

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2018**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joseph Burleson, Chairman
Gene McIntyre, Vice Chairman
Scott Efir
Bill Lawhon
Janet K. Lowder
Ashley Morgan
Matthew Swain

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 Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order with Vice Chairman McIntyre giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Burleson requested that an introduction of the new DSS / Assistant Human Services Director be added to the agenda as item # 1 with all remaining items presented in the order listed. Commissioner Efir moved to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW DSS / ASSISTANT HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

The County Manager took a moment to introduce Ms. Dolly Clayton who began earlier that day as the new DSS Director. Ms. Clayton previously served as Public Health Director for Caswell County and lead social worker for the Cumberland County Health Department and the Chatham County Health Department.

ITEM # 2 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Presenter: Michael Smith, EDC Director

A. Carolina Stalite Tax Incentive Grant

For consideration, EDC Director Smith requested the Board consider approving the proposed five (5) year, 75% property tax incentive grant for phase 1 of a planned expansion for Carolina Stalite. In phase 1, the company plans to invest \$1.3 million and create fourteen (14) new jobs.

With no questions from the Board, Chairman Burleson declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak for or against, the hearing was closed.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the tax incentive grant as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Lowder. The motion passed with a 7 – 0 vote.

B. Project Tempered Building Re-Use Grant Application & Resolution of Support

The EDC requested the County support the efforts of an economic development project know as Project Tempered in seeking funds to renovate a vacant building. The company plans to invest \$3.3 million in the project and ultimately create fifty (50) new jobs. To provide assistance with the renovations, the County intends to request funding assistance from the NC Department of Commerce through its Building Re-Use Program for a grant in the amount of \$350,000. If received, the County would be required to provide a five percent (5%) local match of \$17,500. It was requested the County consider approval of the resolution of support for the building re-use application and the County’s required five percent (5%) match of \$17,500.

After a brief period of questions from the Board concerning the location of the building in Albemarle and which fiscal year budget the five percent (5%) match would come from, Commissioner Swain moved to approve the resolution and local match of \$17,500 as requested. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A
Authorizing Resolution by Stanly County
For the
NC Department of Commerce
Building Reuse Program
“Project Tempered Building Reuse Project”

ITEM # 3 – 2018 COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Presenter: Debbie Bennett, Public Health Educator

Ms. Bennett gave a brief presentation on the community health assessment which can be found on the Stanly County Health Department and Carolina HealthCare System (CHS) Stanly websites. She noted that the community health assessment is conducted every three (3) years with the information collected being used to learn more about the health and quality of life in the county, identify needs in the community, determine the community's view of Stanly County residents and to access grant funds. Ms. Bennett encouraged all residents 15 years of age and older to complete the survey by February 28, 2018.

No Board action was required.

ITEM # 4 – FARM SERVICES AGENCY NOMINEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Stanly County Farm Service Agency sought the Board's assistance in recommending nominees to their County Advisory Committee. Nominees will be submitted for consideration to the statewide Farm Services Agency Committee and if appointed, the new members will serve on the statewide Farm Services Agency Committee beginning March 2018.

By motion, Commissioner Lowder nominated Ms. Doris Herlocker, Mr. Christopher Carruthers, Ms. Becky Furr and Mr. Brian Burlison. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 5 – TOWN OF NORWOOD ABC BOARD APPOINTMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Town of Norwood requested the Board appoint a county representative to serve on the ABC Board for a term of three (3) years. With a volunteer application being submitted by Mr. James L. Swain, it was requested the Board consider him for appointment to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to appoint Mr. McSwain for a three (3) year term expiring January 16, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 6 – FY 2018-19 BUDGET CALENDAR

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For consideration, the County Manager gave a brief review of the proposed FY 2018-19 budget calendar for Board approval.

Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to approve it as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 7 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING H.R. 38 – CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2017

Presenter: Chairman Burleson

Chairman Burleson stated that while traveling in recent months, he learned that concealed carry laws differ from state to state. The enclosed resolution was added to the agenda to help address this issue. If approved, H. R. 38 will provide for a universal law concerning concealed carry weapons across state lines. Chairman Burleson read the proclamation and requested the Board take action to approve the resolution as a show of support.

By motion, Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to approve the resolution adding that it is his understanding that if you have a concealed carry permit, you are allowed to carry a gun across state lines but are also required to abide by the laws of that state while there. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit B

Resolution of Support for H. R. 358, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017

ITEM # 8 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Burleson

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of January 2, 2018.
- B. Finance – Approval of the vehicle tax refunds for December 2017.
- C. Library – Approval of budget amendment #2018-21.
- D. EMS – Approval of budget amendment # 2018-23.
- E. Sheriff’s Office – Approval of budget amendment # 2018-22.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efirm and carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lawhon stated that he, Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Swain had attended the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Saturday and enjoyed the event as well as the guest speaker Reverend Dr. Ken Walden. He also noted that the Centralina Council of Government will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year with former Governor Jim Martin as guest speaker during the February 7th meeting.

Commissioner Swain echoed Commissioner Lawhon’s comments regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast noting that it was a wonderful event with a great speaker. He extended an

invitation to the Board for an upcoming meeting hosted by the NCACC Education Committee to discuss details of a statewide bond.

Commissioner Efirm stated that he had attended his first Senior Services Advisory Committee meeting the previous week where the feasibility studies for the potential senior centers in Locust and Norwood were discussed with plans for both to host an open house soon.

Chairman Burleson noted the 64 new jobs announced by Economic Development earlier in the meeting adding that great things are happening in the county. He also stated that he had recently participated in NCACC's Chairman's training the previous Friday in Raleigh.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to recess the meeting into closed session to consult with the county attorney in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3). His motion was seconded by Commissioner Swain and passed unanimously at 7:32 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no additional items presented for discussion, Commissioner Swain moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote at 8:02 p.m.

Joseph L. Burleson, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk