

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME – CHAIRMAN DENNIS

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER MORTON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE MARTIN STARNES & ASSOCIATES AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FY 2013-2014**

Presenter: Toby Hinson, Finance Director

- 2. PRESENTATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR LOCUST & RED CROSS**

Presenter: Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO

- 3. 2014 NCACC LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND COUNTY ASSEMBLY DAY PLANNING & LEGISLATIVE VIDEO PRESENTATION**

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

- 4. SUPPORTING RESOLUTION FOR MCNC'S FCC BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION**

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

- 5. APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY NURSING HOMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – Regular meeting of February 17, 2014

B. Solid Waste – Request approval of budget amendment # 2014-24

PUBLIC COMMENT

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 AT
7:00 P.M.**



Stanly County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: March 3, 2014

Presenter: Toby Hinson

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject

The Finance Office has received the contract from Martin Starnes & Associates to provide audit services for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The total fees to perform this audit will be \$50,000. This represents a 1% or \$500 increase over last year's audit fees. This is still \$1,200 less than even three years ago due to staff taking on more responsibilities.

Requested Action

Consider and approve the contract with Martin Starnes & Associates to perform the FY 2013-2014 audit.

Signature: *Toby R. Hinson*

Dept: _____

Date: 2-25-14

Attachments: yes no

Review Process

Certification of Action

	Approved		Initials
	Yes	No	
Finance Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Budget Amendment Necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
County Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
County Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Certified to be a true copy of the action taken by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners on

Nancy M. Litaker, Clerk to the Board Date

CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS

Of Stanly County, NC
Governmental Unit

On this 25th day of February, 2014, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.
Auditor

730 13th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory, NC 28602

Mailing Address

, hereinafter referred to as

the Auditor, and Board of Commissioners of Stanly County, NC, hereinafter referred
Governing Board Governmental Unit

to as the Governmental Unit, agree as follows:

1. The Auditor shall audit all statements and disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and additional required legal statements and disclosures of all funds and/or divisions of the Governmental Unit for the period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014. The non-major combining, and individual fund statements and schedules shall be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and an opinion will be rendered in relation to (as applicable) the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major governmental and enterprise fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (non-major government and enterprise funds, the internal service fund type, and the fiduciary fund types).
2. At a minimum, the Auditor shall conduct his/her audit and render his/her report in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The Auditor shall perform the audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* if required by the State Single Audit Implementation Act, as codified in G.S. 159-34. If required by OMB Circular A-133 and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, the Auditor shall perform a Single Audit. This audit and all associated workpapers may be subject to review by Federal and State agencies in accordance with Federal and State laws, including the staffs of the Office of State Auditor (OSA) and the Local Government Commission (LGC). If the audit and/or workpapers are found in this review to be substandard, the results of the review may be forwarded to the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (NC CPA Board).
3. This contract contemplates an unqualified opinion being rendered. If financial statements are not prepared in accordance with GAAP, or the statements fail to include all disclosures required by GAAP, please provide an explanation for that departure from GAAP in an attachment.
4. This contract contemplates an unqualified opinion being rendered. The audit shall include such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as are considered by the Auditor to be necessary in the circumstances. Any limitations or restrictions in scope which would lead to a qualification should be fully explained in an attachment to this contract
5. If this audit engagement is subject to the standards for audit as defined in *Government Auditing Standards*, 2011 revisions, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, then by accepting this engagement, the Auditor warrants that he has met the requirements for a peer review and continuing education as specified in *Government Auditing Standards*. The Auditor agrees to provide a copy of their most recent peer review report regardless of the date of the prior peer review report to the Governmental Unit and the Secretary of the LGC prior to the execution of the audit contract (See Item 22). If the audit firm received a peer review rating other than pass, the Auditor shall not contract with the Governmental Unit without first contacting the Secretary of the LGC for a peer review analysis that may result in additional contractual requirements.

If the audit engagement is not subject to *Government Accounting Standards*, the Auditor shall provide an explanation as to why in an attachment.

6. It is agreed that time is of the essence in this contract. All audits are to be performed and the report of audit submitted to the State and Local Government Finance Division (SLGFD) within four months of fiscal year end. Audit report is due on: October 31, 2014. If it becomes necessary to amend this due date or the audit fee, an amended contract along with a written explanation of the delay must be submitted to the Secretary of the LGC for approval.
7. It is agreed that generally accepted auditing standards include a review of the Governmental Unit's systems of internal control and accounting as same relates to accountability of funds and adherence to budget and law requirements applicable thereto; that the Auditor will make a written report, which may or may not be a part of the written report of audit, to the Governing Board setting forth his findings, together with his recommendations for improvement. That written report must include all matters defined as "significant deficiencies and material weaknesses" in AU-C 265 of the *AICPA Professional Standards (Clarified)*. The Auditor shall file a copy of that report with the Secretary of the LGC.
8. All local government and public authority contracts for audit or audit-related work require the approval of the Secretary of the LGC. This includes annual or special audits, agreed upon procedures related to internal controls, bookkeeping or other assistance necessary to prepare the Governmental Unit's records for audit, financial statement preparation, any finance-related investigations, or any other audit-related work in the State of North Carolina. Invoices for services rendered under these contracts shall not be paid by the Governmental Unit until the invoice has been approved by the Secretary of the LGC. (This also includes any progress billings.) [G.S. 159-34 and 115C-447] The process for

Contract to Audit Accounts (cont.)

Stanly County, NC

(Name of Governmental Unit)

invoice approval has changed. All invoices for Audit work must be submitted by email in PDF format to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. The invoices must be sent through the portal at: <http://nctreasurer.slgfd.leapfile.net>. Subject line should read "Invoice - only. The PDF invoice marked 'approved' with approval date will be returned by email to the Auditor for them to present to the Governmental Unit for payment. Approval is not required on contracts and invoices for system improvements and similar services of a non-auditing nature.

9. In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the provisions of this contract, the Governmental Unit shall pay to the Auditor, upon approval by the Secretary of the LGC, the following fee, which includes any cost the Auditor may incur from work paper or peer reviews or any other quality assurance program required by third parties (Federal and State grantor and oversight agencies or other organizations) as required under the Federal and State Single Audit Acts:

Year-end bookkeeping assistance – [For audits subject to Government Auditing Standards, this is limited to bookkeeping services permitted by revised Independence Standards] _____
Audit \$45,400 _____

Preparation of the annual financial statements \$4,600 _____

Prior to submission of the completed audited financial report, applicable compliance reports and amended contract (if required) the Auditor may submit invoices for approval for services rendered, not to exceed 75% of the total of the stated fees above. If the current contracted fee is not fixed in total, invoices for services rendered may be approved for up to 75% of the prior year audit fee. **The 75% cap for interim invoice approval for this audit contract is \$ 37,500** _____

10. If the Governmental Unit has outstanding revenue bonds, the Auditor shall include documentation either in the notes to the audited financial statements or as a separate report submitted to the SLGFD along with the audit report, a calculation demonstrating compliance with the revenue bond rate covenant. Additionally, the Auditor should be aware that any other bond compliance statements or additional reports required in the authorizing bond documents need to be submitted to the SLGFD simultaneously with the Governmental Unit's audited financial statements unless otherwise specified in the bond documents.
11. After completing the audit, the Auditor shall submit to the Governing Board a written report of audit. This report shall include but not be limited to the following information: (a) Management's Discussion and Analysis, (b) the financial statements and notes of the Governmental Unit and all of its component units prepared in accordance with GAAP, (c) supplementary information requested by the client or required for full disclosure under the law, and (d) the Auditor's opinion on the material presented. The Auditor shall furnish the required number of copies of the report of audit to the Governing Board as soon as practical after the close of the accounting period.
12. If the audit firm is required by the NC CPA Board or the Secretary of the LGC to have a pre-issuance review of their audit work, there must be a statement added to the engagement letter specifying the pre-issuance review including a statement that the Governmental Unit will not be billed for the pre-issuance review. The pre-issuance review must be performed prior to the completed audit being submitted to the LGC. The pre-issuance report must accompany the audit report upon submission to the LGC.
13. The Auditor shall electronically submit the report of audit to the LGC when (or prior to) submitting the invoice for services rendered. The report of audit, as filed with the Secretary of the LGC, becomes a matter of public record for inspection, review and copy in the offices of the SLGFD by any interested parties. Any subsequent revisions to these reports must be sent to the Secretary of the LGC. These audited financial statements are used in the preparation of official statements for debt offerings (the Auditors' opinion is not included), by municipal bond rating services, to fulfill secondary market disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other lawful purposes of the Governmental Unit, without subsequent consent of the Auditor. If it is determined by the LGC that corrections need to be made to the Governmental Unit's financial statements, they should be provided within three days of notification unless, another time frame is agreed to by the LGC.

The LGC's process for submitting contracts, audit reports and Invoices are subject to change. Auditors should use the submission process in effect at the time of submission. The most current instructions will be found on our website: <https://www.nctreasurer.com/slc/Pages/Audit-Forms-and-Resources.aspx>

In addition, if the OSA designates certain programs to be audited as major programs, a turnaround document and a representation letter addressed to the OSA shall be submitted to the LGC.

14. Should circumstances disclosed by the audit call for a more detailed investigation by the Auditor than necessary under ordinary circumstances, the Auditor shall inform the Governing Board in writing of the need for such additional investigation and the additional compensation required therefore. Upon approval by the Secretary of the LGC, this contract may be varied or changed to include the increased time and/or compensation as may be agreed upon by the Governing Board and the Auditor.
15. If an approved contract needs to be varied or changed for any reason, the change must be made in writing, signed and dated by all parties and pre-audited if the change includes a change in audit fee. This document and a written explanation of the change must be submitted by email in PDF format to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. The portal address to upload your amended contract and letter of explanation documents is <http://nctreasurer.slgfd.leapfile.net> No change shall be effective unless approved by the Secretary of the LGC, the Governing Board, and the Auditor.

Contract to Audit Accounts (cont.) _____ **Stanly County, NC**

 (Name of Governmental Unit)

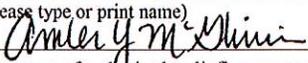
16. Whenever the Auditor uses an engagement letter with the Governmental Unit, Item 17 is to be completed by referencing the engagement letter and attaching a copy of the engagement letter to the contract to incorporate the engagement letter into the contract. In case of conflict between the terms of the engagement letter and the terms of this contract, the terms of this contract will control. Engagement letter terms are deemed to be void unless the conflicting terms of this contract are specifically deleted in Item 23 of this contract. Engagement letters containing indemnification clauses will not be approved by the LGC.
17. Special provisions should be limited. Please list any special provisions in an attachment.
18. A separate contract should not be made for each division to be audited or report to be submitted. A separate contract must be executed for each component unit which is a local government and for which a separate audit report is issued.
19. The contract must be executed, pre-audited, physically signed by all parties and submitted in PDF format including Governmental Unit and Auditor signatures to the Secretary of the LGC. The current portal address to upload your contractual documents is http://nctreasurer.slgfd.leapfile.net. Electronic signatures are not accepted at this time. Included with this contract are instructions to submit contracts and invoices for approval as of September 4, 2013. These instructions are subject to change. Please check the NC Treasurer's web site at www.nctreasurer.com for the most recent instructions.
20. The contract is not valid until it is approved by the LGC Secretary. The staff of the LGC shall notify the Governmental Unit and Auditor of contract approval by email. The audit should not be started before the contract is approved.
21. There are no other agreements between the parties hereto and no other agreements relative hereto that shall be enforceable unless entered into in accordance with the procedure set out herein and approved by the Secretary of the LGC.
22. The Auditor acknowledges that any private employer transacting business in this State who employs 25 or more employees in this State must, when hiring an employee to work in the United States, use E Verify to verify the work authorization of the employee in accordance with N.C.G.S. §64 26(a). The Auditor acknowledges further that any such private employer and its subcontractors must comply with all of the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes (North Carolina's E-verify law), and that such private employer has a duty under the law to ensure compliance by its subcontractors. The Auditor further acknowledges that this contract is of the type governed by S.L. 2013-418, which makes it unlawful for a local government to enter into certain types of contracts unless the contractor and its subcontractors comply with North Carolina's E-verify law, and that failure to comply with such law could render this contract void. The Auditor hereby covenants, warrants and represents for itself and its subcontractors that with respect to this contract the Auditor and its subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of North Carolina's E-verify law and that failure to comply with such law shall be deemed a breach of this contract and may render this contract void.
23. All of the above paragraphs are understood and shall apply to this contract, except the following numbered paragraphs shall be deleted: (See Item 16.)
24. **All communications regarding audit contract requests for modification or official approvals will be sent to the email addresses provided in the spaces below.**

Audit Firm Signature:

Firm Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.

By Amber Y. McGhinnis, Audit Manager

(Please type or print name)



 (Signature of authorized audit firm representative)

Email Address of Audit Firm:

amcghinnis@martinstarnes.com

Date February 25, 2014

Governmental Unit Signatures:

By Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

(Please type or print name and title)

(Signature of Mayor/Chairperson of governing board)

Date _____

Date Governing Body Approved Audit Contract - G.S. 159-34(a)

Date: _____

Unit Signatures (to Unit) / Signatures (continued):

By N/A

(Chair of Audit Committee- please type or print name)

 (Signature of Audit Committee Chairperson)

Date N/A

(If Governmental Unit has no audit committee, this section should be marked "N/A.")

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act. Additionally, the following date is the date this audit contract was approved by the governing body.

Toby R. Hinson, Finance Officer

Governmental Unit Finance Officer (Please type or print name)

 (Signature)

Email Address of Finance Officer

thinson@stanlycountync.gov

Date _____

(Preaudit Certificate must be dated.)



Koonce, Wooten & Haywood, LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

SYSTEM REVIEW REPORT

May 22, 2012

Martin, Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA and the
Peer Review Committee, North Carolina Association
of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Martin, Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA (the firm) in effect for the year ended December 31, 2011. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at www.aicpa.org/prsummary.

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under the *Government Auditing Standards* and audits of employee benefit plans.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Martin, Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA, in effect for the year ended December 31, 2011, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Martin, Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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Stanly County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: March 3, 2014

Presenter: Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO

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Presentation Equipment: Lectern PC* Lectern VCR Lectern DVD Document Camera** Laptop***

Please Provide a Brief Description of your Presentations format: powerpoint

* PC is equipped with Windows XP and Microsoft Office XP (including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), Internet connectivity and Network connectivity for County Employees.

** If you have need to use the Document Camera and zoom into a particular area, if possible please attach a copy of the document with the area indicated that you need to zoom into. A laser light is available to pinpoint your area of projection.

*** You can bring in a laptop that will allow video out to be connected at the lectern – set display to 60Mhz.

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject
Provide Commissioner's with a Stanly Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendment (Red Cross-Locust) update.

Requested Action
Information

Signature: Dana Stoogenke

Date: March 3, 2014

Dept. Rocky River RPO

Attachments: **Yes** No x

Review Process

	Approved		Initials
	Yes	No	
Finance Director	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Budget Amendment Necessary	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
County Attorney	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
County Manager	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
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Certification of Action

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Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board Date

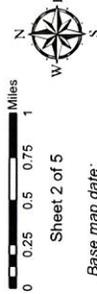
Highway Map Stanly County CTP Amendment

to include

Locust and Red Cross **DRAFT**

Plan date: February 24, 2014

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| Freeways | | Existing |
| | | Needs Improvement |
| | | Recommended |
| Expressways | | Existing |
| | | Needs Improvement |
| | | Recommended |
| Boulevards | | Existing |
| | | Needs Improvement |
| | | Recommended |
| Other Major Thoroughfares | | Existing |
| | | Needs Improvement |
| | | Recommended |
| Minor Thoroughfares | | Existing |
| | | Needs Improvement |
| | | Recommended |
| Interchanges | | Existing |
| | | Proposed |
| Interchanges | | Needs Improvement |
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Base map date:
Refer to CTP document for more details.



Stanly County CTP

Amendment

to include

Locust and Red Cross

DRAFT

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Plan date: February 24, 2014

Sheet 1 Adoption Sheet

Sheet 2 Highway Map

Sheet 3 Public Transportation
and Rail Map

Sheet 4 Bicycle Map

Sheet 5 Pedestrian Map

Legend

Schools

Roads

Railroads

Rivers and Streams

Water Bodies

Municipal Boundary

Planning Boundary

County Boundary

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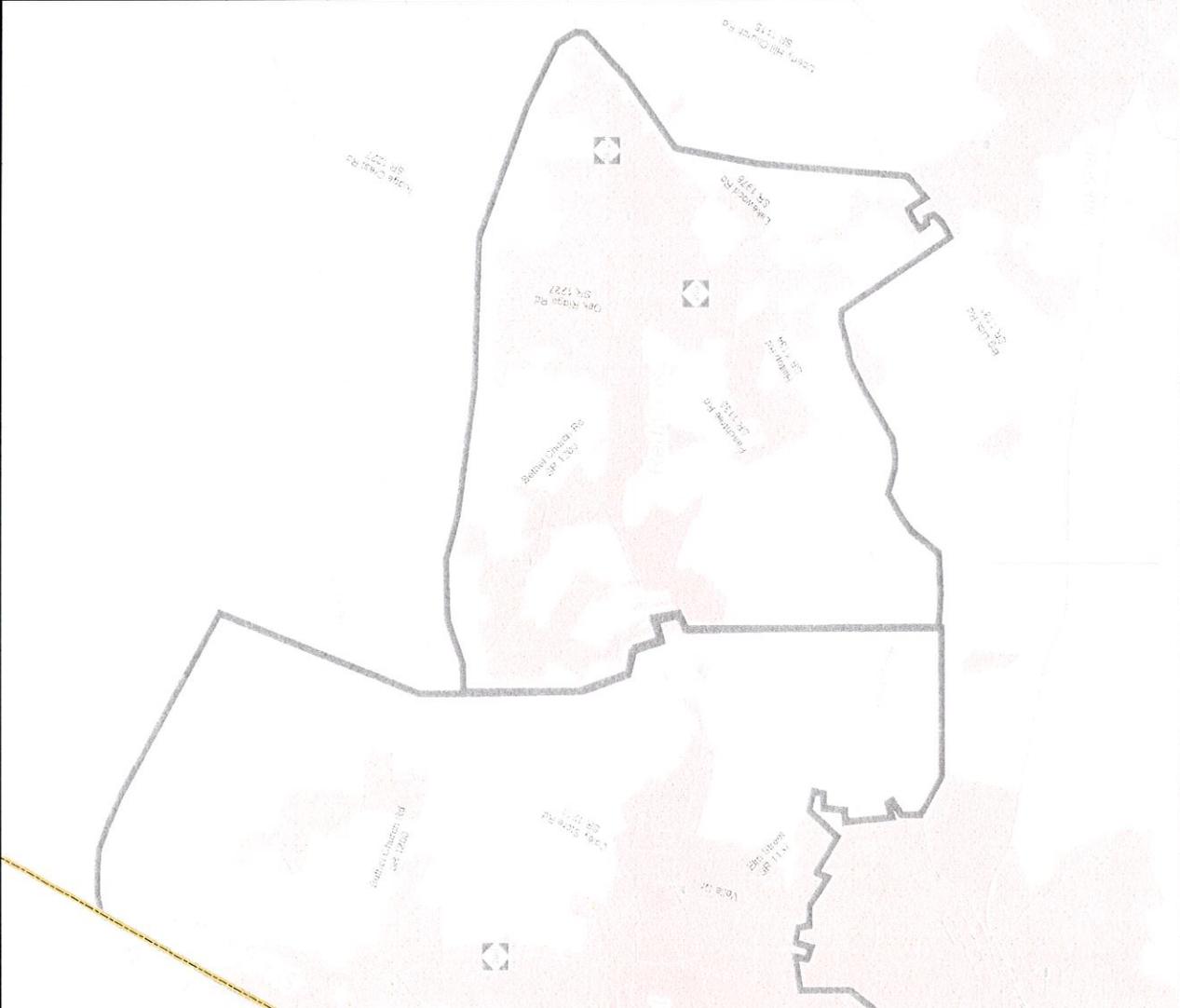


Sheet 1 of 5

Base map date:

Refer to CTP document for more details

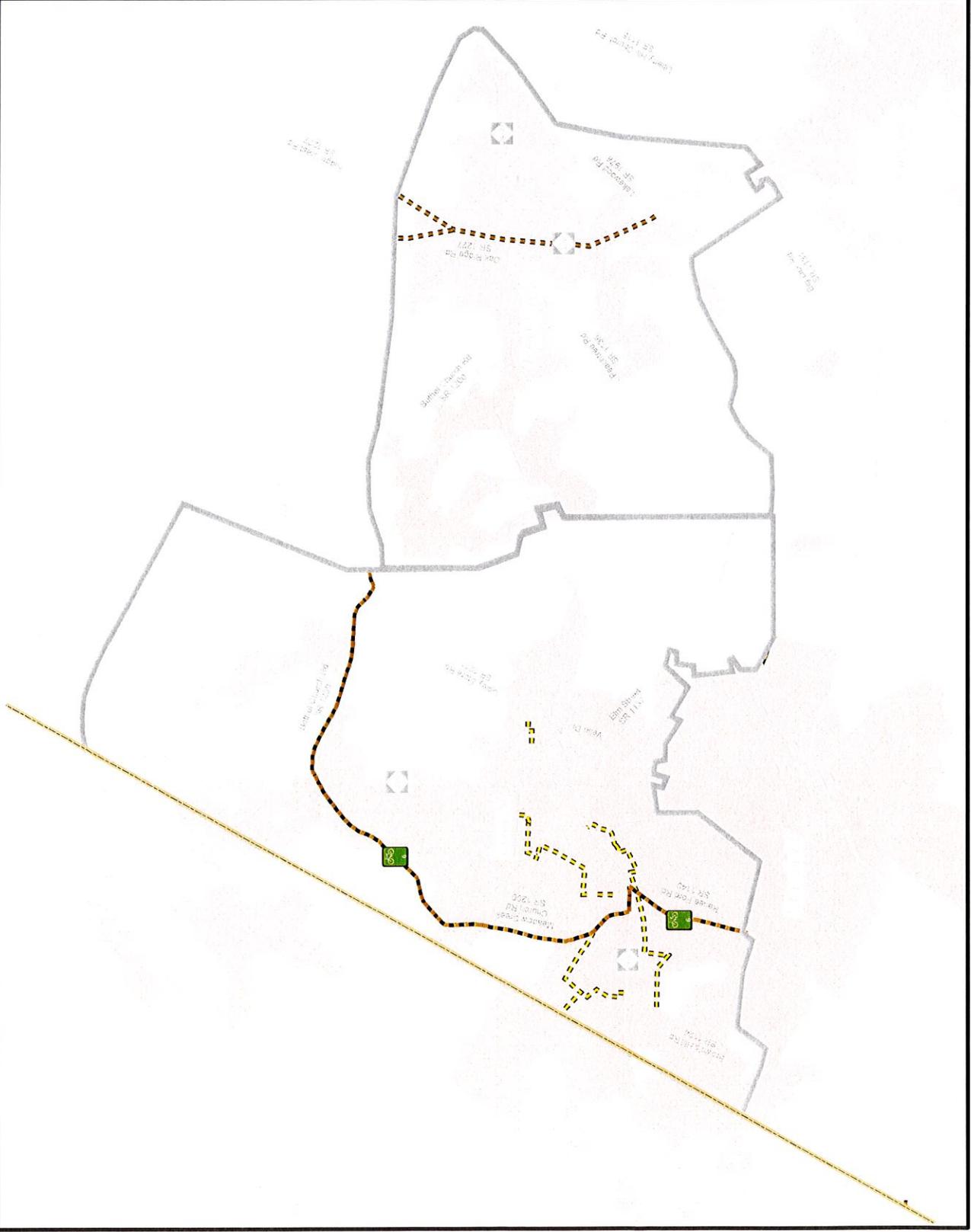
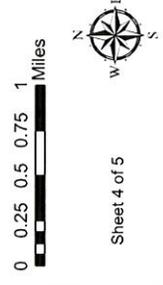
<p>Adopted by: City of Locust Date:</p> <p>Town of Red Cross Date:</p> <p>Stanly County Date:</p> <p>NCDOT Date:</p>	<p>Endorsed by: Rocky River RPO Date:</p>	<p>Recommended by: Transportation Planning Branch Date:</p>	<p>NOTES:</p>
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Bicycle Map Stanly County CTP Amendment to include Locust and Red Cross **DRAFT**

Plan date: February 24, 2014

- On-road**
- Existing: Solid black line
 - Needs Improvement: Dashed black line
 - Recommended: Dotted black line
- Off-road**
- Existing: Solid green line
 - Needs Improvement: Dashed green line
 - Recommended: Dotted green line
- Multi-Use Paths**
- Existing: Solid yellow line
 - Needs Improvement: Dashed yellow line
 - Recommended: Dotted yellow line
- Existing Grade Separation
○ Proposed Grade Separation



2. Recommendations

This chapter presents recommendations for each mode of transportation in the 2014 Stanly County CTP Amendment to include Locust and Red Cross as shown in Figure 1. More detailed information on each recommendation is tabulated in Appendix C. Refer to Appendix I for documentation of project alternatives and scenarios that were studied, but are not included in the adopted CTP. For information on areas that were not included as a part of this CTP and for information on recommendations from existing transportation plans that were incorporated as a part of this CTP but not documented in this report, refer to Appendix I.

NCDOT adopted a "Complete Streets¹" policy in July 2009. The policy directs the Department to consider and incorporate several modes of transportation when building new projects or making improvements to existing infrastructure. Under this policy, the Department will collaborate with cities, towns and communities during the planning and design phases of projects. Together, they will decide how to provide the transportation options needed to serve the community and complement the context of the area. The benefits of this approach include:

- making it easier for travelers to get where they need to go;
- encouraging the use of alternative forms of transportation;
- building more sustainable communities;
- increasing connectivity between neighborhoods, streets, and transit systems;
- improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

Complete streets are streets designed to be safe and comfortable for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists and individuals of all ages and capabilities. These streets generally include sidewalks, appropriate bicycle facilities, transit stops, right-sized street widths, context-based traffic speeds, and are well-integrated with surrounding land uses. The complete street policy and concepts were utilized in the development of the CTP. The CTP proposes projects that include multi-modal project recommendations as documented in the problem statements within this chapter. Refer to Appendix C for recommended cross sections for all project proposals and Appendix D for more detailed information on the typical cross sections.

2.1 Implementation

The CTP is based on the projected growth for the planning area. It is possible that actual growth patterns will differ from those logically anticipated. As a result, it may be necessary to accelerate or delay the implementation of some recommendations found within this plan. Some portions of the plan may require revisions in order to accommodate unexpected changes in development. Therefore, any changes made to one element of the CTP should be consistent with the other elements.

Initiative for implementing the CTP rests predominately with the policy boards and citizens of the county and its municipalities. As transportation needs throughout the state exceed available funding, it is imperative that the local planning area aggressively pursue funding for

¹ For more information on Complete Streets, go to: <http://www.completestreetsnc.org/>

priority projects. Projects should be prioritized locally and submitted to the Rocky River RPO for regional prioritization and submittal to NCDOT. Refer to Appendix A for contact information on regional prioritization and funding. Local governments may use the CTP to guide development and protect corridors for the recommended projects. It is critical that NCDOT and local governments coordinate on relevant land development reviews and all transportation projects to ensure proper implementation of the CTP. Local governments and NCDOT share the responsibility for access management and the planning, design and construction of the recommended projects.

Prior to implementing projects from the CTP, additional analysis will be necessary to meet the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the North Carolina (or State) Environmental Policy Act² (SEPA). This CTP may be used to provide information in the NEPA/SEPA process.

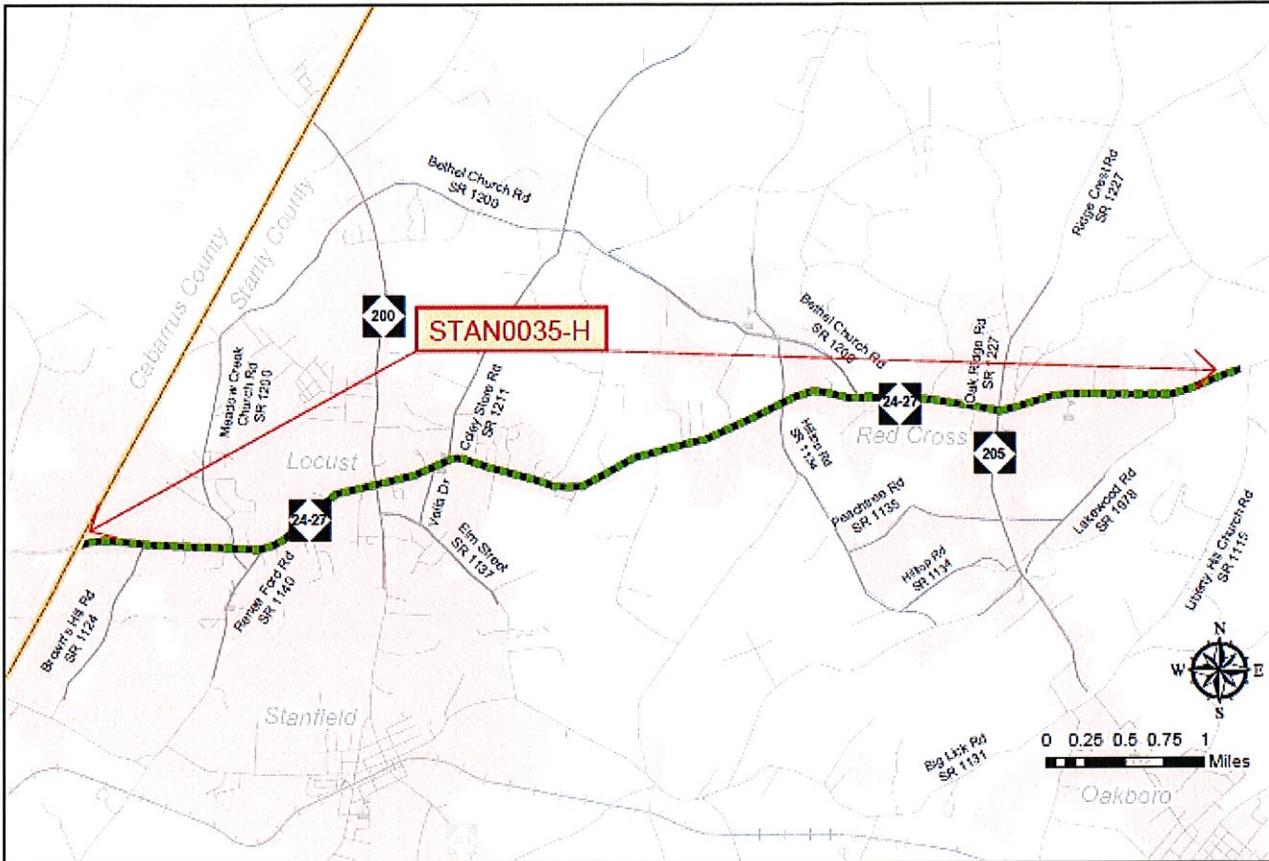
2.2 Problem Statements

The following pages contain problem statements for each recommendation, organized by CTP modal element. The information provided in the problem statement is intended to help support decisions made in the NEPA/SEPA process. A full, minimum or reference problem statement is presented for each recommendation, with full problem statements occurring first in each section. Full problem statements are denoted by a gray shaded box containing project information. Minimum problem statements are more concise and less detailed than full problem statements, but include all known or readily available information. Reference problem statements are developed for TIP projects where the purpose and need for the project has already been established.

² For more information on SEPA, go to: <http://www.doa.nc.gov/clearing/faq.aspx>.

NC 24-27 Proposed Upgrade from 0.4 miles west of Liberty Hill Church Road (SR 1115) to Cabarrus County

Local ID: STAN0035-H
Last Updated: 2/25/14



Identified Problem

Portions of NC 24-27 are projected to be over capacity by 2035 from Coley Store Road (SR 1211) to Brown's Hill Road (SR 1124). Improvements are needed to maintain mobility through the downtown area and to relieve congestion on the existing facility such that a minimum of LOS D can be achieved.

Justification of Need

NC 24-27 is the only major east-west corridor through Stanly County, connecting the Locust and Red Cross Urban Area with the rural areas in the county, Albemarle, and the greater Charlotte area. The facility is a vital artery for moving people and goods into and out of Locust and Red Cross. NC 24-27 is on the statewide tier of the N.C. Multimodal Investment Network (NCMIN). Statewide tier facilities serve long-distance trips, connect regional centers, have the highest usage, and primarily serve mobility. This section of NC 24-27 is currently a five lane other major thoroughfare from Cabarrus County to the Red Cross town limits, all with 12 foot

lanes and a four lane boulevard from the Red Cross town limits to 0.4 miles west of Liberty Hill Church Road (SR 1115). The 2012 traffic volumes along this section of NC 24-27 range from 10,000 to 21,000 vehicles per day (vpd). By 2035, traffic volumes are projected to range from 19,300 to 31,000 vpd, compared to an existing LOS D capacity of 24,300 to 40,500 vpd.

Community Vision and Problem History

The western portion of Stanly County is the fastest growing urban area. The locust and Red Cross Urban Area is geographically situated for growth with its proximity to the Charlotte metropolitan region and access to three major highways: NC 24-27, NC 200, and NC 205. It is the center of activity for the western portion of the county. These regionally impacted highways converge into the planning area, allowing traffic to continue traveling to their destination. Both Locust and Red Cross would like to preserve and promote the quality of life and economic vitality of their existing and future downtown areas.

This deficiency was also identified in the 2012 Stanly County CTP, in which Locust and Red Cross decided not to adopt the CTP for their jurisdictions, therefore were excluded from the county CTP.

NC 24-27 was widened in the 2000's to accommodate the increased traffic along this corridor.

CTP Project Proposal

Project Description and Overview

The CTP project proposal (STAN0035-H) is to:

- Upgrade NC 24-27 to a four lane expressway from 0.4 miles west of Liberty Hill Church Road (SR 1115) to Cabarrus County.
- Intersection treatments are recommended at the intersections of NC 24-27/NC 200 in Locust and NC 24-27/NC 205 in Red Cross, to accommodate the expressway designation requiring no through traffic signals.

Natural & Human Environmental Context

Based on a planning level environmental assessment using available GIS data, the proposed upgrade has one stream crossing in the Locust area (east of Jacks Road), no wetlands (crossings/acres), and is not in a 100-Year Flood Plain or has any floodway impact. There are 8 residential relocations and 18 business relocations (based on Stanly County Tax System). There are 3 PUV (Present Use Value-Tax Break) total parcels. NC 24-27 crosses the geology fault and Bicycle Route 6.

Relationship to Land Use Plans

Current land use along the proposed upgrade is commercial, agricultural, residential, and woodlands in the 2010 Stanly County LUP and the Red Cross LUP. In the Locust LUP, the land use along the proposed northern bypass is agricultural, residential, woodlands, and commercial.

Linkages to Other Plans and Proposed Project History

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NC 24-27 is designated as an expressway on the NCDOT's Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) Vision Plan that was adopted in 2008. This facility is intended to provide mobility in Stanly County, and ultimately, connectivity between Charlotte and Morehead City. Access control measures and the removal of traffic signals are needed to meet expressway standards.

NC 24-27 was widened in the 2000's to accommodate the increased traffic along this corridor. Upgrading the existing NC 24-27 to an expressway would allow the entire system of roadways to operate more efficiently through the western portion of the county.

Multi-modal Considerations

There is one multi-modal consideration identified with this project, the existing Bicycle Route 6 (Regional Piedmont Spur) along Meadow Creek Church Road (SR 1200) within the planning area and that facility has been identified as needs improvement.

Public/ Stakeholder Involvement

Respondents to the goals and objectives survey conducted for the CTP were in favor of increasing transportation mode choices (walk and bike), preserving the community, rural character, and improving intersection designs (better traffic signal, adding turn lanes, and creating roundabouts).

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2. Recommendations

This chapter presents recommendations for each mode of transportation in the 2014 Stanly County CTP Amendment to include Locust and Red Cross as shown in Figure 1. More detailed information on each recommendation is tabulated in Appendix C. Refer to Appendix I for documentation of project alternatives and scenarios that were studied, but are not included in the adopted CTP. For information on areas that were not included as a part of this CTP and for information on recommendations from existing transportation plans that were incorporated as a part of this CTP but not documented in this report, refer to Appendix I.

NCDOT adopted a "Complete Streets¹" policy in July 2009. The policy directs the Department to consider and incorporate several modes of transportation when building new projects or making improvements to existing infrastructure. Under this policy, the Department will collaborate with cities, towns and communities during the planning and design phases of projects. Together, they will decide how to provide the transportation options needed to serve the community and complement the context of the area. The benefits of this approach include:

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- encouraging the use of alternative forms of transportation;
- building more sustainable communities;
- increasing connectivity between neighborhoods, streets, and transit systems;
- improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

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The following deficiency was identified during the development of the CTP, but remains unaddressed.

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¹ For more information on Complete Streets, go to: <http://www.completestreetsnc.org/>

² The Strategic Highway Corridor was adopted by NCDOT on September 2, 2004 and last updated on July 10, 2008, go to: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/StrategicHighwayCorridors.aspx>

improvement for this deficiency. For information from the Stanly County CTP Amendment Steering Committee Meetings, see Appendix I.

2.2 Implementation

The CTP is based on the projected growth for the planning area. It is possible that actual growth patterns will differ from those logically anticipated. As a result, it may be necessary to accelerate or delay the implementation of some recommendations found within this plan. Some portions of the plan may require revisions in order to accommodate unexpected changes in development. Therefore, any changes made to one element of the CTP should be consistent with the other elements.

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Prior to implementing projects from the CTP, additional analysis will be necessary to meet the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the North Carolina (or State) Environmental Policy Act³ (SEPA). This CTP may be used to provide information in the NEPA/SEPA process.

2.3 Problem Statements

The following pages contain problem statements for each recommendation, organized by CTP modal element. The information provided in the problem statement is intended to help support decisions made in the NEPA/SEPA process. A full, minimum or reference problem statement is presented for each recommendation, with full problem statements occurring first in each section. Full problem statements are denoted by a gray shaded box containing project information. Minimum problem statements are more concise and less detailed than full problem statements, but include all known or readily available information. Reference problem statements are developed for TIP projects where the purpose and need for the project has already been established.

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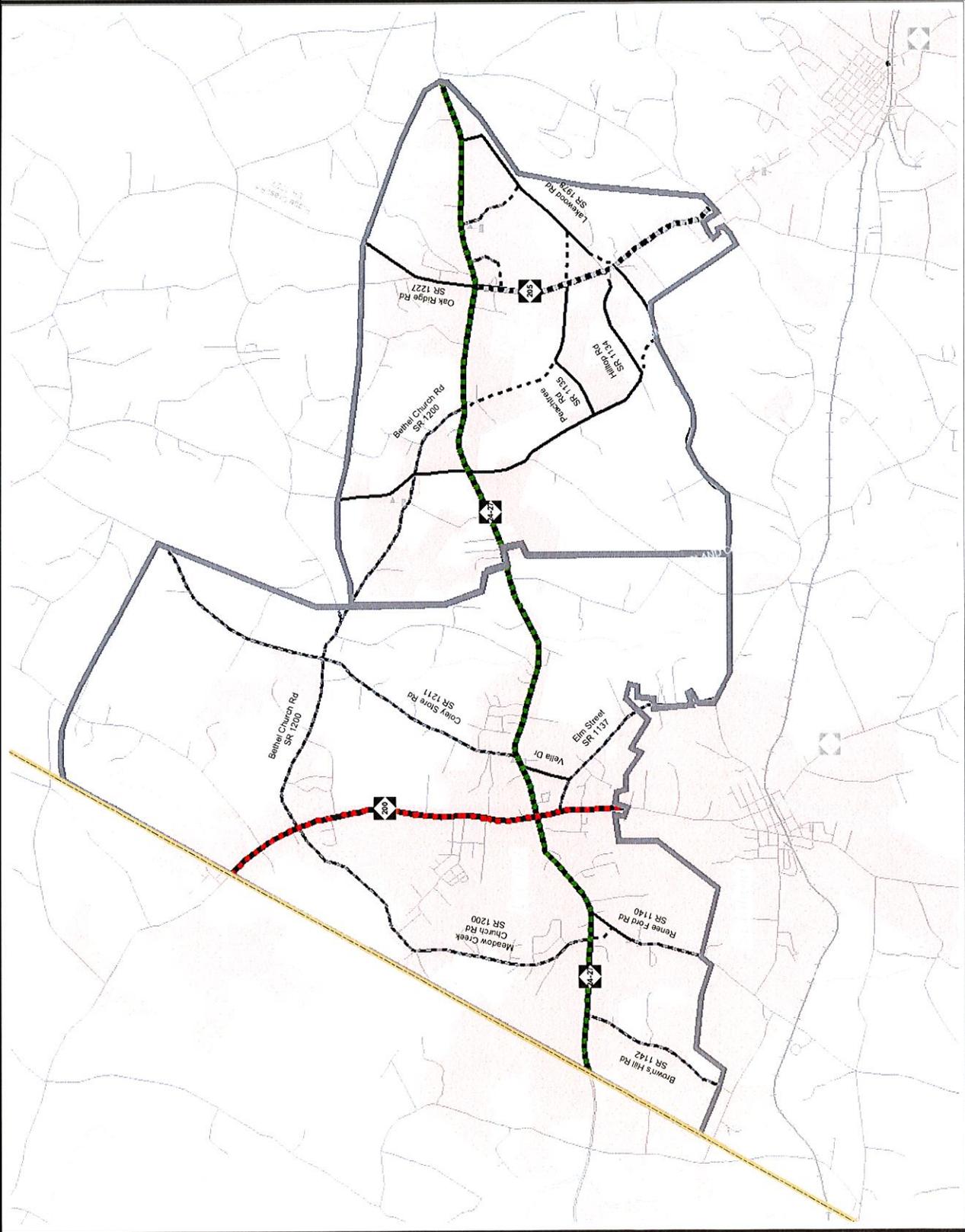
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 - Needs Improvement
 - Recommended
- Expressways**
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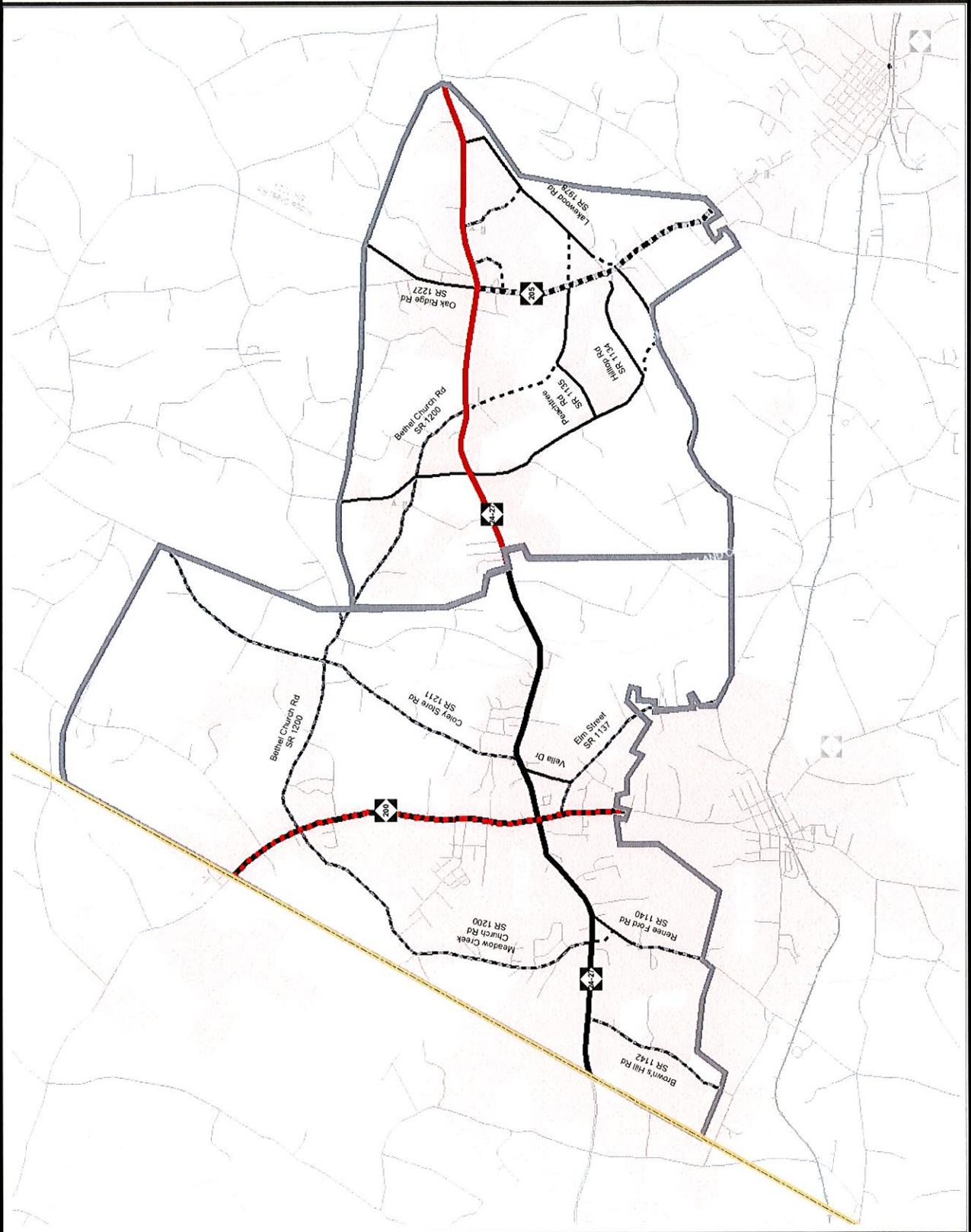
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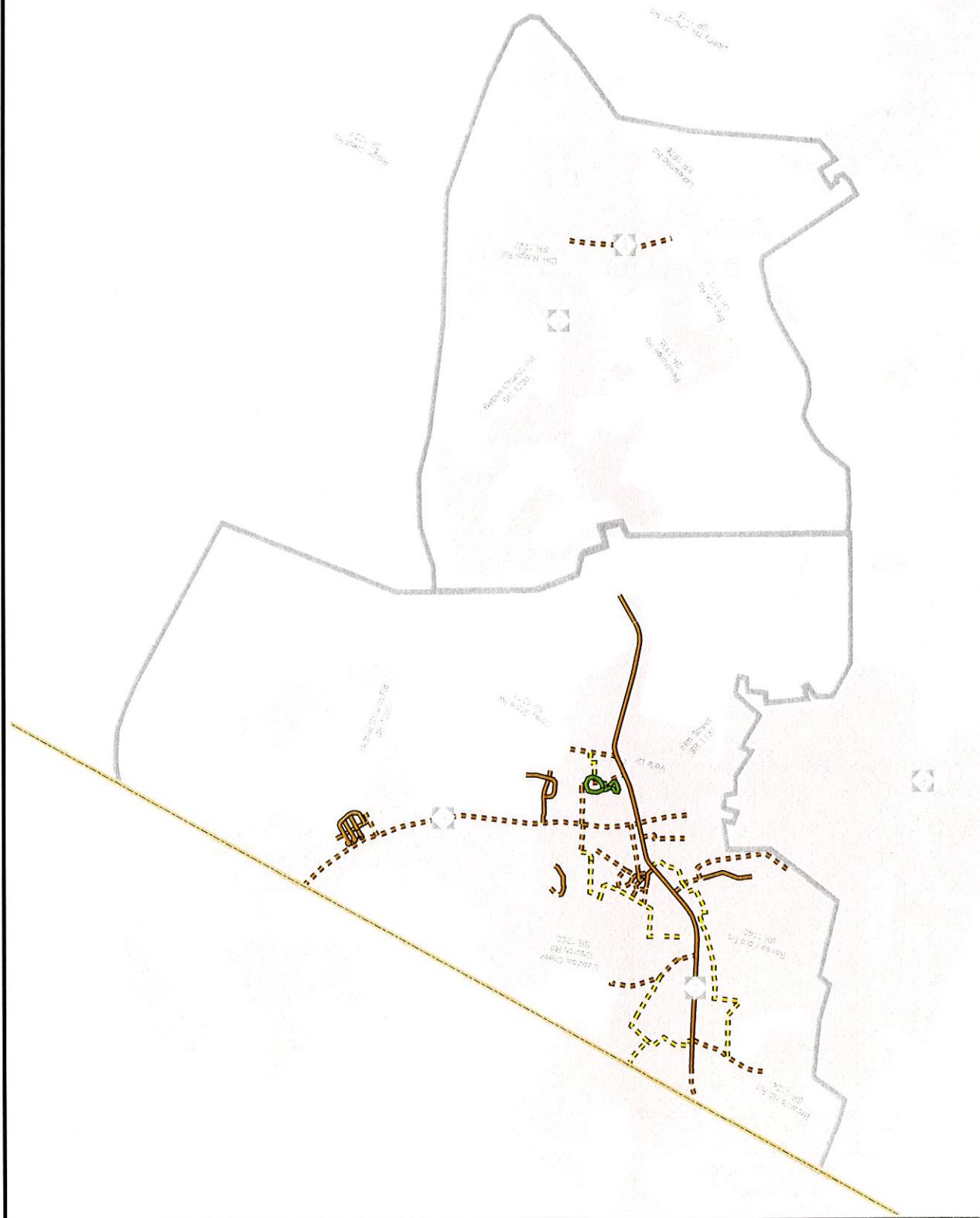
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- Off-road**
- Existing
 - Needs Improvement
 - Recommended
- Multi-Use Paths**
- Existing
 - Needs Improvement
 - Recommended
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- Proposed Grade Separation



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Public Transportation and Rail Map Stanly County CTP Amendment

to include
**Locust
and
Red Cross**

DRAFT Red Cross

Plan date: February 24, 2014

Bus Routes

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

Fixed Guideway

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

Operational Strategies

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

Rail Corridor

- Active
- Inactive
- Recommended

High Speed Rail Corridor

- Existing
- Recommended

Rail Stops

- Existing
- Recommended

Intermodal Connector

- Existing
- Recommended

Park and Ride Lot

- Existing
- Recommended

Existing Grade Separation

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Proposed Grade Separation

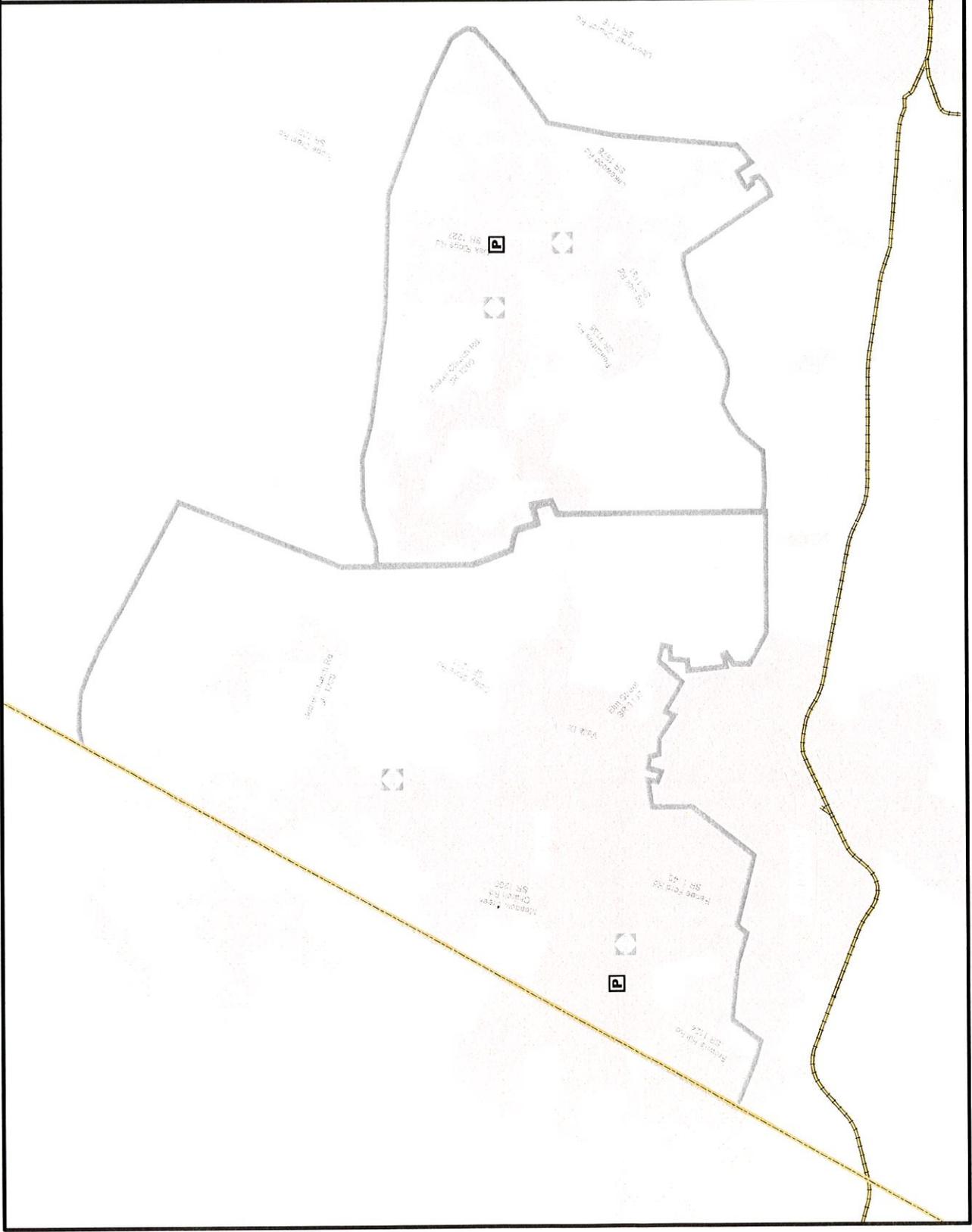
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Stanly County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date March 3, 2014

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

2014 NCACC Legislative Goals and County Assembly Day Planning

The NCACC will host its annual County Assembly Day on Wednesday, May 28, at the Quorum Center in Raleigh.

The following are current issues adopted by the NCACC Legislative Goals Committee.

Priority Issues

1. Reinstate Lottery funds for school construction
2. Oppose shift of transportation responsibilities to counties
3. Oppose unfunded mandates and shifts of state responsibilities to counties
4. Ensure adequate mental health funding
5. Preserve existing local revenue base

Other Issues of Importance

- Allow more cost effective options for second primary elections
- Seek legislation to protect and expand the use of 911 funds for public safety needs
- Request reduction of detention center space requirements for old and new detention facilities

No action required. Discussion only.

Subject

Requested Action

Signature: Andy Lucas

Dept Central Administration

Date: 03/3/2014

Attachments: X yes no

Review Process

	Approved		Initials
	Yes	No	
Finance Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Budget Amendment Necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
County Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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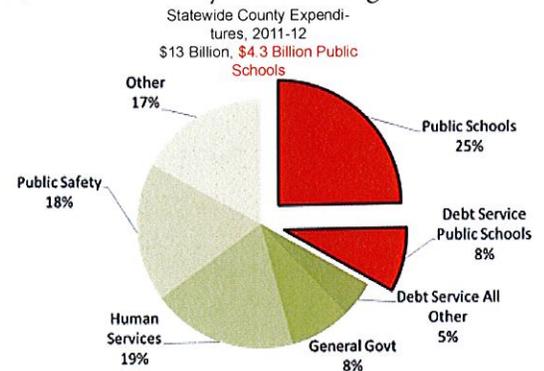
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Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board Date

Basics of County Financing of Public Schools

North Carolina's Unique Financing & Governance Structure for Public Education

- NC counties are charged with building, equipping and maintaining school facilities; G.S. 115C-408(b) stipulates that public school facilities requirements will be met by county governments.
- NC counties are recognized statutorily as the local taxing authorities for independently elected school boards; in most other states, the school system acts as its own taxing authority.
- The State of NC is charged with funding school operations, known as current expense; G.S. 115C-408(b) stipulates that the state, from state revenues, will fund public school operating instructional expense as defined in the standard course of study.
- NC counties supplement state school operating expenses. G.S. 115C-426(e) stipulates that local current expense funding, largely meaning county funding of school operations, is “sufficient” when added to state resources, “within financial resources and consistent with the fiscal policies of the board of county commissioners.”
- School expenses—operating, capital and debt service—consume nearly 35% of total county annual budgets.
- State statutes expressly permit LEAs to sue counties over “sufficiency” of current expense or capital funding levels, leaving courts to decide sufficiency. School boards are not expressly permitted to sue the state or federal governments for lack of sufficient funding, and no other entity is specifically granted this power to sue a taxing authority over funding sufficiency.
- Some counties have multiple school districts within county boundaries, typically referred to as “city districts”; NC city governments have no authority and do not finance school operations or capital; counties fund city districts by allocating school operating dollars proportionately based on per pupil allotment.

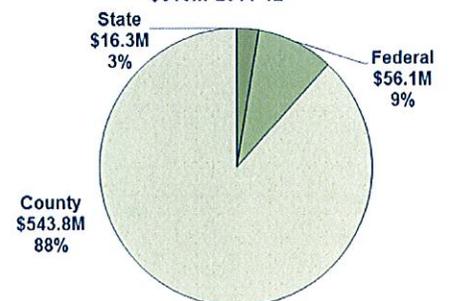


County Spending

County Funding of School Capital Needs

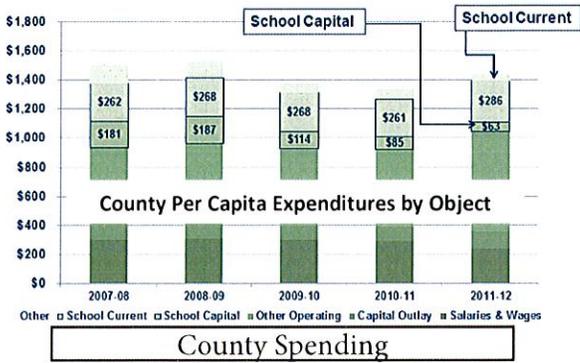
- County appropriations for school capital projects are usually project-specific.
- As local taxing authority, counties issue debt for school construction and renovation projects. The school facility asset reverts to the school board's ownership while the liability remains with the county.
- School districts must report school capital needs per a statewide 5-year survey. Based on the most recent survey, school systems report nearly \$8.2 billion in school construction and renovation needs.
- Counties are required to set aside a portion of county-levied sales taxes for school capital needs, 45% of one penny tax levy or roughly \$350 million in 2013.
- Property tax revenues are also an important source of county funding for school facilities. Counties are increasingly relying on property taxes as state-shared sources of revenue, such as corporate tax (ADM Fund) and lottery proceeds, dry up.

Total Public School Capital Funding by Source, \$616M 2011-12



School Spending

County School Capital Funding Drops in Recession, Per Capita

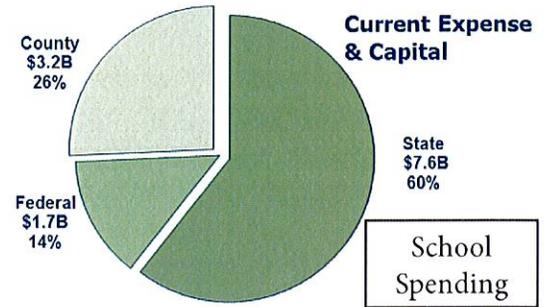


- During the recession, counties sacrificed school capital investments to maintain classroom operations support. Between 2008 and 2012, county school capital investment plummeted from \$1.4 billion in 2008 to \$545 million in 2012.

County Funding of Current Expense (School Operating)

- NC counties fund \$3.2 billion to support 26% of public schools' total spending.
- Counties spend over \$2.5 billion to augment state school operating dollars.

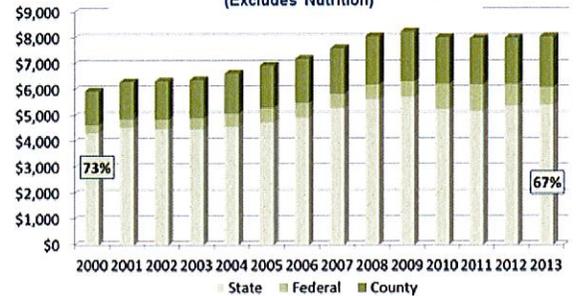
Total Public School Funding by Source, \$12.5B 2011-12



Trends in County School Funding

- County funding of current expense has been growing over time; federal funds have been substituted for state funds over time.

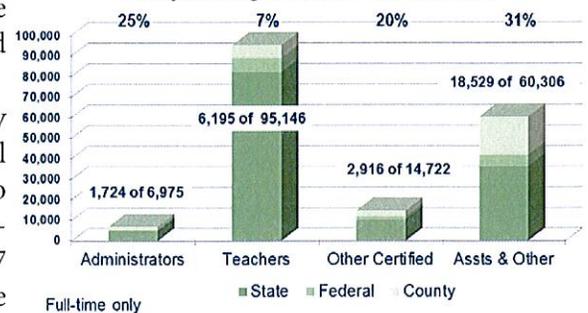
Sources of Per Pupil Funding, CE (Excludes Nutrition)



Mechanics of County School Funding

- Counties generally provide school current expense funds in a lump sum appropriation, allocating 1/12 of the total appropriation each month; school systems may use county current expense dollars on any allowable expenditure, including additional school personnel (see chart). School districts largely use county dollars for non-certified and administrator positions.
- Counties and school boards may agree to fund teacher salary supplements, using county funds, to increase the state school personnel salary schedule. School boards may use county funds to supplement other school personnel through supplements. In 2012-13, 106 LEAs funded teacher salary supplements, ranging from \$147 to \$6,031 annually, with a weighted state average of \$3,478. 108 have principal supplements, ranging from \$175 to \$28,673 annually, with a weighted state average of \$11,338. Total county costs for all supplements, including teachers, principals, coaches, band leaders, and superintendents, exceed \$430 million annually.
- State surplus school funds revert to state at close of fiscal year while county surplus funds remain in the school district's fund balance under the control of the school board. From 2008 to 2012, school fund balances increased 79% to \$664.7 million.
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- Each school district must share its county current expense funds, but not capital funds, with charter schools based on per pupil allocation for each charter school student whose home residency is in the county. County school funding for charter schools follows the student, including those students who attend charter schools outside of the county.

County Funding of School Personnel, 2013



**If Stanly County receives 40% of education
lottery funding, it would amount to**

\$1.16 million per year

The County currently receives \$630,000

Net Difference = \$530,000

These funds could be used to improve school facilities & technology

Tyler Brummitt

From: Todd McGee [todd.mcgee@ncacc.org]
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:31 AM
To: County Clerks
Cc: County Managers
Subject: NCACC Legislative Update video

Clerks and managers,

Below is a link to the latest legislative update video from the NCACC. We would like for you to play this at your first Board meeting in March as a kickoff to our preparations for the district meetings and the 2014 short session.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDbhnmXySA&feature=youtu.be>

If you need it in another format, please let me know. We can make a version for download if need be.

Thanks,



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Meeting Date March 3, 2014

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Supporting Resolution for MCNC's FCC Broadband Grant Application

Attached please find a resolution supporting MCNC's pending application/letter of interest to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) for broadband grant funding under the Connect America initiative.

Subject

Financial Consideration:

No funding required at this time

Goal Alignment:

One of the BOCC's prioritized goals for FY 14-15 is the deployment of fiber for broadband infrastructure.

Requested Action

Review and consider approving the resolution in support of MCNC's grant application to the FCC.

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RESOLUTION

Connect America Funding – MCNC Supporting Resolution

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is making Connect America Funds available for experimentation and proposals to build broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a particular focus on serving anchor institutions within communities such as schools, colleges/universities, libraries, public safety and healthcare facilities, as well as non-profit and local government institutions; and

WHEREAS, access to high capacity, high-speed, state-of-the-art broadband networks is essential for Stanly County to compete in the regional, state, national and global economy and to provide citizens access to advanced applications in education, medicine, public safety and emergency management; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of broadband is a new public utility vital to the future economic development, educational outreach and community growth in Stanly County and is necessary to help replace lost textile and other manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, many key anchor institutions and strategic economic development related facilities such as the Stanly County Airport remain significantly underserved with respect to broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Stanly County recently commissioned a formal study to explore a lateral fiber build to connect Stanly County to MCNC's fiber backbone in an adjacent county, and this investment was made in an effort to explore opportunities for public-private collaboration, to support education and strengthen economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit organization MCNC, which owns and operates the North Carolina Research Education Network, is seeking experimental funding from the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, the MCNC funding proposal may include partial funding for broadband infrastructure deployment in Stanly County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Stanly County Board of Commissioners express support for MCNC's efforts in North Carolina and Stanly County and pledge assistance with permitting and the coordination of facility co-location when and where available.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman
Stanly County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board



Stanly County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: March 3, 2014
 Presenter: Andy Lucas

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY NURSING HOMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Subject
 Please see the enclosed request for the appointment of an additional member to the committee. Enclosed is one (1) volunteer application for your consideration.

Requested Action
 Request the Board appoint an additional member to the committee to serve a one (1) year term until March 3, 2015.

Signature: _____

Dept. _____

Date: _____

Attachments: Yes _____ No x

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 Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board Date

To: Stanly County Board of Commissioners
From: Stanly County Community Advisory Committee

Date: February 19, 2014

Re: Appointment of additional member
Due to the addition of a new Family
Care Home - Scott's Family Care Home -
Badin, N.C.

The committee recommends:

Johnnie M. Harris

P.O. Box 151

Badin, N.C. 28009

704-422-3771 - H

704-985-8523 - Cell

Ms. Harris has been screened by the
committee and is willing to serve if
appointed. Enclosed is her Volunteer Application.

Sue Turner
Secretary

Enclosure

**NURSING HOMES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE &
DOMICILIARY HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

G. S. House Bill 1015, 1977

Local Act: Minutes of November 20, 1978

Date Established: November 20, 1978 (Meeting of August 17, 1992)

Meeting Schedule: Second Thursday of every month at 12:00 p.m.

Members: 10 (excluding commissioner appointment)

Terms: First time appointments will serve for one (1) year; thereafter, will serve a three (3) year term, successive appointments permitted.

Special Provisions:

Method of Appt: Appointed by the Board of Commissioners

Officers: To be elected by members.

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Janelle Hawkins 36401 Old Salisbury Road New London, NC 28127	1990	2/28/2017
Gene McIntyre 44074 Catfish Road New London, NC 28127	Commissioner	Term of Office
William Rigsbee, Jr. 25666 Preston Lane Albemarle, NC 28001	2011 *Serving the unexpired term of Janet Pickler	2/28/2017
Sarah J. Grantier 522 Avondale Avenue Albemarle, NC 28001	2/4/2013 *Serving the unexpired term of Roy Still	2/28/2017
Hilda W. Lee 48154 Allenton Street Norwood, NC 28128	1993	2/28/2016

Sue Turner 1063 Austin Road New London, NC 28127	1998	2/28/2017
Hazel L. Lefler P. O. Box 354 307 Palmer Street Albemarle, NC 28002-0354	1999	2/28/2016
John R. Bell 709 Love Street Albemarle, NC 28001 H (704) 984-6414; W (704) 244-6175	2/17/2014 **Replaced Rick Russell	2/17/2015 (1 st term)
Janice Abernathy 525 East Street Albemarle, NC 28001	2001	2/28/2017
Glenna Hinson 40273 Mountain Creek Road New London, NC 28127	2001	2/28/2017
Christian Herring 216 Smokehouse Lane Albemarle, NC 28001 (W) 704-982-5629 (H) 704-918-9469	2013	2/28/2017

Contact: Sue Turner, Secretary
1063 Austin Road
New London, NC 28127
(H) 704-463-5303

Notify Centralina COG – Patricia Cowan of any appointments or reappointments at
pcowan@centralina.org



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CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – Regular meeting of February 17, 2014

B. Solid Waste – Request approval of budget amendment # 2014-24

Subject

Requested Action

Request approval of the above items as presented.

Signature: _____

Dept. _____

Date: _____

Attachments: Yes _____ No x

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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Tony Dennis, Chairman
Lindsey Dunevant, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Josh Morton

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Gene McIntyre

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, February 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and asked everyone to remember Commissioner McIntyre who is recovering from surgery due to a fall the previous week. Chairman Dennis asked for a moment of silence and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Dennis noted that the only change to the agenda was to remove the closed session for economic development. By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto.

ITEM # 1 – RETIREMENT AWARD PRESENTATION – GERALD MCSWAIN

The Board recognized retiree Gerald McSwain for his years of service as the District Conservation Technician for Stanly County Soil & Water.

ITEM # 2 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING STANLY COUNTY A "PURPLE HEART COUNTY"

Presenter: Mike Stubbs, Commander of Chapter 634

Commander Mike Stubbs introduced members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) and veterans who were in attendance. As part of the presentation, Commander Stubbs provided a brief history of the MOPH stating its mission is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, to promote

patriotism, support related legislative initiatives, and to ensure we never forget the sacrifices made by those in service.

Chairman Dennis read the proclamation which was followed by Commissioner Ascitutto's motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A
Proclamation Declaring Stanly County
As A Purple Heart County

In turn, Commander Stubbs also presented a plaque to the Board acknowledging Stanly County as a "Purple Heart County" in the State of North Carolina.

ITEM # 3 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH & APRIL 2014 AS "411 – 4 COUNTIES, 1 BOOK, 1 COMMUNITY" MONTHS IN STANLY COUNTY

Presenter: Melanie Holles, Library Director

The Stanly County Public Library and the Pfeiffer University Library have partnered with the public libraries, parks departments, community colleges and others in Cabarrus, Davidson and Rowan counties declaring the months of March and April as "411 – 4 Counties, 1 Book, 1 Community." To raise public awareness, Ms. Holles read the following proclamation and requested the Board's consideration of its adoption as a show of support.

See Exhibit B
Proclamation Declaring March & April 2014
As "411 – 4 Counties, 1 Book, 1 Community"
Months for Stanly County

By motion, Commissioner Morton moved to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. The motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 4 – PRESENTATION & FUNDING REQUEST BY THE UPPER PEE DEE FARM & FOOD COUNCIL (UPFFC)

Presenters: Shawn Hatley and Nancy Bryant, Interim Director

Mr. Hatley gave a brief report on the progress made by the UPFFC over the past year. He then noted that part of the reason in attending the meeting was to inform the Board that Interim Director Nancy Bryant will be retiring at the end of June. Because of this, the Council has formed an Ad Hoc Search Team to fill the part-time position and a Funding Team to raise funds

for the position which was previously performed on a volunteer basis. It was requested the Board consider contributing \$1,000 to help build a start-up fund for a new part-time director.

Vice Chairman Dunevant thanked Mr. Hatley and Ms. Bryant for their presentation and noted that the Board would take the request into consideration at the upcoming retreat on Friday.

ITEM # 5 – BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

A. Norwood Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

Per a letter received from the Town of Norwood, it was requested the Board consider reappointing Ms. Gail Shields as a member of the Norwood Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments for a three (3) year term until February 17, 2017.

By motion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the reappointment of Ms. Shields and was seconded by Commissioner Morton. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. NURSING HOMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Due to Mr. Rick Russell being ineligible to serve again on the committee, it was requested the Board name a replacement to fill the vacancy for a one (1) year term until February 17, 2015.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to appoint Mr. John R. Bell and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. The motion carried by a 4 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 6 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of February 3, 2014**
- B. Agri-Civic Center – Approval of budget amendment # 2014-22**
- C. Finance – Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for Seven Months Ended January 31, 2014**

Commissioner Morton moved to approve the above items as presented. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Bennett of Red Cross came forward to state his concerns with the NCDOT's proposed highway alignments for the Hwy 24/27 corridor through the City of Locust and Town of Red Cross. Mr. Bennett also volunteered to serve on an advisory committee for the project if possible. Vice Chairman Dunevant thanked Mr. Bennett for his willingness to serve, but that it is his understanding that there is no formal advisory committee in place. He encouraged Mr.

Bennett to attend the local CTP meetings which allow local officials and citizens to comment and express their opinions.

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ascitutto reminded everyone of the EMS Facebook page and encouraged everyone to “like” it as a way to receive updated information related to the county. He also thanked the county staff and employees for their hard work during the recent snow storm.

Commissioner Dunevant echoed Commissioner Ascitutto’s comments concerning county staff and employees. He also noted that the Community Transportation Plan (CTP) meeting scheduled for earlier in the day was canceled by the NCDOT and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Chairman Dennis thanked Mr. Bennett for his comments and concerns regarding the CTP as well as his willingness to be involved.

RECESS

By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to recess the meeting until Friday, February 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stanly County Airport Conference Room for the Board’s annual planning retreat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote at 7:40 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk

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AMENDMENT NO: 2014-24

STANLY COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014:

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUND/DEPART NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
110.4710	580.000	Bldgs, Structure	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,025	\$ 11,025
TOTALS			<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,025</u>	<u>\$ 11,025</u>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To amend the Solid Waste budget for the annual distribution of Electronics Management funds.

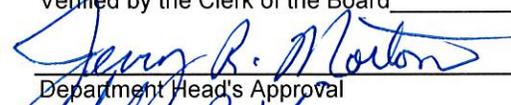
This will result in a net increase of \$ 4,025 in expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

FUND/DEPART NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
110.3471	890.10	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,025	\$ 14,025
TOTALS			<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,025</u>	<u>\$ 14,025</u>

SECTION 2. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Budget Officer, and to the Finance Director.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____

Verified by the Clerk of the Board _____

	2/25/14	Posted by Journal No. Date
Department Head's Approval	Date	
	2-25-14	
Finance Director's Approval	Date	
County Manager's Approval	Date	