

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

T. Scott Efird, Chairman
Bill Lawhon, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Joseph Burleson
Tony M. Dennis
Janet K. Lowder
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 17, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Efird called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioner Dennis leading the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

ITEM # 1 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AT&T FIBER READY CERTIFICATION FOR MEADOW CREEK INDUSTRIAL PARK

Presenters: Paul Stratos, EDC Director & Kathleen Evans, AT&T

Mr. Stratos noted that as the county continues to explore ways to develop broadband infrastructure for the area, AT&T has recently partnered with the County to provide the infrastructure needed to meet the fiber/broadband needs for any business or industry seeking to locate in the Meadow Creek Industrial Park. Mr. Stratos introduced Ms. Kathleen Evans, AT&T Regional Director for External Affairs, who shared the results of the company's recent efforts by presenting the County with a fiber ready certification for the industrial park.

No other action was required.

ITEM # 2 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PUBLIC HEARING & TAX INCENTIVE GRANT

Presenter: Paul Stratos, EDC Director

Mr. Stratos requested Board consideration and approval to provide a 55% tax incentive grant for a five (5) year term to an industrial products distributor locating on Highway 49 just north of Richfield. The company plans to make a \$1.7 million capital investment which will aid in creating eleven (11) new jobs and also maintain the nine (9) existing jobs. It was requested the Board hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed grant and approve the tax incentive grant.

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

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the tax incentive grant as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 3 – MONARCH – PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 2017-18 NCDOT CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT

**Presenters: Laurie Weaver, Director of Grants & Foundation Relations
Omar Polk, Community Engagement Team Leader**

Ms. Weaver noted Monarch's intentions to apply for the NCDOT Consolidated Capital Projects Grant for fiscal year 2017-2018. If received, the funds will be used to serve adults with disabilities in the Stanly County. As part of Monarch's application process, it was requested the Board hold a public hearing to receive comments on the grant application.

Chairman Efird declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak for or against, the hearing was closed. No further action was required.

ITEM # 4 – SCUSA TRANSPORTATION – FY 2017-18 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATION (SECTION 5311)

Presenter: Candice Moffitt, Transit Director

Ms. Moffitt provided a brief overview of the request noting SCUSA's intent to apply for the FY 2017-18 CTP funds in the amount of \$235,427 with a local match of 15% (estimated at \$35,314). If received, the funds will be used to cover the administrative costs associated with three (3) full-time and one (1) part-time position, vehicle insurance, drug testing, daily office operations, etc. It was requested the Board hold the required public hearing, approve the resolution to apply for, receive and have the funds administered by the Transportation Services

Department, and also authorize the County Manager to execute the CTP/5311 application and other related documents.

After a brief period of discussion, Chairman Efird declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the application, associated resolution and authorize the County Manager to execute the application and other documents as requested. Commissioner Ascitutto seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A
Community Transportation Program Resolution
Section 5311
FY 2018 RESOLUTION

ITEM # 5 – SENIOR SERVICES

Presenter: Becky Weemhoff, Senior Services Director

A. FY 2017-18 NCDOT CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT

Ms. Weemhoff stated she was also in attendance to request Board approval to apply for the FY 2017-18 NCDOT Consolidated Capital Projects grant. For FY 2017-18, the department plans to apply for a similar grant in the amount of \$60,000 with \$54,000 in federal/state funds and the remaining \$6,000 match coming from Home and Community Block Grant funds. If received, the funds will enable Senior Services to continue to provide transportation services for older adults in the county. It was requested the Board hold the required public hearing and approve the application for the NCDOT grant.

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

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the application and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

B. SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Senior Services Advisory Board has four (4) members whose terms will expire October 31, 2016 and one member who resigned due to health related problems. It was requested the Board reappoint Ms. Sylvia Lingerfelt, Ms. Deloris Chambers and Mr. Dewey Preslar for a three (3) year term ending October 30, 2019, appoint Chief Danny Bowen to a three (3) year term ending October 30, 2019 and appoint Ms. Elizabeth Hill to serve the unexpired term of Dr. Rob Wilkinson until October 30, 2017.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the appointments as requested and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 6 – TAX ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL OF THE 2017 MARKET VALUE SCHEDULE OF VALUES & THE 2017 PRESENT USE VALUE SCHEDULE OF VALUES

Presenters: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator & Charles Johnson, Revaluation Director

With the schedules having been submitted previously for the Board’s review and a public hearing held on October 3, 2016, Mr. Swaringen was in attendance to request adoption of the schedules. General statute 105-317 requires the Order of Adoption to be published in the newspaper for four consecutive weeks. Pending adoption of the schedules, the notice will be published beginning October 20, 2016 and end on November 8, 2016.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve both schedules as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Burlison and carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 7 – BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Dennis Joyner, Health Director

Mr. Joyner noted that the following Board of Health members’ terms will expire on December 31, 2016: Dr. Amy Poole Jordan (Veterinarian member), Dr. Keenya Little (Physician member), Mr. Conrad Carter (Registered Engineer member), Ms. Debora Norris (Registered Nurse member) and Dr. Janice Dunlap (Optometrist member). All members have agreed to serve again if reappointed with the exception of Ms. Debora Norris. It was requested the Board appoint five (5) members to the Board of Health for the designated positions of veterinarian, physician, registered engineer, registered nurse and optometrist with terms beginning January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019.

By motion, Commissioner Ascutto moved to reappoint Dr. Amy Poole Jordan (Veterinarian), Dr. Keenya Little (Physician), Mr. Conrad Carter (Registered Engineer) and Dr. Janice Dunlap (Optometrist). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Burlison moved to appoint Ms. Diane Y. Daniels (Registered Nurse) as a replacement for Ms. Debora Norris. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 8 – CO-OPERATIVE EXTENTION

Presenter: Lori Ivey, Ag-Extension Director

For Board consideration, Ms. Ivey presented four (4) applications from property owners requesting their properties be designated as a Voluntary Agricultural District or Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District. Applicants included Steve and Theresa Brooks (Voluntary Ag-District), Gareth and Judy Smith (Enhanced Voluntary Ag-District), Fork “L” Farm, Inc. (Enhanced Voluntary Ag District), Roberts Loop, LLC (Enhanced Voluntary Ag District) and Kevin and Michelle Thomas (Enhanced Voluntary Ag-District). Additionally it was also requested that David Underwood be appointed to serve the unexpired term of Doug Bowers on the Voluntary Ag-District Board.

By motion, Commissioner Burleson moved to approve both items as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 9 – REGION F AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to the recent resignation of Mr. Gilbert P. “Rick” Russell, it was requested the Board name a replacement to serve the remainder of his term which will expire June 30, 2017.

By motion, Vice Chairman Lawhon moved to appoint Mr. Melton “Bill” Worth Mullinix, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 10 – EMERGENCY AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to age and recurring issues with the audio visual system in the Commissioners Meeting Room, it was recommended the system be replaced with a new up-to-date system. It was requested the Board approve replacement of the system, approve the associated budget amendment for \$150,000 to cover the cost, and authorize staff to execute a contract with the firm providing the lowest responsible formal bid.

Commissioner Lowder asked the County Manager if he was aware of any local companies who may be able to bid on replacement of the system. The County Manager noted a potential firm in Midland, but encouraged any company who can meet the specs to consider bidding.

Commissioner Ascutto noted his support in replacing the system stating that it is outdated and needs to be made more efficient.

With no further discussion, Chairman Efirm called for a vote. Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the request as presented and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion was carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 11 – CRITERIA TO USE DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY METHOD FOR AGRICIVIC CENTER LOBBY EXPANSION

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board consideration, the County Manager presented the proposed criteria for the design-build construction delivery method to renovate and expand the Agri-Civic Center Lobby. The design-build method was recommended since it will help to expedite the process due to the limited amount of time the Agri-Civic Center is available for completion of the expansion. The County Manager then entertained questions from the Board.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve adoption of the proposed design-build criteria as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Burleson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit B
Criteria to Use Design-Build Construction Delivery Method for the
Agri-Civic Center Lobby Expansion

ITEM # 12 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Efirm

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of October 3, 2016.
- B. Finance – Request approval of the attached vehicle tax refunds for September 2016.
- C. Airport – Request approval of budget amendment # 2017-10.
- D. Library – Request approval of budget amendment # 2017-11.
- E. SCC – Approval of the Cosmetology Facility & Equipment Leases.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the above items as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

GENERAL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Ascitutto thanked the boy scouts who were in attendance as part of their service project. He also noted that he and several other commissioners had attended the ribbon cutting for Stanly Community College's new cosmetology facility held earlier that day. Also due to a recent newspaper article regarding maintenance issues at the City of Locust's park, he reiterated his hope that the County will consider establishing a parks and recreation fund in the future to help municipalities maintain their parks.

Commissioner Dennis stated he had attended the ribbon cutting for the new cosmetology facility as well noting that it is a beautiful facility and a good investment for the community.

Vice Chairman Lawhon stated that he recently attended the graduation of the second class from the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy where 66 students participated. He encouraged everyone to visit and learn more about academy which is located in New London. He also provided statistics comparing the number of building permits issued between January 2016 – September 2016 from the same time period in 2015 noting a 35.51% increase in the number of permits issued and a 20% increase in the total dollar value as well.

Commissioner Lowder wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Commissioner McIntyre reiterated Vice Chairman's Lawhon's comments adding that of the 66 students who graduated from the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy, the majority of which were high school seniors. He also noted the economic impact the academy brings to the County by the students living here and the families who come to visit that and spend money on lodging, restaurants, shopping, etc.

Commissioner Burleson asked everyone to continue to remember the victims of Hurricane Matthew in the eastern part of the state.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Burleson moved to recess the meeting into closed session to discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and to discuss a real estate transaction in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder and passed by unanimous vote at 7:53 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

For Board action, Commissioner Ascitto stated that contingent upon the commitment of a specific economic development project, the County will exchange its property located at 245 East Main Street, Albemarle, NC for the City of Albemarle’s property located at 157 North Second Street, Albemarle, NC. The County will also receive a \$48,500 cash grant from the City, a \$1,500 cash grant from Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation and no electricity bill from the City during the renovation of the 157 North Second Street property. It was also requested the Board authorize County staff to prepare an acquisition agreement and move forward with the appropriate title searches.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the exchange as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Burleson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Commissioner Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote 8:10 p.m.

Terry Scott Efird, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk