

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2015**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Tony Dennis, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Joseph Burleson
T. Scott Efird
Bill Lawhon
Gene McIntyre

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Lucas, County Manager
Jenny Furr, County Attorney
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Due to the absence of Chairman Lowder, Vice Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order then gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Vice Chairman Dennis requested that two additional items be added to the agenda: Item # 4 – City of Locust Economic Development Infrastructure Grant and Item # 5 – Resolution Recognizing North Carolina's State Park System One Hundred Year Anniversary. The consent agenda was then listed as Item # 6.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Efird. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Presenter: Donna Miller, Executive Director of the Esther House

Ms. Miller was in attendance to request the Board's consideration and approval of the proclamation. Commissioner McIntyre read the proclamation then moved to approve its

adoption. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and the motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote.

**See Exhibit A
Proclamation
“Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2015”**

ITEM # 2 – AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CAROLINAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM’S URGENT CARE RURAL HEALTH FACILITY PROJECT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Economic Development Commission recommended the County support Carolinas Healthcare System in applying for a building re-use grant from the NC Department of Commerce for a new urgent care facility in Albemarle, NC. The County will provide a financial match of \$5,000 with the hospital planning to invest an estimated \$2,465,000 and create nine (9) new jobs to provide urgent care medical services.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the resolution of support for the building re-use application and the County’s financial match commitment of \$5,000. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Burleson and carried by unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit B
Authorizing Resolution by Stanly County**

ITEM # 3 – APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD (EAB)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Current Board member Mark McCarter’s term expired on November 30, 2014 and he has agreed to serve again if reappointed. It was the request of the EAB that Mr. McCarter be reappointed to serve a second term until February 1, 2018.

Commissioner Burleson moved to reappoint Mr. McCarter which was seconded by Commissioner Efird. The motion passed with a 6 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 4 – CITY OF LOCUST – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The City of Locust sought a one-time grant in the amount of \$1,275 to assist with covering the infrastructure needed for an economic development related project. These funds would be covered by expenditure efficiencies in the contingency program budget.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the one-time grant of \$1,275 to the City of Locust. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 5 – RESOLUTION – NORTH CAROLINA’S STATE PARK SYSTEM ONE HUNDRED YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board consideration, the County Manager presented the resolution below at the request of former County Commissioner Lindsey Dunevant.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the resolution as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Efird. Motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

**See Exhibit C
Resolution**

North Carolina’s State Park System One Hundred Year Anniversary

ITEM # 6 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Vice Chairman Dennis

- A.** Minutes - Special meeting on February 10, 2015 and regular meeting of February 19, 2015
- B.** Finance – Request acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for Seven Months Ended January 31, 2015
- C.** SCUSA Transportation – Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-34
- D.** Health Dept. – Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-35
- E.** Sheriff’s Dept. – Request adoption of the Stanly County Detention Center Medical Plan

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Burleson read a prepared statement noting that he had recently toured the jail with Sheriff Burris, and while there several officers thanked him for the funding provided by the Board for new uniforms. On February 23rd, he and Commissioner Ascitto toured several school facilities with Superintendent Dr. Griffin, Finance Director Billy Josey, and Maintenance Director Todd Bowers. Based on the current condition of the schools, Commissioner Burleson felt there were no repair / maintenance items in need of immediate attention. He then

outlined various expenditures and decisions made by the School Board in previous years which he felt were unnecessary and again reiterated his opposition to the School Board's proposed plans.

Commissioner McIntyre voiced his concerns with the School Board's plans to close several community schools stating that he had grown up in a community school, was a parent of two children that attended community schools and had served as an administrator as well. He noted the benefits of community schools which include more parent /family participation and community support. Lastly, he stated his opposition to the County providing financial support to Stanly Community College's proposed culinary school due to it being in competition with local restaurants.

Commissioner Efird thanked everyone in attendance and encouraged citizens to continue to participate in the county commissioners, school board and town meetings in order to stay informed on local issues.

Commissioner Ascitutto reiterated the need for the reinstatement of lottery funding to counties in order to use these funds for school capital projects. After his recent tour of several community schools, he stated concerns with overall school safety, safety issues with both Norwood and Oakboro schools and stated that if the community schools are to remain open the County and School Board have an obligation to maintain them.

Commissioner Lawhon urged citizens to contact the School Board and County Commissioners with their concerns related to the schools proposed plans and to remain respectful of each other in doing so.

Vice Chairman Dennis agreed with Board member's previous comments and asked that everyone work together to reach a resolution on the issue.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Efird. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 7:40 p.m.

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk