

**STANLY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2016**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

T. Scott Efird, Chairman  
Bill Lawhon, Vice Chairman  
Peter Ascitutto  
Joseph Burleson  
Tony Dennis  
Janet K. Lowder  
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 Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Efird called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dennis led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

With no adjustments to the agenda, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve it as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Burleson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM # 1 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROPOSED AGRI-CIVIC CENTER LIVESTOCK ARENA**

**Presenter: Candice Moffitt, Agri-Civic Center Director**

Ms. Moffitt was in attendance to present the information she had gathered from existing public and private arena and event facilities across the state. Ms. Moffitt noted that after the presentation in November, the Board authorized staff explore the option of having a feasibility study completed in order to answer some of the questions and concerns aired by the Board. Based on the estimated cost of \$25,000 - \$40,000 and an average three (3) to six (6) month time frame to complete the study, the County Manager requested Ms. Moffitt pole existing

arenas for this information. The venues contacted were Western North Carolina Livestock Arena in Fletcher, NC, Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex in Chatham, Virginia, Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center in Williamston, NC and Southeastern Ag-Center in Lumberton, North Carolina. A handout with answers to the specific questions for each arena was provided. After a brief review of this information, Ms. Moffitt entertained questions from the Board. During the presentation, Curtis Furr addressed the Board noting his continued support of the project as well as that of the local agricultural and business communities.

At the suggestion of Chairman Efird, Commissioner Burleson moved to table this item for discussion until the Board's annual planning retreat in February. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 2 – CENTRALINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (CWDB) APPOINTMENT**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

Due to the recent resignation of former Stanly Community College President Dr. Brenda Kays, it was requested the Board appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of her term until June 30, 2017.

By motion, Commissioner Ascutto moved to appoint Stanly County Schools Superintendent Dr. Terry Griffin. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **ITEM # 3 - 2015-16 NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDS SURVEY**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

For the Board's information, the County Manager presented the capital needs assessment summary for the Stanly County School system as compiled by the NC Department of Public Instruction. The assessment, which is completed every five (5) years, included the summarized cost for each of the capital renovations and additions identified by the school system. It was requested the Board acknowledge receipt of the survey.

Commissioner Dennis moved to acknowledge the Board's receipt of the facility needs survey and was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 4 – FY 2016-17 BUDGET CALENDAR**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

The County Manager presented the FY 2016-17 budget calendar for the Board's review and approval as a way to help formalize the target dates and provide guidance to staff during the budget process.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the calendar. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder and passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEM # 5 – CONSENT AGENDA**

**Presenter: Chairman Efirm**

- A.** Minutes – Regular minutes of January 4, 2016.
- B.** Finance – Request approval of the attached vehicle tax refunds for December 2015.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burleson and carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Harry Fletcher of Locust addressed the Board again concerning the West Stanly Senior Center and requested the Board consider funding the center in order to keep the doors open beyond June 30, 2016.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Burleson congratulated Mr. Buck Hill on his receipt of the Long Leaf Pine Award during Albemarle’s City Council meeting that evening. He also noted that as evidence of continued growth, the County issued a total of 3,168 residential and commercial permits representing \$73.57 million dollar value in 2015 which was a 17.3% increase over 2014. Lastly, as a means to correct inaccurate information he had recently heard, Commissioner Burleson noted that a fire department’s insurance district can be different from the fire department’s district itself. He continued by stating that if two fire departments merge, that does not mean the insurance district or insurance rating will change. He then explained how a change in the insurance rating can be accomplished.

On behalf of the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees, Commissioner Lowder invited the public to attend a public forum on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Dennis Room of the community college to discuss the characteristics and qualities of a new president for the community college.

Commissioner Lawhon noted that he, County Manager Lucas and EDC Director Stratos had attended an economic update offered through the Charlotte Regional Partnership in January. It was stated that during the recent recession, the Charlotte region never stopped growing and continues to grow, economic growth in the region continues to be good with the exception of rural counties (noting Stanly and Anson counties specifically), and that any growth in Stanly County will take place in the western portion due to its proximity to I-485.

Commissioner Dennis wished the County Manager a happy birthday.

Commissioner Ascitutto urged citizens to like the Emergency Management Services facebook page where weather related information and other events are kept up to date. He also stated that the City of Albemarle passed a resolution of support the previous week for the ¼ cent sales tax referendum and the Village of Misenheimer is considering one as well.

Commissioner Efird reminded everyone of the upcoming “Thank you for your service” event for military service veterans sponsored by the Register of Deeds office on Friday, February 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Burleson. Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:35 p.m.

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**Terry Scott Efird, Chairman**

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**Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**