

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2013**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Josh Morton, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Tony Dennis
Lindsey Dunevant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Gene McIntyre, Chairman

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 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Vice Chairman Morton called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dennis led a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

ITEM # 1 – SCUSA TRANSPORTATION – FY 2014-2015 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP) APPLICATION

Presenter: Gwen Hinson, Transportation Director

Ms. Hinson provided a brief review of the request to apply for funds under the FY 2014-2015 Community Transportation Program as follows:

- 1) Administrative Funds (estimated at \$226,006) with a 15% local match (estimated at \$33,901) to fund three (3) full-time and one (1) part time positions, vehicle insurance, drug testing, daily office operations, etc.
- 2) Capital Funds (estimated at \$180, 452) with a 10% local match (estimated at \$18,045) to replace two (2) vehicles, vehicle lettering, replacement of all vehicle radios to comply with the new county communication system and to purchase a 10 x 10 storage building for the vehicle maintenance shop.

Vice Chairman Morton declared the public hearing open. Having no one come forward, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the Transportation Services Department's request to apply for, receive and distribute the CTP funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto and carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 2 – BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Dennis Joyner, Health Director

The Board of Health has five (5) members whose terms will expire on December 31, 2013:

- Dr. Ann Yowell (Veterinarian Member)
- Dr. Hal Royer (Physician Member)
- Dr. Janice Dunlap (Optometrist Member)
- Conrad Carter (Registered Engineer Member)
- Debora P. Norris (Registered Nurse)

All are eligible for reappointment with the exception of Dr. Ann Yowell who has served three (3) consecutive terms. It was requested the Board appoint five (5) members to the Board of Health, each to serve a three (3) year term until December 31, 2016.

By motion, Commissioner Ascutto moved to approve the following appointments as requested:

- Appoint Dr. Amy Jordan (Veterinarian) to replace Dr. Ann Yowell beginning January 1, 2014
- Reappoint Dr. Hall Royer (Physician Member)
- Dr. Janice Dunlap (Optometrist)
- Conrad Carter (Engineer)
- Deborah P. Norris (Registered Nurse)

His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 3 – ROCKY RIVER RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION – COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE FOR WESTERN STANLY COUNTY

Presenter: Dana Stoogenke, RRRPO Director

Ms. Stoogenke presented an overview of two (2) maps prepared by the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) based on the proposed highway alignments for western Stanly County. The presentation was given as an update on the project and to obtain feedback from the Board related to the proposed alignments.

Based on the discussion, the Board agreed that because of utilities being located south of Hwy 24/27, neither the northern or very southern alignments were good options. Board members also expressed interest in knowing if the western municipalities had preferred a particular alignment and what additional comments were received during recent focus group meetings.

Although no particular alignment was chosen, Board consensus was that the following items be taken into consideration when selecting the highway alignment:

- To limit road access in order to continue to move goods/services/ people
- The road should not be located far from existing commerce such as restaurants, stores, etc.
- To maintain farmland preservation
- Location of existing utilities
- Estimated cost of the project

No formal action was taken by the Board.

ITEM # 4 – UPPER PEE DEE FARM & FOOD COUNCIL (UPFFC) ANNUAL REPORT

Presenter: Nancy Bryant, Interim Director

Interim Director Bryant presented the first annual report for the UPFFC since receiving the Board's endorsement last September. The presentation included the UPFFC's vision statement, a brief history and list of accomplishments by the council representatives since January 2013. Ms. Bryant requested the Board's support of local farms by asking them to consider purchasing ten (10%) of the county's food for the prisons, agencies, schools, etc. from local farmers. Ms. Bryant then thanked the Board for their continued endorsement of the UPFFC and invited them to attend a special "Celebrate Local Farms & Food" event scheduled for mid-November at Christ Episcopal Church.

The presentation was for information only and required no action.

ITEM # 5 – MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RELEASE & REFUND AUTHORITY RESOLUTION

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Per NCGS, the Governing Board may delegate its authority to determine requests for a release or refund of tax of less than one hundred dollars (\$100) to the Finance Officer, County Manager or County Attorney of a taxing unit. It was recommended the Board delegate this authority to the County Finance Officer for all motor vehicle personal property tax release and refund requests less than \$100.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the resolution as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

Below is the resolution as approved:

RESOLUTION

Regarding Release or Refund of Motor Vehicle Taxes of Less than One Hundred Dollars

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined certain taxpayer's may have a valid claim for releases or refunds of motor vehicle personal property taxes; and

WHEREAS, these payments are often less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00); and

WHEREAS, G. S. 105-381 states the Governing Body may, by resolution, delegate its authority to determine requests for a release or refund of tax of less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Finance Officer, County Manager or County Attorney of the taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, G. S. 105-381 states the Finance Officer, County Manager or County Attorney to whom this authority is delegated shall report monthly to the Governing Body the actions taken by him or her on requests for release or refund; and

WHEREAS, G. S. 105-381 also states all actions taken by the Governing Body, Finance Officer, County Manager or County Attorney on requests for release or refund shall be recorded in the official minutes of the Governing Body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanly County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt this resolution pursuant to G. S. 105-381 giving the Finance Officer authority to determine requests for a release or refund of motor vehicle property tax of less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Adopted this the 21st day of October 2013.

Gene McIntyre, Chairman
Stanly County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

ITEM # 6 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes** – Regular meeting of October 7, 2013
- B. Finance** – Request acceptance of the Monthly Finance Report for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013
- C. Rocky River RPO** – Request adoption of the amended Stanly County Local Coordinated Plan.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Ascuitto. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dunevant stated that he had attended the NC Workforce Development Partnership Conference in Greensboro where Carnes-Miller Gear Company, Power Stream Industries and Stanly Community College received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development for Innovative Partnerships for their joint efforts in developing a CNC Machinist Certificate program earlier this year.

Commissioner Morton noted Chairman McIntyre's absence from the meeting.

Commissioner Ascitutto stated that Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills will speak at the Senior Center on Tuesday, October 29th at 1 p.m. He also applauded Senior Center Director Becky Weemhoff and staff for organizing and securing sponsors for many of the events at the Senior Center at no cost to the county.

The County Manager stated that School Superintendent Dr. Terry Griffin had extended an open invitation for the Board to take a tour of the county schools and to contact her to schedule a date and time at their convenience.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Dennis moved to recess the meeting for a closed session to discuss a personnel issue in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and a real estate transaction in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed by unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice Chairman Morton requested a motion to appoint Clinton Swaringen as the Tax Administrator effective Monday, October 28, 2013 contingent upon approval of his bond and the order to collect. Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the appointment and the order to collect. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto. The motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote at 8:27 p.m.

Gene McIntyre, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk