

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2015**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Joseph Burleson
T. Scott Efird
Gene McIntyre

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Tony Dennis, Vice Chairman
Bill Lawhon

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, August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Lowder called the meeting to order with Commissioner Efird giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Lowder requested the Vehicle Tax Refund Report for June 2015 be added to the consent agenda as item # 10(F). Commissioner Burleson moved to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – TAX COLLECTOR’S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT FOR FY 2014-2015

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

Pursuant to GS 105-373, the Tax Collector presented the annual settlement report to the Board which provides an overview of the collection activity for the year. The statutory remedies of garnishment, attachment, debt setoff, escheat and pre-foreclosure have been utilized to the extent possible for collection of taxes. As part of the settlement, it was also requested the Board charge the Tax Collector with collecting taxes for the current 2015-2016 fiscal year.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to accept and approve the annual settlement report and charge the Tax Collector with collection of the current fiscal year taxes. Commissioner Ascitutto seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 2 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

A. Staff Award Presentations

Presenter: Sheriff George Burris

Sheriff Burris took a moment to recognize Captain Brian Hatley and Chief Deputy Carla King for their achievements by awarding each with the Intermediate Service Award and Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.

No action was required by the Board.

B. Detention Center Rear Gate Security Camera Discussion

Presenter: Sheriff George Burris & Captain Jeff Brafford

At the Board’s request, Sheriff Burris and Captain Brafford were present to answer questions related to the funding request for the installation of a security camera at the rear gate of the detention center. Sheriff Burris noted that entry in and out of the rear gate is currently handled by entering a key code which presents a security risk due to master control being unable to monitor who enters and leaves the premises. Captain Brafford stated that once installed, the camera would allow master control to visually identify and monitor traffic in and out of the gate which will help to decrease the possibility of an inmate escaping.

After a period of questions and comments from the Board, Commissioner Burleson moved to approve funding for the installation of the security camera. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM # 3 – STANLY RESCUE SQUAD - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County Manager introduced Robert Wilhoit of the Stanly Rescue Squad. Mr. Wilhoit provided a handout outlining the cost of the equipment needed for a minimum four (4) member dive team which totaled \$16,266.72. Additionally, Mr. Wilhoit requested Board consideration in allotting additional funds in the amount of \$4,066.68 for the purchase of a back-up set of equipment bringing the total amount requested to \$20,333.40. He then responded to questions from the Board.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to appropriate funds in the amount of \$16,266.72 to purchase equipment for four (4) divers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird. The motion carried with a 4 – 1 vote. (Commissioner Burleson voted against.)

ITEM # 4 – INNOVATENC GRANT SUBMISSION – COUNTY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly Community College, the County, the City of Albemarle, the City of Locust and the EDC plan to collaborate on the submission of a grant aimed at accelerating growth of an innovation economy in the county. The grant will be awarded to five (5) communities outside of Charlotte and the Triangle area with the selected communities receiving the planning tools and technical assistance valued at \$250,000 during the project over a two (2) year period. If received, the grant requires a local match of \$15,000 which will be shared by the local government partners. The County would contribute \$7,500 with the City of Locust and City of Albemarle contributing \$3,750 each. A potential source of funding for the County's portion would be the EDC strategy fund.

After a few brief comments, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the County's \$7,500 commitment toward the InnovateNC grant match requirement. Commissioner Ascitutto seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 5 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Lowder

- A.** Minutes – Special meeting of June 23, 2015, recessed meeting of June 25, 2015 and regular meeting of July 6, 2015
- B.** Finance – Request approval of the attached Vehicle Tax Refund report
- C.** Finance – Request approval of budget amendment # 2016-04

Commissioner Burleson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Efird. Motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joel Thomas of Oakboro came forward to address the Board and apologize for his comments during the previous meeting in July. He then encouraged the Board and county management to work together to focus on more positive issues rather than negative, stated his support in keeping Oakboro's school and library open, and encouraged the Board to consider a property tax increase in the future as a means to generate additional revenue to promote growth in the County. He Then thanked the Board for their service to the community.

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Ascitutto noted his recent County work day with Home Health and the birthday party hosted by the Senior Center for citizens ninety (90) years and older.

Commissioner Burleson stated that on Friday of the previous week, he traveled to Moore and Montgomery Counties to tour the Department of Corrections new training facility as well as the Tarheel ChallenNGe academy in New London.

Commissioner Efird noted his plans to attend the 2015 NC Aerospace Supplier & Advanced Manufacturing Summit in Commissioner Lawhon’s absence on Friday. He also thanked Mr. Thomas for his comments.

CLOSED SESSION

By motion, Commissioner Burleson moved to recess into closed session to consult with the county attorney in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and carried by unanimous vote at 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no additional items presented for discussion, Commissioner Efird moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote at 8:03 p.m.

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk