

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Josh Morton, Chairman
Jann Lowder, Vice Chairman
Tony Dennis
Lindsey Dunevant
Gene McIntyre

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Lucas, County Manager
Jenny Furr, 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, February 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Morton called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dennis gave the invocation.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

By motion, Vice Chairman Lowder moved to add Mr. Don Page to the agenda as Item # 3. Mr. Page had requested to address the Board on two issues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – FY 2011-2012 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Presenter: Gwen Hinson, SCUSA/Transportation Director

Board approval was requested for an application to the Community Transportation Program for submission to the NC Department of Transportation. SCUSA intends to apply for \$240,000 in administrative funds which would require a 15% local match estimated at \$36,000 for 3 full-time and 1 part-time position, vehicle insurance, drug testing, and daily office operations. The application also includes a request for capital funds estimated at \$100,000 with a 10% local match of \$10,000 for the replacement of 2 vehicles, a camcorder/laptop/projector for training purposes, a transmission, and replacement of 2 two-way radios.

Secondly, approval of a resolution was needed in order to apply for and receive the Community Transportation Program funds to be administered by the Transportation Services Department for FY 2011-2012.

Chairman Morton declared the public hearing open. During this time it was requested that anyone who wished to speak for or against the proposed funding please come forward. Hearing no one, Chairman Morton declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the application for FY 2011-2012 and the associated resolution to apply for and receive the funds for the Transportation Services Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed unanimously.

See Exhibit A
Community Transportation Program Resolution
For FY 2012

ITEM # 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE STANLY COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2010-2011

Presenter: Marc Morgan, NC DOT District Engineer

Mr. Morgan provided information that outlined the six (6) roads in Stanly County that are due to be paved and/or improved during 2010-2011. Based on the projected allocation from the NC Department of Transportation's highway and trust funds, \$1,275,060 will be available for the paving of unpaved roads and for secondary road improvements. It was requested the Board approve the Secondary Roads Construction Program as submitted by the NC DOT.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to accept the information presented and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 3 – DON PAGE

Resident Don Page addressed the Board and expressed his discontent with the 2009 and 2010 assessed values for his lots located on Sapona Lane in Norwood. After presenting his information to the Board, Chairman Morton stated that the State Property Tax Commission had already rendered a decision on the 2009 and 2010 assessed values and that no changes could be made. He informed Mr. Page that he could dispute the 2011 assessed values by going before the Board of Equalization and Review.

Mr. Page chose not to discuss his second issue regarding the reopening of Nick's On Tillery in Norwood, but would wait until a later date.

ITEM # 4 – TAX ADMINISTRATION – ADVERTISEMENT OF CURRENT YEAR TAX LIENS

Presenter: Rick Johnson, Tax Administrator

As required by G. S. 105-369, the Tax Collector provided a report to the Board for the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current year that are liens on real property. As of February 15, 2011, there were 4,347 outstanding property tax bills which represent \$1,912,935 in unpaid 2010 taxes or 7.19% of the levy. It was requested the Board issue an order to advertise the liens on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Vice Chairman Lowder made the motion to issue the order to advertise the liens on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 5 – UTILITIES – PRESENTATION OF THE WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN, ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION, AND EMERGENCY WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Presenter: Donna Davis, Utilities Director

Ms. Davis provided a brief overview of the plan stating per NCGS 143-355(1), Stanly County Utilities was required to prepare and submit a Water Shortage Response Plan to the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR), Division of Water Resources.

After a brief period of questions by the Board, Chairman Morton declared the public hearing open. Having no one come forward to speak for or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve both the Water Shortage Response Plan resolution and ordinance and was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder. The motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

See Exhibit B

Stanly County Emergency Water Management Ordinance

ITEM # 6 – EVALUATION OF THE JAIL FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT EXPANSION WITH ARAMARK

Presenter: Sheriff Rick Burris and County Manager Andy Lucas

In November 2010, the County approved a thirty (30) day expansion of Aramark's meal service contract to allow for the preparation of additional meals for the Anson County jail. In turn, the Stanly County has received a \$1,000 monthly credit to its bill in doing this. The County must give notice to Aramark by February 23, 2011 if it would like to continue the arrangement

beyond the thirty (30) day period. If approved, the contract would be extended until December 31, 2011.

After a brief period of questions and a review of the cost benefits of the contract, Commissioner Dunevant moved to approve the expansion of the contract with Aramark and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Morton

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of February 7, 2011
- B. DSS – Budget amendment # 2011-24
- C. Tax Release & Discovery Report for January 2011
- D. Finance – Monthly Financial Report For Seven Months Ended January 31, 2011
- E. Health Department – Budget amendment # 2011-25
- F. CJPP – Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding
- G. Utilities – Approval to write off for accounting purposes the uncollectible debts for Stanly County Utilities, Greater Badin Water & Sewer District, and Piney Point Water District

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie Bowers, a resident of Southside Road, came forward to request the Board give consideration to Southside Fire Department when renaming Southside Road as a way to honor the firefighters who currently serve and have served the community. Mr. Bowers stated he had spoken with Carolyn Martin of 911 who informed him that five (5) letters were sent to property owners of Southside Road to request their vote for the new name. Mr. Bowers expressed concern that Union Chapel United Methodist Church received a letter to vote, but Southside Volunteer Fire Department had not. After a short discussion, Vice Chairman Lowder moved to delay the naming of the road to allow staff time to investigate and report back to the Board during the March 7, 2011 meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner McIntyre stated he would be attending the NACo Conference in Washington, DC from March 5th – 10th, 2011 and requested to be excused from the Commissioners meeting on March 7th, 2011.

There were no other comments.

RECESS

Commissioner McIntyre moved to recess the meeting until Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Albemarle City Council and NC DOT at the Albemarle City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed unanimously at 8:45 p.m.

Joshua J. Morton, Jr., Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk