Thank you to the citizens that were involved and taking time to point out issues.

Adjournment

Commissioner Owens made a motion adjourn. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion passed without opposition.


Henry L. Jordan, Chairman


Melissa A. Coe, Clerk