

**STANLY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Morton called the meeting to order and Commissioner McIntyre gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Utilities Director Donna Davis requested the addition of a resolution to the agenda for the Wastewater Reserve Technical Assistance Grants for the Stanly County Airport Area Wastewater Study Project. Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the agenda to include the resolution as Item # 2(B). The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and approved by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 1 – CLOSEOUT OF THE 2007 CDBG REVITALIZATION PROJECT #07-C-1697**

**Presenter: Michael Kepley, Grant Administrator for Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates**

In 2007, Stanly County was awarded an \$850,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Commerce for the Clete Road Project. The project provided water and sewer as well as storm drainage improvements and street paving. In addition, six low to moderate income homes were rehabilitated and seven rental units brought into compliance with program requirements. In total, 21 homes and 33 low to moderate income individuals

received benefits from the project. It was requested the Board hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the closeout of the above grant.

Chairman Morton declared the public hearing open. Having no one come forward to speak for or against, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the closeout of the 2007 CDBG Revitalization Project #07-C-1697 and was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder. The motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

## **ITEM # 2 – UTILITIES**

**Presenter: Donna Davis, Utilities Director**

### **A. UPDATE ON THE CDBG-RECOVERY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

In 2009, the Utilities Department received a CDBG-Recovery infrastructure grant from the NC Department of Commerce (NC DOC) for \$706,000 to extend 2.8 miles of waterline to serve approximately 100 low to moderate income residences with no matching funds required from the County. With the initial project now completed, the NC DOC has additional funds available to the County provided there are other qualifying communities in that same area as well as the ability to expend those funds by March 2012. Stanly County is able to meet both requirements and the Utilities staff sought authorization to hold this grant open and proceed with obtaining these additional funds.

Commissioner Dennis moved to authorize Utilities staff to proceed and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR WASTEWATER RESERVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AREA WASTEWATER STUDY PROJECT**

Ms. Davis requested approval of the resolution and application to the state to apply for a wastewater capacity study grant in the amount of \$50,000. No matching funds are required from the County. A 1.5% fee (\$750.00) would be deducted from the grant proceeds once approved.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the application and resolution for the Wastewater Reserve Technical Assistance Grant and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

**See Exhibit A**

**Resolution for the Wastewater Reserve Technical Assistance Grant**

### **ITEM # 3 – BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

#### **A. Stanly County Community Advisory Committee**

Due to the recent resignation of Curtis Ragsdale, the Community Advisory Committee recommended Gilbert P. “Rick” Russell as his replacement. Mr. Russell would serve the remainder of Mr. Ragsdale’s term until February 28, 2014.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to appoint Rick Russell to fill the seat vacated by Curtis Ragsdale. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder and passed by unanimous vote.

#### **B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)**

The EDC Board recommended the following individuals be appointed to serve a two year term until January 31, 2013:

- Grover Stewart to replace Walter Scott Booth (South-Republican)
- Ed Shimpock to replace Joel Huneycutt (West-Republican)
- Gerald Poplin to replace Ron Swanner (Central-Republican)
- Joe Kluttz to replace Charles Brown (At-Large-Democrat)
- Charles Brown to replace Stephen Aldridge (East-Democrat)

It was also requested the following members be reappointed for a two year term until January 31, 2013:

- Nancy Lipe (North-Democrat)
- Dr. Surendrapal Mac (North-Republican)
- Walter Davis (South-Democrat)
- Bill Lawhon (East-Republican)
- Larry Baucom (West-Democrat)

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the above appointments and was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

### **ITEM # 4 – SOUTHSIDE ROAD RE-NAMING UPDATE**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

Based on the letter submitted by the Southside Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, the majority (4-3) voted in favor of the name “Old Fire Station Road.” The result was a tie vote with three property owners choosing Old Fire Station Road and 3 Moose Farm Road. Per the Stanly County Road Naming Ordinance in the case of a tie, the decision would be made by the

Road Naming Committee. The County Manager stated the committee would meet by the end of the week and make the decision.

This item required no action from the Board.

#### **ITEM # 5 – CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **Presenter: Chairman Morton**

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of March 7, 2011
- B. Request approval of the agreement between Stanly County and the Town of New London for the collection of delinquent wastewater fees
- C. Finance – Monthly Financial Report For Eight Months Ended February 28, 2011

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the consent agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion was passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Dunevant stated at a recent RPO meeting, he had received a list of 15 road projects that have been scored and prioritized by the NCDOT. Copies of this list were provided for the Board's information.

Commissioner McIntyre stated he had recently attended the NACo Conference in Washington D.C. where he met with Congressman Kissell to discuss funding for the airport and also participated in various meetings/committees which proved to be very informative. As in Stanly County, most counties across the country are facing similar economic hardships.

There were no other comments.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Dennis moved to recess the meeting to closed session to consult with the County Attorney in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3). His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote at 7:29 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business discussed, Commissioner Dennis moved to adjourn until Monday, April 4, 2011 and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote at 7:48 p.m.

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**Joshua J. Morton, Jr., Chairman**

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**Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**