

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2009**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Dennis, Chairman
Gene McIntyre, Vice-Chairman
Lindsey Dunevant
Sherrill Smith
Jann Lowder

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 Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and gave the devotion.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Vice-Chairman McIntyre made a motion to approve the agenda including several amendments: Item #1(A) identified as the tax revaluation and public comment, item # 4(B) identified as the Airport Authority and Item # 4(C) identified as the “Resolution Of The Stanly County Board Of Commissioners Of Its Intent To Convey Property By Special Warranty Deed To The Stanly County Airport Authority” and item # 5(E) identified as Budget Amendment #2009-29 to create Project Fund 653 for the extension of water lines to Hwy 52 (Southside Road) area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – TAX REVALUATION / NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD

A) TAX REVALUATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Due to the economic conditions across the nations, state, and county, Commissioner Lowder made a motion to rescind the 2009 tax revaluation for at least two years until 2011. Her motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote.

Due to the number of people in attendance, Chairman Dennis requested a five minute recess to allow time for those present to leave prior to the public comment period if they chose to do so.

During the public comment period, three individuals addressed the Board: Mickey Furr, Ernest Smith and a third gentleman who did not provide his name. All expressed their

concerns and frustrations regarding the tax revaluation process, the values determined, and their concerns with local government.

B) NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The NACo Prescription Drug Card will allow uninsured and under-insured residents of the county to receive a discount on the cost of their prescriptions. Every county (with the exception of Montgomery) that surrounds Stanly County has implemented the program. No additional funding is required from the county in order to participate. The county manager requested the Board approve the implementation of the NACo Prescription Drug Card effective March 1, 2009.

Vice-Chairman McIntyre made a motion to approve the implementation of the program and was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 2 – SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL / SALE

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

GovDeals is an on-line auction site used by local governments as a way to dispose of surplus property. Presently, GovDeals has 279 local government clients in North Carolina, 61 of which are counties. It was requested that the Board consider and adopt the resolution authorizing the County Manager to dispose of property using an electronic auction site once the property has been declared surplus by the Board.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Dunevant and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property by Online Public Auctions

Whereas, G.S. 160A-270(b) allows the County to sell personal property at public auction and electronic auction upon adoption or order authorizing the appropriate official to dispose of the property at public and electronic auctions; and

Whereas, property shall be made available for sale only after the Board of Commissioners has publicly approved/declared the items surplus; and

Whereas, all surplus property shall be made available for inspection at reasonable times with a link from the County's website to the GovDeals website with the appropriate notice regarding the date, place, and time identified. All items shall be sold for cash, bank check or money order, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners that the County Manager or his designee is authorized to sell surplus property at electronic auctions per the terms and conditions of this resolution and in accordance with G.S. 160A-270(b).

This the 20th day of January, 2009.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

ITEM # 3 – APPOINTMENT TO THE CENTRALINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

This item was tabled until a later date.

ITEM # 4(A) – PIEDMONT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Commissioner Dunevant

Commissioner Dunevant made a motion to request Dale Poplin be appointed to replace Sherry Poplin, whose term expires June 30, 2012. The motion was then seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 4(B) – AIRPORT AUTHORITY – RUNWAY EXPANSION PROJECT FOR STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT

Presenter: Vice Chairman McIntyre

Vice-Chairman McIntyre stated the Airport Authority's main project for the coming year would be to extend the length of the current runway. Based on the proposed stimulus package from the federal government, funds would be provided for infrastructure improvements with small-town airports as one of the main priorities. Once completed, the additional 1,500 feet would bring the total runway length to 7,000 feet enabling small corporate jets the distance required for take-off and landing. The Board was requested to approve an upfront appropriation of \$546,000 to begin the process of architectural drawings and environmental study for the project.

Motion to approve the appropriation of funds was made by Vice-Chairman McIntyre and seconded by Commissioner Lowder. The motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM # 4(C) – RESOLUTION TO CONVEY PROPERTY TO AIRPORT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION OF THE STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ITS INTENT TO CONVEY PROPERTY BY SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED TO THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the County of Stanly has heretofore acquired title to parcels of real Property described in the Stanly County Registry as follows: For the runway conveyance, Tract # 1 - Deed Book 346, Page 758; Tract #2 - Deed Book 346, Page 752; Tract #3 - Deed Book 346, Page 749; Tract #4 - Deed Book 299, Page 739; Tract #5 - Deed Book 255, Page 457; Tract #6 - Deed Book 306, Page 916;

Tract #7 - Deed Book 283, Page 838; Tract #8 - Deed Book 347, Page 94; Tract #9 - Deed Book 255, Page 454; Tract #10 - Deed Book 347, Page 299; Tract #11 - Deed Book 346, Page 980; Tract #12 - Deed Book 327, Page 194; Tract #13 - Deed Book 346, Page 141; Tract #14 - Deed Book 347, Page 500. For the Sewer Line conveyance: Tract # 1 - Deed Book 558, Page 535; Tract #2 - Deed Book 558, Page 537; Tract #3 - Deed Book 558, Page 549; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Stanly (the "Board") is authorized under North Carolina General Statute 160A-274 to convey property to another unit of government by any means; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to declare its intent to convey, and to convey, said property to the Stanly County Airport Authority, a unit of government established by the North Carolina General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. That it is the intent of the Board to convey the above referenced property by special warranty deed.
2. That the Board does hereby convey the above listed property to the Stanly County Airport Authority.
3. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of January, 2009.

Tony M. Dennis, Chair

Tyler L. Brummitt, Clerk

Motion to approve the conveyance of the above listed property to the Stanly County Airport Authority was made by Commissioner Dunevant and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ITEM # 5 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes from January 5, 2009 meeting
- B) Budget amendment # 2009-30- To transfer \$590,000 to the Hwy 52 Water Extension Project Fund #653.
- C) Tax Administration – Refunds for S. M. Smith & Associates and Terrell J. Whitley
- D) Tax Release & Discovery Report – December, 2008
- E) Budget Amendment #2009-29 – To create Project Fund 653 for the extension of water lines to Hwy 52 Southside Road area.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Vice-Chairman McIntyre. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Bryant gave a presentation on green technology including what changes could be made and ways the county could participate. Ms. Bryant provided handouts to the Board with more detailed information on the subject.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Dunevant stated in follow-up to Ms. Bryant's presentation that a meeting would be held at the Crutchfield Center on Thursday regarding green technology for anyone interested in attending. Commissioner Dunevant also mentioned the ADDC Board retreat in February and encouraged the Board members to attend.

In referring to the tax revaluation, Commissioner Dunevant, Commissioner Smith, and Chairman Dennis all reiterated that it had been a difficult decision to make given the current economic conditions. Each expressed their appreciation to the residents for their participation, comments, and letters during the process.

Vice-Chairman McIntyre stated he had recently attended the NC Legislative Goals Conference where 40 legislative goals were adopted for the 2009-2010 biennium with the primary goal being the Revenue Options and Protection. The purpose being to seek legislation that will allow all counties to enact by resolution or by voter referendum any and all revenue options from among those that have been authorized by any other county, including the locals option sales tax, impact fees, prepared food taxes, and real estate transfer fees and to preserve the existing local revenue base.

Commissioner Lowder, the county manager and the county attorney had no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Dunevant made a motion to recess to closed session to discuss economic development in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting until Monday, February 2, 2009. His motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote at 8:05 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

