

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2015**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman
Tony Dennis, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Joseph Burleson
T. Scott Efir
Bill Lawhon
Gene McIntyre

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

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 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Lowder called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lawhon gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments to the agenda, Vice Chairman Dennis moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre which carried unanimously.

ITEM # 1 – RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION FOR THE CABARRUS STANLY UNION REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Presenter: Brian Simpson, EMS Director

EMS Director Simpson presented and read the associated resolution required as part of the five (5) year update for the hazard mitigation plan which also included regionalizing the plan to include Cabarrus and Union counties. The plan has received federal approval pending adoption from each jurisdiction. One all counties have formally adopted the plan via resolution, final approval will be received.

Vice Chairman Dennis moved to adopt the resolution to formally adopt the plan. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed with a 7 – 0 vote.

See Exhibit A
Resolution to Adopt the Cabarrus Stanly Union
Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

ITEM # 2 – UTILITIES – PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR 2015 CDBG-1 FUNDS

Presenter: Granseur Dick, Chambers Engineering

Stanly County intends to apply to the NC Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Division of Water Infrastructure for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-I) funds. Stanly County held a public hearing in order to explain the funding categories of the program and to allow citizens to express their views concerning community development needs and priorities.

Chairman Lowder declared the public hearing open. Granseur Dick came forward and read the following statement related to the public hearing:

STANLY COUNTY CDBG-I PUBLIC HEARING
March 16, 2015

The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain citizens’ views and to respond to funding proposals and answer any questions posed by citizens.

Stanly County is considering application submission for 4 projects. These include:

- Oakboro WWTP improvements/upgrades
- Greater Badin Water Replacement supplement
- Palestine Water Pump Station
- Hook-up grant

1. It is expected that the State of North Carolina will have \$26 million dollars that will be split into two grant rounds of \$13 million dollars each.
2. CDBG funds can pay for activities related to water and sewer infrastructure and economic development.
3. A total of 100 percent of the CDBG funding will be used to benefit low-to-moderate income people.

- a. The West Stanly project, if funded, will make improvements necessary for the proper functioning of the McCoy's pump station and the West Stanly WWTP. This project serves the western part of Stanly County including Oakboro, Red Cross, Stanfield and Locust.
- b. The Greater Badin Water Replacement supplement project, if funded, will provide additional money to reduce the amount of financing through loans for this project which is already partially funded by USDA, NC State Revolving Funds and local funds. This project is in the Town of Badin and will help pay for the replacement of a nearly 100 year old water system which has approximately 625 water customers.
- c. The Palestine Water Pump Station project, if funded, will replace the Palestine pump station with a new above ground facility and make appropriate adjustments to associated infrastructure. This project will serve the Badin and Palestine communities of Stanly County which includes nearly 3,200 residents.
- d. The Hook up grant project, if funded, will connect local Stanly County residents to the Stanly County Utilities water and or sewer infrastructure by for paying tap fees and private plumbers. Stanly County is requesting enough funds to connect 100 households to the system.

All projects submitted will have to meet the low-moderate income requirements of the CDBG-I grant program.

4. Stanly County has successfully received, met compliance and completed several CDBG-I projects prior to this application cycle. This public hearing is being conducted to give citizens the opportunity to comment on proposed activities in these potential grant applications to the State of North Carolina, and for grants already made, activities which are proposed to be added, deleted or substantially changed by Stanly County.

5. Stanly County residents who have concerns, complaints and/or grievances may submit those concerns, complaints and/or grievances to Stanly County Utilities 1000 N 1st Street Suite 12 Albemarle, NC 28001 attention: CDBG-I. A written response will be provided to written complaints and/or grievances within 15 business days where practicable.

6. Stanly County has determined that no displacement and relocation will occur as a result of the proposed CDBG grant projects.

With no one else coming forward to speak for or against, Chairman Lowder closed the public hearing.

ITEM # 3 – PRESENTATION OF THE MARTIN STARNES & ASSOCIATES AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FY 2014-15

Presenter: Toby Hinson, Finance Director

For Board approval, the Finance Director presented the contract from Martin Starnes & Associates to provide audit services for FY 2014-15. The total fees to perform the audit will be \$50,500, which includes a \$500 (or 1% increase) over last year's fees. Due to staff taking on more responsibilities, the fee is less than four (4) years ago.

Commissioner Lawhon requested staff seek a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the FY 15-16 audit services to ensure the County is still receiving a favorable rate.

Vice Chairman Dennis moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 4 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Lowder

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of March 2, 2015
- B. Agri-Civic Center – Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-36
- C. Finance – Request approval of the attached vehicle tax refunds
- D. EDC – Request approval of an amendment to the economic incentive agreement with Triton Glass, LLC

By motion, Vice Chairman Dennis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Efird provided committee reports for the Airport Authority and Fire District Commission meetings he recently attended and thanked members of each for their hard work.

Commissioner Ascutto provided an overview of the Senior Advisory Board meeting and presented statistics on the aging population of Stanly County. He also reiterated his support of the school board's proposed plans to close schools and reinvest those funds in the curriculum. However should the school board delay their decision, he challenged the Board to fund the needed repairs to the schools.

Commissioner Lawhon provided a report on the recent planning retreat held by the Albemarle Downtown Development Commission where a large portion of the day was spent discussing the board's structure, possible changes to the existing membership as well as changes to the four (4) committees of the ADDC.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Vice Chairman Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote at 7:26 p.m.

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk