

**STANLY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20, 2008**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Andy Lucas, County Manager  
John Roberts, County Attorney  
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and Vice Chairman McIntyre gave the devotion.

**APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Dennis requested approval of the agenda as presented. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Mehta and seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 1 – PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE SEWER / WATER HOOK-UP GRANT FOR \$75,000**

Presenter: Michael Walser, Grant Administrator

This was the second of two required public hearings for the grant. The purpose was to receive Board approval to submit an application to the state and to request adoption of the policies, procedures, resolutions, and ordinances for the grant. With these funds, the county plans to help 30 low-income homeowners, who are now Stanly utility customers, hook-up to county water and sewer.

Chairman Dennis declared the public hearing open. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to approve the application and adoption of the above documents for the grant and was seconded by Commissioner Mehta. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 2 - 2007 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE SEWER / WATER HOOK-UP GRANT**

Presenter: Michael Walser, Grant Administrator

The county has received a conditional award in the amount of \$12,521 in additional funds under the current 2007 Hook-Up Grant and must file an application for these funds by October 31<sup>st</sup>. As part of the process, the policies, procedures, resolutions, and ordinances are requested to be adopted by the Board.

Motion to file and application and adopt the above mentioned documents was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 3 – STANLY COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER**

Presenter: Carl Helms

Mr. Helms presented information regarding the proposed Stanly County Emergency Homeless Shelter. As of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 \$25,000 had been raised toward the total budget of \$50,750. At this time, Mr. Helms requested \$5,000 in financial support to aid in the project.

After some discussion, Commissioner Mehta made a motion to approve giving \$5,000 to the homeless shelter and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 4 – TAX ADMINISTRATION**

Presenter: Rick Johnson

The Schedules of Values, Standards and Rules for 2009 were presented previously as well as holding the required public hearing. Mr. Johnson requested the Board now adopt the two Schedules as presented. As part of the process, the Order of Adoption will be published in the local newspaper four times over the next several weeks. Mr. Johnson requested the Board approve the Order of Adoption for the 2009 Schedules.

Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to approve the Order of Adoption and was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 5 – SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION**

Presenter: Terry Blalock, Chairman

The Soil & Water Conservation Board requested approval to hire the consultant firm of Agricultural & Community Development Services (ACDS) to assist with the preparation

of the Stanly County Farmland Preservation Plan at a cost of \$24,900. Funding for the plan has been provided by a grant from the NC Department of Agriculture & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, and the Soil & Water Conservation budget has been increased to cover the expenditures of this grant.

Motion to approve the hiring of the consultant firm was made by Commissioner Dunevant and seconded by Commissioner Mehta. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 6 – AGRI-CIVIC CENTER**

Presenter: Candice Moffitt, Director

In September, 2008, Brad Summers and Terry Seamon approached the Board to request a rental rate reduction for use of the Agri-Civic Center for their Homeschool Association graduations in May 2009 and 2010. It was requested that the rate be reduced to the amount charged for a weekly rental for the weekend graduation ceremonies. At the request of the Board, the Agri-Civic Center Advisory Committee revisited the rental rate fees at their October 14, 2008 meeting. Afterwards, the Committee recommended the standard rental rate of \$600 apply to Friday-Sunday graduations for all public, private, and home school graduations without exception.

After some discussion by the Board, Commissioner Smith made a motion to leave the rental rate fees as is. Vice Chairman McIntyre seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 7 – UTILITIES**

Presenter: Donna Davis, Director

##### **A) Adoption of the Stanly County Utilities Identify Theft Program**

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is requiring “creditors” implement Identify Theft Prevention programs by November 1, 2008 to prevent theft activities in “covered accounts.” This applies to utility operations if credit is extended to a customer in the form of accepting payments for county services in arrears.

To meet these requirements, it was requested that the Board adopt the Stanly County Utilities Identity Theft program as presented. Commissioner Dunevant made a motion to adopt the program and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

##### **B) Award of Administrative Services Contract for the 2008 Infrastructure Hook-Up Grant**

Two proposals were received for the administrative services contract for the 2008 Hook-Up Grant: one from Stephen Austin, AICP and a second from Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates. Based on past experience with the firm and comparable pricing, Ms. Davis requested that the contract be awarded to Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A.

A motion to approve the award of the to Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, Inc. was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Mehta. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 8 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Presenter: Dennis Joyner, Director

##### **A) Acceptance of Additional Aid-to-County Funding in the Amount of \$48,000 Budget Amendment # 2009-20**

The Health Department received additional Aid-to-County funding from the NC Division of Public Health in the amount of \$48,000 for FY 2008-09. The health department requested these funds be used to establish a much needed IT Support position within the department to aid in the maintenance of the current software systems, installation of new systems and software in the future, in addition to the daily routine requests.

A motion to approve acceptance of the additional funds and to establish an IT Support position with this funding was made by Vice Chairman McIntyre and seconded by Commissioner Mehta. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

##### **B) Acceptance of Healthy Carolinians Funding in the amount of \$5,727 Budget Amendment #2009-21**

The Health Department received funding from the NC Division of Public Health, Office of Healthy Carolinians in the amount of \$5,727 for FY 2008-09. The department requested acceptance and appropriation of these funds into the 2008-09 Health Department budget.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dunevant and seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 9 - CONSENT AGENDA**

Presenter: Chairman Dennis

- A) Minutes – Regular meeting on October 6, 2008
- B) Tax Release & Discovery Report – September, 2008
- C) Library – Designation of books as surplus to be sold at branch libraries in an ongoing book sale
- D) Resolution in support of a new access road for Gray Stone Day School campus

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Stanly County Board of Commissioners is responsible for the safety, education, health and welfare of the citizens in Stanly County; and

**WHEREAS**, U. S. Highway 52 is a major thoroughfare through Stanly County and is a State-maintained roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, Gray Stone Day School, a NC Public Charter School, is preparing to build a new facility on land adjacent to the Pfeiffer University campus which located off of U.S. Highway 52 making it necessary that a new access road be designed and built to accommodate traffic to the new public school facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has the ability to request small construction funds for improving roadways;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Stanly County Board of Commissioners supports the construction of a new access road to the campus of Gray Stone Day School near Pfeiffer University.

**Adopted this 20th day of October, 2008.**

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**Tony M. Dennis, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners**

**ACCEPTANCE BY:**

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- E) Budget Amendment #2009-19- To create Fund 247 for the 2008 CDBG Infrastructure Hook-Up Grant
  - F) Senior Services Advisory Board appointments
  - G) Resolution in support of W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center

***RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
TO VETERANS AT THE  
W.G. (BILL) HEFNER VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER***

**WHEREAS**, W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides medical services for men and women who have served our nation in all armed services; and

**WHEREAS**, based on information received by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners, it appears that the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center will be restructured from providing primary and secondary inpatient care to focus on mental health and long-term care; and

**WHEREAS**, continued existence of the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center as an inpatient, emergency and surgical services facility is crucial to our veterans who have earned first-class medical services from their willingness to make sacrifices and to protect our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the veterans of Stanly County have expressed concern with elimination of emergency room and inpatient services at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the hardships they will face with the time and expense of having to seek medical services elsewhere.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Stanly County Board of Commissioners wishes for the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center to continue to provide high quality, patient-focused, cost effective health care to veterans without eliminating the necessary emergency and inpatient care that our veterans need.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Stanly County Board of Commissioners does fully support our Veterans and recognizes the importance of health care to those who have given so much to preserve our freedom.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008.

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Tony M. Dennis, Chairman      Date  
Stanly County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

#### **H) Tax Administration – Refund for Elaine Huneycutt**

Commissioner Mehta made a motion to accept the consent agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Pressley with Veterans Services expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support of Stanly County veterans by the signing of the resolution.

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Dunevant commended the county staff on their hard work and the issues being brought before the Board. He then encouraged everyone to be an educated voter and to participate and understand the issues at hand. Vice Chairman McIntyre,

Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Smith and Chairman Dennis also encouraged everyone to exercise your right to vote and take advantage of early voting.

The county manager and county attorney had no comments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to recess to closed session to consult with the county attorney in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), to discuss economic development in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4), and a personnel issue in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mehta and passed by unanimous vote.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

There being no further business, Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to return to open session. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Mehta and passed by unanimous vote.

**EXTENSION OF INTERIM EDC DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT**

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Smith made a motion to extend Michael Trotter's contract for an additional 60 days as the interim EDC Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed by unanimous vote.

**RECESS**

Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at the Stanly County COG meeting at 6:30 p.m. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.

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**Tony M. Dennis, Chairman**

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**Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**

