

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULARY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2009**

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Lucas, County Manager
Mike Taylor, Interim County Attorney
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dunevant gave the devotion.

The County Manager took a moment to introduce new county attorney, Jenny Furr and to welcome her to Stanly County. The Board members also welcomed her and stated they looked forward to working with her in the future.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 1 – PLANNING & ZONING

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

A) Interlocal Agreement for the town of New London

The town of New London requested approval of an interlocal agreement between the County and their municipality which would allow the County Planning Department to administer their FEMA flood ordinance. The applicant would pay the same fee currently charged by the County for the same service in the county jurisdiction and the municipality would retain any legal expenses incurred. Interlocal agreements were previously approved for the towns of Badin, Norwood, Oakboro, Red Cross, and Stanfield.

A motion to approve the interlocal agreement with the town of New London was made by Vice Chairman McIntyre. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder and passed by unanimous vote.

B) Board of Adjustment Alternate Member appointment

It was requested the Commissioners appoint an Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment to serve a three (3) year term ending June 30, 2012 to replace Courtney Hildreth.

A motion to appoint Chad Andrews as a Board of Adjustment Alternate Member was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 2 – 911 COMMUNICATIONS

Presenter: Karen McDaniel and Carolyn Martin

A) Redirection of US 52 Hwy South

B) Request approval of two amendments to the “The Stanly County Road Name, Road Sign, Address Display Ordinance.”

A motion to table both of these items was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote. It was agreed that Carolyn Martin of 911 Communications would contact Barry Moose of the NC Department of Transportation to get additional information as requested by the Board before a decision would be made.

ITEM # 3 – ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD (EAB)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Board was asked to appoint and/or reappoint four members to the Environmental Affairs Board whose terms expired March 31, 2009, and to also consider changing the EAB’s meeting schedule from monthly to quarterly.

A motion to re-appoint Dale Burris, Franklin Lee, Don Matthews, and David Alexander to the EAB and to change the meeting schedule to quarterly was made by Vice Chairman McIntyre and seconded by Commissioner Lowder. The motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

ITEM # 4 – AIRPORT

Presenter: David Griffin, Director

A contract amendment to the Talbert & Bright, Inc. Work Authorization #3803-0803 in the amount of \$5,520 was submitted for approval for preparation of a DBE Plan for construction of the new terminal building. The amendment was a required add-on by the NC Division of Aviation and required no additional funds from the County.

A motion to approve the amendment was made by Vice Chairman McIntyre and seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 5 – TAX ADMINISTRATION – BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW

Presenter: Rick Johnson, Director

Mr. Johnson requested the Board consider reconvening the Board of Equalization & Review in order to hear the appeals of several business owners who had recently had

property tax liabilities discovered through a personal property tax audit conducted by TMA.

A motion to request the Board of Equalization & Review be reconvened and to delegate the authority to compromise, settle or adjust the tax claims was made by Commissioner Dunevant and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion was passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 6 – CONTRACT AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCATTERED SITE GRANT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly County received a Community Development Block Grant award in the amount of \$400,000 for the Scattered Site Program. Two proposals for administration of this grant were received: one from Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P. A. and a second from Stephen F. Austin, AICP. Based on the evaluation of both proposals, it was requested the contract for administration of the grant be awarded to Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A.

Motion to award the contract to Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A. was made by Commissioner Dunevant and seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 7- PRESENTATION OF THE 2009-2010 RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Each member of the Board received a copy of the recommended annual operating budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010. Mr. Lucas provided an overview of the proposed budget through a power point presentation.

Some of the points highlighted during the presentation included:

- 1) Recommending a property tax rate of \$0.67 per \$100 of valuation (no increase from the previous year) with all the fire district tax rates remaining unchanged except for Central – Rural Volunteer Fire Department, who is requesting a rate increase of \$0.03 per \$100 of valuation.
- 2) Solid waste fee increase of \$3.00 per household as the result of a recommended fee increase by the City of Albemarle for the landfill.
- 3) Initiation of a fee through the Inspections Department to cover mechanical exhausts fans for commercial use with the recommended fee of \$50.00 for the first fan and \$40.00 for each additional fan.
- 4) Personnel – No new positions recommended, but instead seven (7) part-time and six (6) full-time positions will be eliminated due to decreased service volume, declining revenues or increased operational efficiencies due to technology. Also, two positions would be frozen during the next fiscal year and one additional position frozen until January 1, 2010.

This was presented as information only and required no action by the Board.

ITEM # 8 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes – Regular meeting on May 4, 2009
- B) Minutes – Recessed meeting with School Board on April 21, 2009
- C) Minutes – Recessed meeting with Library Board of Trustees on May 4, 2009
- D) Tax Release & Discovery Report for March & April 2009
- E) Budget Amendment # 2009-51 – To account for a truck and trailer received by EMS through a UASI grant.
- F) Budget Amendment # 2009-52 – To account for a 1996 Ford Explorer given to the Sheriff's Department by Alcoa.

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Vice Chairman McIntyre. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Lowder, and Commissioner Dunevant wished everyone a safe Memorial Holiday weekend.

Commissioner Dunevant stated he had received several questions recently regarding Alcoa being issued the 401 Water Quality Certificate. He thanked everyone for their continued support and stated additional information would be provided soon.

Chairman Dennis, Vice Chairman McIntyre, the County Manager, and County Attorney had no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Lowder made the motion to recess to closed session to discuss a personnel issue in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), economic development in accord with G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4), and to consult with the county attorney regarding APGI's public records request and other matters in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to direct staff to handle negotiations with Jennifer Furr for the county attorney position. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Lowder made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre and passed with a 5 – 0 vote at 5:50 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk