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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chair Randy Isenhower, Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty and Commissioners Katherine W. Barnes, Sherry E. Butler and Dan A. Hunsucker.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Managers Dewey Harris and Mary Furtado, County Attorney Debra Bechtel and County Clerk Barbara Morris.

1. Chair Randy Isenhower called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted a quorum was present.

2. Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Chair Isenhower offered the invocation.
4. Commissioner Katherine W. Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting of March 16, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests: Chair Isenhower welcomed everyone present along with Boy Scout Troop 771 of Hickory and Sheriff Coy Reid.
6. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda:
Chair Randy Isenhower told all present that public comments would be handled in a different manner than usual at this meeting. Those who wanted to speak on items not on the agenda could come forward at this point and speak but those who had comments regarding the proposed Village at Sherrills Ford would be given an opportunity to speak after that presentation on the agenda. Chair Isenhower noted this was not an advertised public hearing on the proposed Village at Sherrills Ford but the Board would hear comments on the issue. No one came forward to speak at this point.
7. Presentations:
 - a. The Board honored Sheriff's Captain Alton Price, who retired effective April 1, 2015, after over 32 years with the Catawba County Sheriff's Office. Under North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2, upon a motion by Commissioner Sherry E. Butler, which unanimously carried, the Board declared as surplus the service sidearm and badge of Captain Price and Sheriff Coy Reid presented those items to him. Chair Isenhower thanked Captain Price for his service to the County and his upcoming service to the Magistrate's Office.
 - b. Tracy Hall, Director, Education Matters in Catawba Valley and Wendy Johnson, Director, Workforce Development, presented a presentation on an effort to have Catawba County certified as a "Work Ready Community" so businesses and agencies know exactly the foundational skills they need for a productive workforce and how to communicate their needs; individuals understand which skills are required by employers and how to prepare themselves for success; policy makers are better able to measure the skills gaps, and educators know of tools that may help close that gap.
 - c. Commissioner Butler presented a proclamation to Library Director Suzanne White and her staff declaring April 12-18, 2015, as National Library Week and encouraged all residents to visit the library to take advantage of the wide variety of resources available to library patrons.
 - d. Commissioner Barnes presented a proclamation to Telecommunications Shift Supervisor Tammy Saunders and Telecommunicator Amy Rozelle declaring April 12-18, 2015, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and recognized the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.
 - e. Vice-Chair Beatty presented a proclamation Catawba County Employee of the Year Beverly Hester declaring April as County Government Month in Catawba County. The theme of this proclamation was to encourage counties to focus on ways they have improved their communities by building new facilities, efficient cyber systems and networks, water and sewer improvements and other services.
 - f. Commissioner Dan Hunsucker presented a proclamation to Public Health Director Doug Urland declaring April 6-12, 2015, as National Public Health Week. The proclamation supported Catawba County Public Health's efforts to make the healthy choice the easy choice for everyone in our community through enhanced opportunities for physical activity, increased access to healthy nutritional options, and the creation of tobacco-free environments.
8. Appointments: While there were no appointments to be recommended, Vice-Chair Beatty took this opportunity to introduce and thank John Marino, Chair of the Lake Norman Marine Commission, for his service to the County.

9. Consent Agenda:

Chair Isenhower asked if any Commissioner wished for an item to be separated from the consent agenda to be considered individually. None was requested. He then asked County Manager J. Thomas Lundy to present the consent agenda. Mr. Lundy presented the following three requests:

a. A request for the Board to adopt a resolution declaring a 2010 Chevrolet Type I Ambulance and a Stryker Stretcher as surplus property and donate those items to the Hickory Rescue Squad, as requested by the squad. The ambulance will replace a front line unit and will be used for patient transports as back up service for Catawba County EMS as well as standbys for the community. The donated ambulance has been driven for 184,187 miles.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the County to convey personal property to a non-profit organization without monetary consideration as long as the property will be used for a public purpose. The process begins with the governing board adopting a resolution authorizing the conveyance of the property and a ten-day public notice. The following resolution applies:

**RESOLUTION No.
DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DONATION TO THE
HICKORY RESCUE SQUAD**

WHEREAS, Catawba County owns a 2010 Chevrolet Ambulance and Stryker Stretcher that is no longer needed for any governmental use;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes a county to convey personal property by private sale to a nonprofit organization;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the conveyance without monetary consideration if the recipient ensures the property will be used for a public purpose;

WHEREAS, the Hickory Rescue Squad is a nonprofit organization that provides a public service;

THEREFORE, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. A 2010 Chevrolet Type I Ambulance and Stryker Stretcher are declared surplus property.
2. The property will be donated to the Hickory Rescue Squad without monetary consideration.
3. The Purchasing Manager shall be authorized to conduct the transfer of property and shall publish a notice summarizing the contents of this resolution and the property shall be conveyed anytime after ten days after the notice publication.

This the 6th day of April 2015.

b. A request for the Board to approve the appointment of Jason Reid to the position of Deputy Sheriff. Per North Carolina General Statute 153A-103, the Board of Commissioners must approve the appointment of an officer who is a relative of the Sheriff. Sheriff Coy Reid requested approval of the appointment of his son, Jason Reid, to the Lieutenant of Narcotics position. Jason Reid is currently Lieutenant of Narcotics with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and has served in that position since December 2010. He has been in law enforcement for close to 20 years and for over half of that time has been in the narcotics division.

c. A request for the Board to adopt a joint resolution which provides that all law enforcement officers with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area. Lake patrols

have been operating under the provisions of “An Act to Establish the Lake Norman Marine Commission”, enacted as Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws. It was discovered that a required specific joint resolution regarding territorial jurisdiction had not been adopted by the Counties of Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg. The resolution meets this requirement and will be kept on file with the Clerk of each of these counties as well as with the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. The following resolution applies:

**JOINT RESOLUTION
REGARDING LAKE NORMAN TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to “An Act to Establish the Lake Norman Marine Commission” enacted as Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws (the “Act”), the counties of Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg adopted resolutions which created the Lake Norman Marine Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Norman Marine Commission has operated continuously since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 9 (a) of the Act reads as follows:

Sec. 9. Enforcement. (a) Where a joint resolution so provides, all law enforcement officers (or such officers as may be designated in the joint resolution) with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area shall, within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Catawba County has determined that it would be in the best interest of the people of the counties of Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg for the territorial jurisdiction of all law enforcement officers having jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area to be expanded as authorized by Sec. 9 (a) of the Act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Catawba County, as authorized by Sec. 9 (a) of Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws, that all law enforcement officers with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area shall, within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Joint Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to the Board to the governing bodies of the other counties which have joined together to create the Lake Norman Marine Commission, and to the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, as provided in Sec. 7 of the Act.

Adopted the 6th day of April, 2015.

Chair Isenhower stated a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Departmental Reports:

A. Catawba Valley Medical Center (CVMC):

Scott Echelberger, Vice-President, Catawba Valley Medical Center, requested the Board adopt a resolution to accept an offer made by Chen Development, LLC, to purchase surplus properties and advertise the offer in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-269 for the sale of property by negotiated offer, advertisement and upset bid. The properties are a 0.57 acre lot and a 0.34 acre portion of another lot located at 108 29th Avenue NE and 120 29th Avenue NE, respectively, in Hickory. CVMC purchased the properties in March 1997 as part of the purchase of other properties on which Catawba Valley Family Medicine – North Hickory now sits. The records of the hospital attorney reflect that the properties were purchased with hospital funds. Since its purchase in 1997, the land has remained vacant and unused. CVMC has no use for these

properties. CVMC recently received an offer to purchase the property for the sum of \$270,000. The tax values of these parcels are \$99,300 and \$103,700 (for the entire lot), respectively.

Although the specific use of the land is unknown, CVMC has been informed by Mr. Ryan Lovern, Commercial First Realtor, that the intended use does not conflict or compete with CVMC's medical office practice located nearby.

Vice-Chair Beatty made motion to adopt a resolution to accept an offer made by Chen Development, LLC, to purchase surplus properties and advertise the offer in accordance with NC General Statutes for the sale of property by negotiated offer, advertisement and upset bid. The motion carried unanimously. The following resolution applies:

Resolution #
Notice of Upset Bid - Real Property
Parcel ID #3704-1693-8301 and 3704-1693-9336

WHEREAS, the County of Catawba owns certain property located on 29th Avenue NE in Hickory; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-269 permits the county to sell property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

WHEREAS, the County has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of \$270,000.00, submitted by Chen Development, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Chen Development, LLC has paid the required 5 percent (5%) deposit on the offer;

WHEREAS, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners accepts the offer of \$270,000.00, subject to the upset bid procedure;

THEREFORE, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. The Catawba County Board of Commissioners authorizes the sale of the property described above through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute 160A-269.
2. The Purchasing Agent shall cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published. The notice shall describe the property and the amount of the offer, and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.
3. Persons wishing to upset the offer that has been received shall submit a sealed bid with their offer to the office of the Purchasing Agent within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. At the conclusion of the 10-day period, the Purchasing Agent shall open the bids, if any, and the highest such bid will become the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.
4. If a qualifying higher bid is received, the Purchasing Agent shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published, and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received.
5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than 10 percent (10%) of the first \$1,000 of that offer and 5 percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.
6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of 5 percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The county will return the deposit on any bid not accepted, and will return the deposit on an offer subject to

upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The county will return the deposit of the final high bidder at closing.

7. The terms of the final sale are that the buyer must pay with cash, cashier's check or certified check at the time of closing.

8. The county reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject all bids at any time.

9. If no qualifying upset bid is received after the initial public notice, the offer set forth above is hereby accepted. The appropriate County officials are authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property.

This the ____ day of _____, 2015.

B. Emergency Services:

Emergency Management Coordinator Karyn Yaussy presented a request for the Board to adopt the 2015 Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Catawba County and each of the municipalities within the county, along with Alexander, Caldwell, and Burke Counties and their municipalities, participated in a regional multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning effort that began in June 2013. This planning effort was funded by the State of North Carolina's awarding federal Department of Homeland Security Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant monies to the four counties, for a total cost of \$100,000 with a 75%/25% cost share. Catawba County served as the lead jurisdiction for the Unifour planning effort and hosted the grant. The entire county/city cost share was covered through staff time and other in-kind services and materials.

There have been two previous requests related to this planning effort which asked for the designation of Mr. Bryan Blanton and Ms. Karyn Yaussy as Designated Agents for the grant, and for a supplemental appropriation for the hazard mitigation planning costs which have been reimbursed by Department of Homeland Security Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant funds.

This third and final request was for the Board of Commissioners to adopt the completed Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Every local jurisdiction must have a FEMA approved plan in order to apply for and receive money from specific federal and state assistance programs that address pre- and post-disaster mitigation projects, planning, flood assistance and repetitive loss buy-outs.

Hazard mitigation actions are taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to life and property from a variety of hazards. Mitigation can occur before, during and after a disaster but it has been shown that mitigation is most effective when based on a comprehensive, long-term plan developed before a disaster occurs. Adoption of this plan is a significant step in fulfilling the Board of Commissioners 2015 goal for the emergency management program to provide efficient and effective pre-hospital emergency services, improve public safety, minimize property damage and protect areas from disaster.

The completed plan, which may be seen at:

<http://www.catawbacountync.gov/EmergencyServices/Hazard/EntirePlan.pdf>, contains evidence of each jurisdiction's participation in the planning process, risks identified for the regional planning area and specific risks identified by each jurisdiction, regional mitigation strategies and jurisdiction specific mitigation actions. The plan, which was completed in November 2014 and approved by FEMA on January 12, 2015, will help prevent lives, homes and businesses from being damaged by a disaster and help the return to normal after the chaos of a disaster.

Commissioner Barnes said this was an overwhelming task to bring that many officials together and come up with this end product. She thanked Ms. Yaussy for all her efforts and made a motion to adopt the Plan. The motion carried unanimously. The following resolution applies:

ADOPTION OF UNIFOUR REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Catawba County are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to flooding, tornadoes, winter storms, dam failures and geological hazards such as sink holes and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, in Section 1 Part 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes (adopted in Session Law 2001-214 --- Senate Bill 300 effective July 1, 2001), states therein in Item (a) (2) "For a state of disaster proclaimed pursuant to G.S. 166A-6(a) after August 1, 2002, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act"; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five year cycle; and

WHEREAS, Catawba County has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Catawba County to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Catawba County hereby:

1. Adopts the Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Vests the Planning and Parks Department with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.
3. Appoints the Emergency Services Department to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in

compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Board of Commissioners of Catawba County for consideration.

4. Authorizes all county departments listed in the Mitigation Actions for Catawba County in Section 7 of the Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan to develop and implement the programs and procedures necessary to complete the listed actions.

5. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This the 6th day of April, 2015.

C. Planning and Parks:

1. Planning Director Jacky Eubank presented a request for the Board to adopt a resolution to declare 39 acres of County owned property located at 4251 Slanting Bridge Road surplus and consider an offer from The Village at Sherrills Ford, LLC in the amount of \$300,000, subject to the upset bid process. Catawba County obtained the property from Crescent Resources, Inc. on May 1, 2000. Catawba County does not have any use for this property at the present time or in the foreseeable future. The County will notify adjacent property owners of the offer from The Village at Sherrills Ford, LLC and inform them of the upset bid process if they are interested in the property. Notice of the bid will be advertised in the Hickory Daily Record, Charlotte Observer, and Newton Observer-News Enterprise, and upset bids may be made to the County within ten days of publication. Once an upset bid has been received by not less than 10 percent of the first \$1,000 and five percent of the remainder, that bid will be re-advertised until there are no further upset bids. The successful bidder must present cash or a certified check for the entire balance due within ninety days of the last day for receipt of upset bids. The Board of Commissioners may, at any time, reject any and all offers.

Chair Isenhower confirmed that the buyer was working on a right of way agreement with the Railroad for access to its property on the other side of the railroad tracks. He also confirmed that the buyer would be giving the County easements for water and sewer and a pump station. Commission Butler asked if this was contingent upon the buyer getting a right of way agreement with the railroad and County Attorney Debra Bechtel clarified that if the buyer did not get the right of way from the railroad, it would most likely not proceed with the offer to purchase – but if they did get the right of way and continued with the offer to purchase, that was when the easements for water and sewer and pump station would apply. Commissioner Butler said she believed the \$300,000 offer was too low and below what the property was purchased for by the County (\$385,000 in the early 2000's) and below the opinion of value the County had received. Commissioner Hunsucker stated that he thought the offer was a starting point – there was nothing to compare it to and it was only worth what someone was willing to pay for it and it would then get back on the tax rolls. County Attorney Debra Bechtel clarified that the County did not have to accept the offer even after it had gone through the upset bid process. Commissioner Barnes spoke of the value of the easements for water and sewer and the pump station and clarified that an upset bid only speaks to the dollar value of the land and it can't be guaranteed that a new buyer would offer those easements to the County but Chair Isenhower indicated that could be a provision in the contract to purchase.

Chair Isenhower asked for any other questions. None were made. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adopt the resolution declaring the property surplus and consider the offer to purchase and start the upset bid process. Commissioners Isenhower, Hunsucker and Barnes voted in favor; Commissioner Beatty and Butler were opposed. The motion carried. The following resolution applies:

**Resolution #
Notice of Upset Bid - Real Property
Parcel ID #4607-04-70-7149**

WHEREAS, Catawba County owns certain property located at 4251 Slanting Bridge Road in Sherrills Ford as shown in Plat Book 39, Page 161 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Catawba County, to which plat and the record thereof, reference is hereby made for more complete description, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-269 permits the county to sell property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

WHEREAS, Catawba County has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of \$300,000.00, submitted by The Village at Sherrills Ford, LLC; and

WHEREAS, The Village at Sherrills Ford, LLC has submitted the required 5 percent (5%) deposit on their offer;

WHEREAS, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners will consider the offer of \$300,000.00 or any higher, upsetting offer, subject to the upset bid procedure;

THEREFORE, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners resolves that:

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7. The terms of the final sale are that the buyer must pay with cash, cashier's check or certified check at the time of closing.
8. If no qualifying upset bid is received after the initial public notice, the offer set forth above will be considered. The appropriate County officials are authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property.
9. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject all bids at any time.

This the 6th day of April, 2015.

2. Planning Director Jacky Eubanks presented an informational presentation on the proposed Village at Sherrills Ford planned development, which would bring the “village center” concept to the Sherrills Ford-Terrell community on approximately 200 acres located in and around Highway 150 and Slanting Bridge Road with sections for residential dwellings and space for retail, office, medical and other uses.

Following the presentation, Commissioners discussed the differences in the amenities offered in the 2007 and current development agreement. Commissioner Butler questioned the statement that a new elementary school would not be needed due to room in the current school. She asked if Catawba County Schools had input and indicated that based on WPCOG growth models, there would be 325 more students and the current school could not handle that many additional students. Price points of the homes were discussed and it was stressed that the Subdivision Review Board would have input on the requirements for each of these subdivisions in the development. Commissioner Hunsucker stated “sense of place” had come out in the informational meetings and that appearance needed to be a priority. County Manager Lundy asked for clarification on what type of grocery store was being considered and Mr. Eubanks indicated Publix, Whole Foods, Ingles and Harris Teeter were the choices considered by the developer.

At the end of this presentation, as indicated under “Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda”, Chair Isenhower opened the floor for comments regarding this proposed development, noting that no action would be taken at this meeting. Eight people came forward to speak and voiced their concerns:

Alexander Cooper – Barbrick Street – concerns about entrance to HWY 150 at Slanting Bridge – very dangerous – should be reconfigured. Commissioner Barnes indicated that it had been requested that NCDOT look at this intersection for safety issues.

Glenn Hunsucker – Kiser Island Road – no area for children in plan; developer could still make money on less homes; this is not what the community deserve; don’t give away the 39 acres; go to court over the original agreement.

Sara Sherr – Waters Edge, Sherrills Ford – there should be parks within the Village Center; look at mass transit

Elizabeth Ruth – Terrell – where will upset bid be advertised – should be in the Charlotte Observer.

Susan Towery – Sherrills Ford Road – goes against Small Area Plan, traffic problem, the 39 acre shouldn’t be sold for \$300,000.

John Greer – asked why the development was needed; people believe that Crescent still owns property; traffic problems are time sensitive; there shouldn’t be a school in the development; not sure that more retail is needed – really need more industrial growth and then residential growth to follow; wants quality.

Ross Dant – (with Boy Scout Troop 771) – make it commercial or residential – don’t mix together.

Roy Alge – Sherrills Creek Dr. – wanted clarification on lot sizes.

Chair Isenhower thanked everyone for their comments and again confirmed no action would be taken at this meeting.

D. Public Health

Public Health Director Doug Umland presented an information report on the "State of the County" from a Public Health perspective. The Board complimented Mr. Umland and his staff on their attention and hard work on a wide range of concerns and services.

11. Other Items of Business: None.
12. Attorney's Report: None.
13. Manager's Report Manager's Report: None.
14. Adjournment. Vice-Chair Beatty made a motion to adjourn at 12:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

Randy Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Barbara E. Morris
County Clerk