

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2016**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

T. Scott Efird, Chairman
Bill Lawhon, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Tony M. Dennis
Janet K. Lowder
Gene McIntyre

ABSENT:

Joseph Burleson

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, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Efird called the meeting to order with Commissioner Dennis leading the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments to the agenda, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve it as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – RETIREMENT AWARD PRESENTATION – GWEN HINSON, FORMER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTOR (SCUSA)

The Board took a moment to recognize Ms. Hinson for her 30 years of service to the county.

ITEM # 2 – PRESENTATION REGARDING STANLY COUNTY 4-H

Presenter: Kate Vanhorn, Local 4-H Chapter Secretary

Local 4-H county council secretary Ms. Kate Vanhorn gave a presentation highlighting the benefits, activities and events of 4-H. She also noted that she will represent Stanly County at the upcoming NCACC Youth Summit in Raleigh on August 12th and 13th.

ITEM # 3 – ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF LOCUST AND TOWN OF RED CROSS COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP)

Presenter: Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO Director

With the City of Locust and Town of Red Cross both having adopted the comprehensive transportation plan, Ms. Stoogenke was present to request the Board hold the required public hearing and adopt the CTP as well. Prior to the public hearing, Ms. Stoogenke noted that no changes have been made to the maps since her last presentation to the Board on March 7, 2016. The CTP still includes plans for Highway 24/27 (beginning at Red Cross and ending at the Locust city limits) to become a boulevard to aid with traffic congestion in the area. Other proposed improvements include:

- Three (3) proposed roundabouts: one along NC 200 at the juncture of Meadow Creek Church Road, another near West Stanly Middle School at the juncture of Running Creek Church Road and Bethel Church Road, and a third in Red Cross at the three-way juncture of Hilltop Road, Hatley-Burris Road and NC Highway 205,
- Creation of an alternate route for local east/west traffic by adding a road parallel to NC 24/27 which would extend Stanly Parkway and stop at NC Highway 200,
- Extension of Lions Club Road east of Coley Store Road to provide another non-highway option for local traffic,
- Widening of nine (9) roads: Meadow Creek Church Road from NC 24/27 to NC 200; Bethel Church Road from NC 200 to NC 24/27; Lions Club Road from NC 200 to the end of the road; NC 205 from NC 24/27 to Liberty Hill Church Road; Brown's Hill Road from NC 24/27 to just north of Nance Road; Coley Store Road from NC 24/27 to just north of Hinson Farm Lane; Elm Street from NC 200 to Big Lick Road; Renee Ford Road from NC 200 to just south of Brentwood Drive; and Austin Road turn onto Bethel Church Road,
- Addition of two (2) new bicycle routes – one along NC 205 through Red Cross and another along the Stanly Parkway.

Ms. Stoogenke stated that once the county has adopted the CTP, it will then be presented to the local Technical Coordinating Committee for approval. Once approved, the plan will then be sent to the NC Board of Transportation in Raleigh with hopes that the projects will be funded in the future.

Due to Commissioner Burleson being absent, Chairman Efird requested the Board take action to excuse him from the meeting. Commissioner McIntyre moved to do so and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

With no questions from the Board, Chairman Efird declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak for or against, the public hearing was closed.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 4 – PLANNING & ZONING

Presenter: Tim Swaringen, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer

A. Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement of Local Ordinance with the Town of Oakboro

The Town of Oakboro has adopted an Interlocal Agreement authorizing the Stanly County Planning Department to provide enforcement of Oakboro's Zoning Ordinance within the bounds of their jurisdiction for a term of six (6) months. With the Planning Department already providing this service to Badin, Locust, New London and Norwood, it was requested the Board approve the agreement for the Town of Oakboro as well.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

B. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Three current members Michael D. Efird, Houston (Buddy) Clark II and Richard Cosgrove terms expired on June 30, 2018. Mr. Efird and Mr. Clark are eligible for reappointment and have agreed to serve again if reappointed. Mr. Richard Cosgrove has served two (2) consecutive terms and is ineligible for reappointment. Therefore one vacancy exists on the board. Cynthia Fish is currently serving as an alternate and is eligible to be appointed as a regular board member if the Board so chooses.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to:

- Reappoint both Michael D. Efird and Houston (Buddy) Clark II, each to serve a term ending June 30, 2019.
- Appoint Cynthia Fish as a regular member with her term ending June 30, 2018.
- Appoint James F. Starnes as an alternate member with his term ending June 30, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 5 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STANLY COUNTY AVIATION AND US HIGHWAY 52 WIDENING PROJECTS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County Manager stated that two (2) projects previously being evaluated by the NC DOT for funding and are of significant importance to the county are the lengthening and widening of the runway at the Stanly County Airport (known as SPOT ID A130451 and A130452) and the

widening of US Highway 52 South from Albemarle south to Crump Road in Norwood. Based on recent information received from the NC DOT, the county learned that these projects are no longer being considered for possible funding. It was requested the Board consider adopting a resolution to communicate the Board's specific concerns related to this decision and to reiterate the importance of the projects to the county.

By motion, Commissioner Ascutto moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Vice Chairman Lawhon. The motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

See Exhibit A

Resolution Expressing Concerns with the Proposed North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Prioritization 4, Division 10 Point Allocation and Prioritization of the Stanly County Airport Lengthening and the US 52 Widening Projects

ITEM # 6 – SELECTION OF A VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2016 NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

With Commissioner McIntyre planning to attend the conference, Commissioner Dennis moved to appoint him as voting delegate for Stanly County. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 7 – BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Chairman Efir

A. Richfield Board of Adjustment – ETJ

The Town of Richfield submitted a request for the Board to appoint Mr. Guy E. Medlin and Mr. Dale Burris to Richfield's Board of Adjustment – ETJ for a two (2) year term ending July 1, 2018.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to appoint both as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

B. JCPC COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTEES

At the previous meeting on June 6, the Board tabled the request to name county commissioner appointees to the JCPC in order to review the volunteer applications on file. Based on this review, four (4) applicants were presented for consideration.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to appoint the following individuals to serve a one (1) year term ending June 30, 2017: Christopher C. Fish, Cary L. Hathcock, Jessica Holt Smith and Fredia B. Owens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed by unanimous vote.

C. CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Due to current board members Ms. Candice Moffitt and Ms. Ashley Smith's terms expiring on June 30, 2016, it was requested the Board appoint / reappoint two (2) county representatives to serve on the CVB Board for a three (3) year term ending June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Dennis moved to reappoint Ms. Ashley Smith and Ms. Moffitt. The County Manager noted that Ms. Moffitt's prior appointment to the CVB Board was based on her position as the Agri-Civic Center Director. Since she no longer serves in that position, the Board may want to consider tabling the second appointment until a new director is selected. Commissioner Ascitto then moved to reconsider Commissioner Dennis' motion.

Commissioner Dennis amended the motion to reappoint Ms. Ashley Smith and moved to table the second appointment until a new agri-civic center director is selected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder and carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

D. REGION F AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Current delegate member Ms. Glenna Hinson's term expired June 30, 2016 and she agreed to serve again if reappointed. However, due to serving three (3) consecutive terms, she is ineligible to be reappointed as a delegate but can serve as an alternate for one (1) year if chosen. Therefore, there is also a vacant delegate position.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to appoint Ms. Hinson as an alternate for a one year term ending June 30, 2017 and table the appointment of a delegate until volunteer applications are received. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder and passed by unanimous vote.

E. AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Due to Stephen Chamber's recent resignation, the Airport Authority took action and formally recommended Mr. David M. Rudisill be appointed to serve the unexpired board seat until March 31, 2017.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to appoint Mr. Rudisill as requested and was seconded by Vice Chairman Lawhon. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM # 8 – OAKBORO SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE / TASKFORCE

Presenter: Commissioner Peter Ascitto

Commissioner Ascitutto requested the Board's consideration in forming a taskforce (one county commissioner, one school board member and one Oakboro Town Council member) to begin discussions related to possible uses for the Oakboro School facility.

The Board then participated in a brief discussion on how the school system is allowed to dispose of school facilities once closed and the process to do so. Commissioner Lawhon also noted a letter the Board received previously from the mayor of Oakboro requesting the county consider titling the property back to the town of Oakboro if the decision was made to close the school. Chairman Efird stated that he feels the taskforce is a good idea, but isn't sure what the commissioners can do until the School Board makes a decision regarding the facility.

Commissioner Ascitutto then amended his motion to have the County Manager contact School Superintendent Dr. Griffin and the mayor of Oakboro to see if there is any interest in creating the taskforce. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 9 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Minutes – Regular meeting of June 6, 2016 and budget workshops of June 14 & 23, 2016.
- B.** Finance – Request approval of the Monthly Financial Report for Eleven Months Ended May 31, 2016.
- C.** County Attorney – Review and consider adoption of the revised News Media Policy and Social Media Policy.
- D.** Finance – Request approval of the attached vehicle tax refunds.
- E.** Sheriff's Office – Request approval of budget amendment # 2017-01.
- F.** Health Department – Request approval of budget amendment # 2017-02.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the above items as amended (correction made to the June 23, 2016 budget workshop minutes.) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Fesperman, Town Administrator for the City of Locust, thanked the Board for their recent purchase of the Big Lick transmission line from the City of Locust and Town of Stanfield noting that it will be beneficial for the county and much easier for decisions to be made with the county being the sole owner going forward.

Trent Middlebrook, police officer for the City of Locust, also thanked the Board for the purchase of the new emergency radio system stating that as a user, the system is much better and easier to use than the previous system.

For consideration, Sheriff George Burris requested the Board's support and co-sponsorship of a Stanly County Law Enforcement Day of Prayer with a tentative date of Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. All local enforcement agencies will be invited in addition to citizens of the county. Commissioner Dennis moved to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner McIntyre stated that he has been contacted by several citizens in support of the Sheriff's request for the law enforcement day of prayer and that with the county co-sponsoring the event the rental fee charged by the Ag-Center would not apply.

Vice Chairman Lawhon stated that several members of the Economic Development Commission plan to attend the aerospace manufacturing summit in Winston-Salem in August in hopes of making contacts and networking with companies who would consider locating future projects in Stanly County. He also provided statistics noting the increase in the number of housing/building permits issued between January and June of 2016 versus the same time period in 2015 which is an indicator that the economy continues to improve in Stanly County.

Commissioner Dennis mentioned a local success story recently published in the Stanly News & Press regarding a student who completed the nursing program at Stanly Community College, went on to pursue his doctorate degree at Duke University and is now a chief nurse practitioner at CMC Main in Charlotte.

Commissioner Ascitutto thanked Ms. Kate Vanhorn for her 4-H presentation and commended her on a job well done. He also thanked Airport Director David Griffin, Health Director Dennis Joyner and Sheriff George Burris, who were in attendance, for their hard work. He also noted the recent news of the Maryland based electric company Cube Hydro's purchase of Alcoa's four (4) hydroelectric dams and the impact this will have on Stanly County in the future.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Dennis moved to recess the meeting into closed session in order to discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4), a real estate transaction in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5) and a personnel issue in accordance with G. S. 143-

318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed unanimously at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote at 8:50 p.m.

Terry Scott Efird, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk