

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Dennis, Chairman
Lindsey Dunevant, Vice Chairman
Peter Ascitutto
Gene McIntyre
Josh Morton

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, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and asked everyone to remember EDC Director Paul Stratos and his family due to the recent death of Paul’s Father. Vice Chairman Dunevant gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Dennis noted that Gerald McSwain’s retirement award presentation would be delayed until the February 17th meeting and that the County Manager would present item #7(B) in Gwen Hinson’s absence. By motion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Morton. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – RETIREMENT AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The Board took a few moments to recognize Ruth Cotton (Stanly County Public Library) and Karen Hatley (Stanly County Health Department) for their years of service to the county.

ITEM # 2 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 9 – 15, 2014 AS NATIONAL FBLA-PBL WEEK

Presenters: Krista Bedrin, Stanly Community College PBL President & State Secretary; Katrina Sams, SCC PBL Secretary; Chuck VanHoose, SCC PBL Vice President & West Stanly High School FBLA Graduate and representatives of the Pfeiffer University PBL Chapter & West Stanly High

School FBLA Chapter

Representatives of the Stanly Community College and Pfeiffer University Phi Beta Lambda Chapters were in attendance for the presentation of the proclamation declaring February 9 – 15, 2014 as National FBLA-PBL Week.

Commissioner McIntyre read the proclamation which was followed by Commissioner Ascitutto's motion to approve its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 3 – OAKBORO SEWER TREATMENT PLANT ACQUISITION – USDA DEBT ASSUMPTION PUBLIC HEARING & AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Presenter: Allen Hart, USDA Representative

For Board consideration and approval, Mr. Hart provided an overview of the letter of conditions, resolution and other documents associated with the USDA debt assumption from the Town of Oakboro in the amount of \$1,000,000. As required, it was also requested that a public hearing be held to receive public comment on the loan assumption.

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

By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to approve the letter of conditions and resolution. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

ITEM # 4 – STANLY COUNTY UTILITIES

Presenter: Donna Davis, Utilities Director

The Utilities department is initiating a project along Carriker Road to connect the existing West Stanly Public Water System to the St. Martin Road waterline that will be purchased from the Town of Oakboro. This connection is required by DENR to avoid an additional public water system identification number. It was requested the Board approve the project ordinance and corresponding budget amendments in the amount of \$189,818 to create the Carriker Road Water Extension Project Fund 658.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the project ordinance and associated budget amendments # 2014-20 and #2014-21 contingent upon the transfer and purchase of the Oakboro Wastewater Treatment Plant being completed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 5 – TAX ADMINISTRATION

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

Ms. Swaringen was present to report the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year which are liens on real property as required by GS 105-369(a). As of February 3, 2014, the total amount of unpaid real property taxes for current FY 2013-2014 is \$2,273,322.08. Upon receipt of the report, the Board must order the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to issue the order to advertise the tax liens during the month of March 2014 and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto. The motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 6 – LOCUST / RED CROSS COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPDATE

Presenter: Vice Chairman Dunevant

Vice Chairman Dunevant referred to the NCDOT maps which outlined the proposed alignments for the Highway 24/27 corridor through the City of Locust and Town of Red Cross. Based on previous discussions, Board consensus was in support of a southern route. Vice Chairman Dunevant now requested the Board select a specific route rather than have a general consensus. If a specific route is chosen, this information will be presented by Vice Chairman Dunevant on behalf of the Board at the next stakeholders meeting on February 17, 2014.

To begin the discussion, Vice Chairman Dunevant noted that due to the proposed southern routes being longer and having additional intersections and interchanges, it would be a more expensive option for the NCDOT. Commissioner Dennis stated his support of one of the shorter southern routes noting those shown as Alternative 2 and 2-B. Commissioner Morton agreed with Chairman Dennis in his support of Alternative 2 and 2-B. Commissioner Ascitutto stated that the most southern route is too far south and would bypass the City of Locust which would affect the local businesses. Commissioner McIntyre concurred with Chairman Dennis as well.

Based on the discussion, Board consensus was in support of Alternative 2 or 2-B.

ITEM # 7 – BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

A. SCUSA Transportation Advisory Committee

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the following list of individuals to serve on the committee from January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015.

- Barbara Whitley - Partnership for Children
- Brian Simpson - Stanly County EMS
- To be named - Albemarle City Council
- Becky Weemhoff - Senior Services
- Rod Barbee - Veterans Services
- Don Lind - Monarch, Inc.
- Mary Walls - Vocational Rehab
- Dr. Terry Griffin - Stanly County Schools
- Dennis Joyner - Stanly County Health Dept.
- Jeanette Eatman - Interim Director DSS
- Vickie Almond - Chamber of Commerce

- Frankie Morton - NC Dept. of Commerce – ESC
- Robin McCree - Stanly Community College
- Dana Stoogenke - Rocky River RPO
- Tate Daniels - Mayor, Town of New London
- Scott Efird - City of Locust
- Virgil Hinson - Town of Norwood
- Beth Harkey - Mental Health
- Deloris Chambers - Town of Badin
- George Crooker - YMCA
- Chris Lambert - CVB
- Cedric Baldwin - Albemarle Housing Department

His motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and carried by unanimous vote.

B. STANLY COUNTY NURSING HOMES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to reappoint the following members to the community advisory committee: Ms. Janice Abernathy, Ms. Janelle Hawkins, Ms. Glenna Hinson, Ms. Sue Turner, Ms. Sarah Grantier, Mr. William Rigsbee, Jr. and Mr. Christian Herring. Each will serve a three (3) year term until February 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

C. OAKBORO’S PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Commissioner Morton moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Leonard Harvell for a two (2) year term until February 3, 2016, and Mr. Phillip Austin for a one (1) year term until February 3, 2015 to Oakboro’s Planning & Zoning Board as ETJ members. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 8 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of January 21, 2014
- B. Finance – Approval of the attached list of vehicle tax refunds
- C. Cooperative Extension – Budget amendment # 2014-19
- D. Airport – Budget amendment # 2014-23

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ascitutto noted a recent article in the Stanly News & Press related to the amount of unclaimed cash at the State Treasurer’s Office with more than 2,300 of those claims having ties to Stanly County. He also reminded everyone that filing for the upcoming elections begins February 10th.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner McIntyre moved to recess the meeting into closed session to discuss economic development related to the purchase of real property for construction of a cell tower. The owner is Larry Huneycutt and the property being considered is in the 200 block of Highway 200 (Central Avenue area). Vice Chairman Dunevant seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote at 7:54 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Ascitto moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 8:04 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk