

**STANLY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman  
Tony M. 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, October 5, 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 adjustments to the agenda, Commissioner Burleson moved to approve it as presented and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 1 – SCUSA TRANSPORTATION – FY 2016-17 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP) APPLICATION**

**Presenter: Gwen Hinson, Transit Director**

Ms. Hinson provided a brief review of the request to apply for the FY 2016-17 CTP funds and a breakdown for the use of those funds as follows:

- 1)** Administrative Funds - Estimated request of \$238,928 and a 15% local match estimated at \$35,839 which will be used to cover the salaries and benefits for three (3) full-time and one (1) part-time position, vehicle insurance, drug testing, daily office operations, etc.

- 2) Capital Funds - Estimated request of \$1,760 and a ten percent (10%) local match estimated at \$176 for a security card reader for the employee entrance.

Ms. Hinson requested the Board hold the required public hearing and approve the resolution to apply for, receive and have the funds administered by the Transportation Services Department.

Chairman Lowder declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the application resolution and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ITEM # 2 – CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2011 INFRASTRUCTURE HOOK-UP GRANT (11-C-2299)**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

The County Manager stated that the hook-up grant which was received in 2012 for \$75,000 and provided waterline connections for thirty (30) low-to-moderate income households. The state found the county to be in compliance with the program guidelines and with all funds expended, it was requested the Board hold a public hearing to complete the closeout process.

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

Vice Chairman Dennis moved to approve the closeout of the above grant as requested and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

## **ITEM # 3 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS**

**Presenter: Dennis Joyner, Health Director**

The terms of current Board of Health members Dr. Laura Mauldin (Dentist Member), Shirley Lowder (General Public Member), and Joan Eudy (General Health Member) will expire on December 31, 2015. Ms. Lowder and Ms. Eudy are eligible to serve another three (3) year term and have agreed to serve if reappointed. Dr. Mauldin has served three (3) consecutive terms and is ineligible to serve again. It was requested the Board appoint a Dentist Member and two (2) General Public Members for three (3) year terms to expire on December 31, 2018.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to reappoint Ms. Shirley Lowder and Ms. Joan Eudy and appoint Dr. Thomas Norwood DDS to serve until December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burlison and passed by unanimous vote.

## **ITEM # 4 – TAX ADMINISTRATOR REAPPOINTMENT**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

It was requested the Board reappoint Mr. Clinton Swaringen as Tax Administrator for the period beginning October 28, 2015 through October 28, 2019 and approve the purchase of a Public Official Bond in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Swaringen, who was originally appointed for a

two (2) year term, has satisfied all of the criteria to become a certified assessor per NCGS 105-294.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the reappointment of Mr. Clinton Swaringen for a four (4) year term as requested and approve the purchase of the Public Official Bond. Vice Chairman Dennis seconded the motion which carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **ITEM # 5 – JURY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

Due to current Jury Commission member Mr. Paul E. Carpenter, Jr.'s term expiring on June 30, 2015, it was requested the Board appoint / reappoint a member to serve a two (2) year term until June 30, 2017.

Vice Chairman Dennis moved to reappoint Mr. Paul Carpenter, Jr. and was seconded by Commissioner Burleson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 6 – CONSENT AGENDA**

**Presenter: Chairman Lowder**

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of September 8, 2015
- B. Finance – Request approval of the enclosed property tax refunds & vehicle tax refunds
- C. EMS – Request approval of budget amendment # 2016-11
- D. Library – Request approval to sale the attached list of withdrawn books at the Friends of the Library Book sale in October
- E. Finance – Request acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for Two Months Ended August 31, 2015
- F. Utilities – Declare the attached list of items as surplus & donated to Stanly Community College
- G. Health Department - Request approval of budget amendments #2016-10 and # 2016-12

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Lawhon requested to be excused from voting on Item # 6 (B) for Finance which includes a vehicle tax refund for a personal vehicle he recently sold. Commissioner McIntyre moved to excuse Commissioner Lawhon and also approve items # 6 A, C, D, E, F, and G. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burleson and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Commissioner McIntyre then moved to approve consent agenda item 6(B) and was seconded by Commissioner Burleson. Motion passed with a 7 – 0 vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**GENERAL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Efird asked that everyone remember the flood victims in South Carolina and to keep them in prayer.

Commissioner Ascitutto noted his plans to begin the town hall meetings to promote the sales tax referendum which will be on the March primary ballot and encouraged other Board members to participate.

Commissioner Lawhon stated he had attended two (2) events the previous week which included the 4H High School Forum Day sponsored by Cooperative Extension and a National Manufacturers Awareness Week event hosted by the Economic Development Commission.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Efird moved to adjourn the meeting. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dennis and passed by unanimous vote at 7:19 p.m.

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**Janet K. Lowder, Chairman**

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**Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**