

**STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: **Tony Dennis, Chairman
Gene McIntyre, Vice-Chairman
Lindsey Dunevant
Dr. Nalin Mehta
Sherrill Smith**

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: **None**

STAFF PRESENT: **Jerry D. Myers, County Manager
John L. Roberts, County Attorney/Clerk to the
Board
Tyler Brummitt, Assistant to the County
Manager/Assistant Clerk to the Board**

CALL TO ORDER

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons Meeting Room, Stanly County Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and gave the Devotion.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION—MS. SHIRLEY MORGAN

Members of the Board of Commissioners took the opportunity to thank Ms. Morgan for her 35 plus years of service to the Stanly County Department of Social Services.

APPROVAL AND/OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Chairman Dennis asked for adjustments to the agenda. Hearing none, he asked for approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Mehta moved to approve the agenda. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre and unanimously approved 5–0.

ITEM #1: PUBLIC HEARING—Joint Hearing with New London Town Council Regarding a Proposed Economic Incentive Agreement with Fiber Composites

Presenter: Robert Van Geons, Economic Development Director

Mr. Van Geons indicated that the proposed incentive agreement could bring \$9.926 million in investment to New London and Stanly County and that it was cash flow positive and no investment would be necessary if the goals set out in the agreement were not met. He also indicated that the agreement was performance based and that Fiber Composites would be eligible for \$166,000 in grants over the life of the agreement.

David Garrett, controller for Fiber Composites, spoke briefly of plans to add a new fencing product in the fall of 2008 and the creation of 20 new jobs during the term of the agreement. Chairman Dennis declared the public hearing open. There being no one present who expressed a desire to be heard he declared the public hearing closed.

The Mayor of New London declared their public hearing open and there being no one present who expressed a desire to be heard he declared the public hearing closed.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Smith. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and unanimously approved.

Motion to approve made by New London Town Council member Akin and seconded by Commissioner Baucom with a final vote of 5 – 0.

ITEM #2: PUBLIC HEARING—Joint Hearing with Locust City Council Regarding a Proposed Economic Incentive Agreement with Chicago Tube and Iron

Presenter: Robert Van Geons, Economic Development Director

Mr. Van Geons indicated that the proposed incentive agreement could bring \$10 million in investment to Locust and Stanly County and that it was cash flow positive and no investment would be necessary if the goals set out in the agreement were not met. He also indicated that the agreement was performance based and that Chicago Tube and Iron would be eligible for \$351,000 in grants over the life of the agreement.

Mike Dinano, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Chicago Tube and Iron, spoke of the plans to create an additional 42 jobs over the next five years and retaining the 79 jobs currently held.

Chairman Dennis declared the public hearing open. There being no one present who expressed a desire to be heard he declared the public hearing closed.

The Mayor of Locust declared their public hearing open and there being no one present who expressed a desire to be heard he declared the public hearing closed.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mehta. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and unanimously approved 5 – 0.

Locust City Council member Fletcher made a motion to approve, and was seconded by Council member Baucom with a final vote of 5 – 0.

ITEM #3: PUBLIC HEARING—SCUSA Community Transportation Program Application.

Presenter: Gwen Hinson, Transportation Director

Ms. Hinson requested the Board approve an application to the Community Transportation Program. She indicated that with the Board's approval she would apply for \$235,000 in administrative funds which would require a 15% local match estimated at \$35,250. These funds would be used to fund two full time and two part time positions, vehicle insurance, drug testing and daily office operations. She also indicated that with Board approval she would apply for \$253,000 in capital funds which would require a 10% local match estimated at \$25,300. These funds would be used to fund the replacement of five vehicles, three computers, one printer, and one fax machine.

Lastly, Ms. Hinson requested the Board approve a resolution to apply for and receive Community Transportation Program Funds for the Transportation Services Department for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Section 5311

FY 2008 - FY 2009 RESOLUTION

Applicant Seeking Permission to Apply for Community Transportation Program Funding, Enter Into Agreement with The North Carolina Department Of Transportation And to Provide the Necessary Assurances.

A motion was made by Dr. Nalin Mehta and seconded by Vice Chairman Gene McIntyre for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted by a vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis);

WHEREAS, County of Stanly hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County Manager of the County of Stanly is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I, John L. Roberts, Clerk to the Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Stanly County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 7th day of January, 2008.

Signature of Certifying Official

***Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.**

Seal Subscribed and sworn to me (date) _____

*Notary Public **

Address
My commission expires (date) _____

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mehta. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and unanimously approved 5 – 0.

ITEM #4: STANLY COUNTY SCHOOLS—Request for Approval to Apply Lottery Proceeds to Fund Masonry Repair at East Albemarle Elementary

Presenter: Bill Josey, School Finance Officer

Board of Education requested approval for the application to receive \$92,000 from NC Lottery Proceeds to fund the masonry repair at East Albemarle Elementary School. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Smith. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and unanimously approved 5 – 0.

ITEM#5: STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY—Request for Work Authorization Approval

Presenter: David M. Griffin, Airport Director

The Airport Authority requested approval for work authorization #0701 with Talbert & Bright, Inc., to provide schematic designs for a new General Aviation Terminal Building for the airport. Total cost not to exceed \$17,250. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner McIntyre. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously approved 5 – 0.

ITEM #6: CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Dennis

A) Minutes—Regular Meeting December 3, 2007.

B) Minutes—Recessed Meeting December 18, 2007.

C) Tax Release and Discovery Report, November 2007.

D) Town of Norwood Zoning Board Appointments; Linda Harris, Paul Cox, Gail Shields.

E) Budget Amendment 2008-15—transfer of drug forfeiture funds to training and ammunition line items.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mehta. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and unanimously approved 5 -0.

ITEM #7: PUBLIC COMMENT, GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mickey Furr approached the Board to revisit the issue of fines he had received for failure to meet safety requirements in his business, M&W Wood Products.

Tony Hill approached the Board to request that the Board more thoroughly enforce its zoning ordinance.

Commissioner Dunevant expressed his appreciation for the service given to the County by Robert Van Geons. He also encouraged voters to remember local elections and not to only focus on national and state elections.

Vice Chairman McIntyre, Chairman Dennis, Commissioner Mehta and Commissioner Smith each expressed their appreciation for the service given to the County by Robert Van Geons.

The County Attorney informed the Board that action had been initiated to begin more rigorous enforcement of the County's zoning ordinance.

The County Manager expressed his appreciation for Robert Van Geons and the service he had given to the County.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to go into closed session to consult with the county attorney in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and to discuss a personnel matter in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mehta and approved 5-0 at 7:43 p.m.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to return to open session. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre and approved 5-0 at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURN

Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to adjourn tonight's meeting. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mehta and unanimously approved 5-0 at 8:30 p.m.

Tony Dennis, Chairman

John L. Roberts, Clerk to the Board