

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2015**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman
Tony Dennis, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Joseph Burleson
T. Scott Efir
Bill Lawhon
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 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Lowder called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lawhon gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments to the agenda, Vice Chairman Dennis moved to approve the agenda as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – BUDGET AMENDMENT # 2015-28

Presenter: Dennis Joyner, Health Director

Due to a marked increase in the number of both Home Health admissions and therapy visits from the previous year, Board approval was requested to appropriate \$40,000 from the Home Health Fund Balance to the Health Department's budget for FY 2014-15. Medicare and Medicaid are expected to cover these costs, but the funds are needed now in order to make the necessary contract adjustments for the therapists and assistants who provide these services.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve budget amendment # 2015-28 as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitto. Motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 2 – FARM SERVICES AGENCY NOMINEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Stanly County Farm Services Agency sought the Board's input in recommending a nominee(s) to their County Advisory Committee. The nominees provided by the Board will be submitted to the statewide farm services agency who in turn will appoint the new advisor(s) for Stanly County.

Commissioner Lawhon recommended Ms. Doris Herlocker of Herlocker Farms for appointment and Chairman Lowder submitted the name of Mr. Christopher Carrothers.

Board consensus was to submit both names as nominees for the position.

ITEM # 3 – STANLY COUNTY FIBER ASSESSMENT MEETING

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The previous Board directed staff to proceed with the development of an RFP to better define the cost of a proposed fiber build to connect the County's new emergency radio system tower sites in Locust, Albemarle and Locust with MCNC's fiber network in Midland. The RFP is almost complete and ready to be put out for bids. However, staff recommended the Board hold a special meeting in order to educate the new Board on the fiber project before proceeding.

Based on the dates proposed for the meeting, Board consensus was to schedule a special meeting for Monday, February 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Manager's Conference Room.

ITEM # 4 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Lowder

- A.** Minutes – Regular meeting of January 5, 2015
- B.** Finance – Request approval of the December 2014 refund report from the NC Vehicle Tax System
- C.** Sheriff's Office – Request approval of budget amendments # 2015-25
- D.** Health Dept. – Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-27

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to return to approve the above items as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitto. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Efird stated that he had the opportunity to attend the Martin Luther King Breakfast the previous weekend where Lieutenant Orlando D. Lilly of the Baltimore County Police Department was the guest speaker. Lieutenant Lilly also noted the absence of youth at the breakfast and reiterated the need to get them more involved in the community.

Chairman Lowder echoed Mr. Efird's comments regarding the breakfast and the need for more youth involvement.

Commissioner Ascitutto mentioned the town hall luncheon with the commissioners sponsored by the Senior Center on February 17th. He also attended the Martin Luther King breakfast, a joint meeting with the school board that Commissioner McIntyre and Commissioner Burleson had participated in as well and the Legislative Goals Conference the previous week.

Commissioner Lawhon stated he had attended the Essentials of County Government course as well stating the he enjoyed the class and had received a better understanding of county government. He then noted the EDC meeting scheduled for January 27th at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Dennis and Chairman Lowder wished the County Manager a belated happy birthday.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Efird moved to recess the meeting into closed session to discuss a real estate transaction in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5) and a personnel issue in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and carried by unanimous vote at 7:28 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upon returning to open session, Chairman Lowder presented the following items for Board action:

1. To allow the Health Department to hire a Dentist I position outside of the current pay range.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. To approve the County Manager's receipt of merit pay in the amount of \$1,500. Commissioner Dennis moved to approve and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

3. To approve the acceptance of the Guard Road property from the state by reverter in “as is” condition.

Commissioner Dennis moved to accept the property by reverter “as is” and was seconded by Commissioner Efirm. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Efirm moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion carried at 8:20 p.m.

Janet K. Lowder, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk