

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2013**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Gene McIntyre, Chairman
Josh Morton, Vice Chairman
Peter Asciutto (Arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Tony Dennis
Lindsey Dunevant

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, July 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman McIntyre called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Dennis gave the invocation.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Asciutto requested that a discussion of House Bill 1005 be added to the agenda. It was added as Item # 5 and the consent agenda moved to Item # 6. By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – 911 EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT – PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION FOR LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING

Presenter: Brian Simpson, EMS Director

In accordance with G. S. 160A-20, a public hearing was required to receive comment on the installment lease purchase agreement in an amount not to exceed \$8.5 million for the construction of a new 911 emergency radio system and the purchase of mobile and portable radios for Stanly County public safety services, municipal public safety services, volunteer fire department services and other public entities that utilize radio communication. If approved, it

was also requested the Board adopt the associated resolution to be included with the County's application to the Local Government Commission (LGC) for their approval of the agreement.

Chairman McIntyre declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

See Exhibit A

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION
FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20**

**ITEM # 2 – STANLY COUNTY 2012 SCATTERED SITE HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT**

Presenter: Donna Davis, Utilities Director

Stanly County has received \$225,000.00 through the 2012 Scattered Site Housing Community Development Block Grant which will be used to repair selected homes of qualified recipients in the county. The County solicited proposals via the NC Interactive Procurement System for administrative services to aid in the implementation of the project. Based on the bids received, staff recommended the administrative services contract be awarded to The Wooten Company. It was also requested the Board approve the policies, procedures, plans, resolutions, ordinances and budget amendment associated with the project.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve all of the documents related to the grant and award the administrative services contract to The Wooten Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 3 – RECOGNITION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR “CERTIFICATE OF
ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING”**

Presenter: Chairman McIntyre

The Board took a moment to commend Finance Director Toby Hinson and staff for their hard work and noted their achievement in receiving the above award.

ITEM # 4 – SELECTION OF A VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Presenter: Chairman McIntyre

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to appoint Chairman Gene McIntyre as voting delegate for Stanly County for the NCACC Annual Conference in Guilford County. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 5 – DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 1005

Commissioner Ascitutto started the discussion by stating that if approved, HB 1005 will have a significant impact by increasing the annual budget by approximately \$45,000.00 as the result of adding two (2) county commissioners. Commissioner Ascitutto stated he had previously addressed the State and Local Government Committee to request that no action be taken on the bill, but to allow the citizens of Stanly County to make the decision by placing it on the November 2014 ballot.

Chairman McIntyre stated the figure of \$45,000.00 is an average cost and does not take into consideration the added benefit of having representation for the entire county.

Commissioner Dunevant noted the importance of continuing to participate in the local government process and agreed with Commissioner Ascitutto that local legislation should begin on the local level. He then provided a review of the changes made to the bill since it was originally introduced.

Commissioner Dennis stated if citizens are allowed to vote for all the county commissioners, there is no reason to have voting districts. If passed as originally proposed, the bill will only complicate government further.

For Board consideration, Commissioner Ascitutto proposed the following changes to the bill:

- 1) To change the implementation date of the bill from 2014 to 2016 to allow for proper public debate on the issue and allow the voters of Stanly County to make the ultimate decision by placing it on the November 2014 ballot,
- 2) To allow citizens to vote on each item separately since the bill affects both the Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Education
- 3) To vote for four (4) candidates in one election cycle and three (3) candidates in the other with each member serving a three (3) year term.

Chairman McIntyre called for a vote on the bill to include the requested changes by Commissioner Ascitutto. Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis.

Prior to the vote, Vice Chairman Morton stated he was concerned as well with the additional costs incurred by adding two (2) Board members and suggested a study be conducted on the Board's compensation. He also stated he has no issue with allowing the citizens to vote on the bill.

Commissioner Dunevant stated he is not in favor of delaying the process unless the legislature chooses to do so and encouraged citizens to contact Representative Burr and Senator McLaurin with their concerns as well.

Commissioner Ascitutto requested his motion be amended to change the election terms from three (3) years to four (4) years.

Chairman McIntyre called for a vote on the bill to include the proposed changes requested by Commissioner Ascitutto. With a motion previously made by Commissioner Ascitutto and seconded by Commissioner Dennis, the motion failed with a vote of 2-3.

Ayes: Commissioner Ascitutto, Commissioner Dennis

Nos: Chairman McIntyre, Vice Chairman Morton, Commissioner Dunevant

ITEM # 6 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Minutes – Regular meeting of June 3, 2013 and recessed meetings of June 10, June 17 and June 20, 2013.
- B.** Finance – Request acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for Eleven Months Ended May 31, 2013

After a brief review of the above items, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the items as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto. The motion carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ascitutto thanked the Board for their participation in the discussion of House Bill 1005. He then provided an update on the ongoing clean-up of Morrow Mountain State Park and noted several of the 4th of July events held recently in the county.

The County Manager stated he had received information from the USDA regarding potential funding for Phase 1 of the Greater Badin Water & Sewer Project. He requested the Board

recess the meeting until the week of July 22nd in order to allow the Utilities Director to present this information for their consideration and discussion.

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), to discuss records in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(1), and for a personnel matter in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed by unanimous vote at 7:42 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman McIntyre called for a motion to reappoint Melia Miller as Tax Administrator to a four year term until June 30, 2017. The motion was made by Commissioner Ascutto, seconded by Commissioner Dennis and carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

RECESS

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Dennis moved to recess the meeting until Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Manager’s Conference Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto and passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Gene McIntyre, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk