

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bill Lawhon, Chairman
Scott Efirm
Janet K. Lowder
Gene McIntyre
Ashley Morgan
Matthew Swain

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Joseph Burleson, Vice Chairman

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 6, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Lawhon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioner Efirm giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner McIntyre requested that a discussion and resolution of support for House Bill 12 and House Bill 14 be added to the agenda. Commissioner Swain requested it be added as item # 2 to replace the Uwharrie Players who were unable to attend the meeting then moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efirm and carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 6 – 12, 2017 AS NATIONAL FBLA-PBL WEEK

Presenter: Amy Ray, SCC Phi Beta Lambda President & Katrina Sams, State PBL Historian

Representatives of the Stanly Community College Phi Beta Lambda Chapter were in attendance to present the proclamation. Ms. Amy Ray and Ms. Katrina Sams addressed the Board with a few brief comments related to upcoming events related to National FBLA-PBL Week.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 2 – DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 12 (STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES) & HOUSE BILL 14 (MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES)

Presenter: Commissioner McIntyre

For discussion, Commissioner McIntyre requested the Board consider approving a resolution of support for House Bill 12 and House Bill 14. Currently the Governor appoints four (4) members to each of the community college board of trustees in Stanly and Montgomery Counties. The two (2) proposed bills would instead allow the House of Representatives and Senate each to recommend two (2) members for each of the community college boards. Commissioner McIntyre stated his support of the bills because he feels the legislative members are much closer to the citizens than the Governor and better represent their interests.

Commissioner Morgan agreed with Commissioner McIntyre's comments and that the appointments should be placed in the hands of local elected officials.

For clarification, Commissioner Efirm asked if the request is for one resolution to support both or one resolution for each bill to which Commissioner McIntyre responded only one. Commissioner Efirm then moved to approve the request and authorize staff to draft the resolution for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Lowder stated that as she understands it, House Bill 12 is for Stanly County and House Bill 14 is for Montgomery County. Therefore in her opinion two (2) resolutions are needed.

With no objections, Commissioner Efirm amended his motion to include two (2) resolutions of support and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 3 – PLANNING & ZONING – PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Current Planning Board member Ned Stallings's term will expire on February 28, 2017. Mr. Stallings is eligible for reappointment and has agreed to serve again if reappointed. It was requested the Board reappoint Mr. Stallings to serve a three (3) year ending February 28, 2020.

Commissioner Efirm moved to reappoint Mr. Stallings and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 4 – TAX ADMINISTRATION

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

Per G.S. 105-369(a), the Tax Collector must report to the governing body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. Upon receipt of the report, the governing body must order the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens. It was requested the Board issue an order to advertise the tax liens during the month of March 2017.

Commissioner Swain moved to approve the request and was seconded by Commissioner Efird. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 5 – E-911 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER NAMING JACK RABBIT LANE

Presenter: Brandy Webster, E-911 Database Coordinator

Ms. Webster stated the easement being named previously circled around and intersected with Gold Branch Road at both ends. At some point, a fence was added between two of the properties prohibiting access from one side to the other. In an effort to eliminate confusion for emergency responders, a resident has requested that the side of the easement granting access to his property be named. Based on the names submitted and the three (3) votes received, the name of Jack Rabbit Lane was selected. It was requested the Board hold the required public hearing and consider approval of the proposed name.

Chairman Lawhon declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Prior to any action, Commissioner Lowder noted that one of the forms used by the five (5) residents was not signed but indicated Jack Rabbit Lane as their choice. Ms. Webster stated that after talking with the E-911 Director and Assistant Director and comparing signatures on the previous forms submitted, they identified it to be one of the landowners and therefore counted the vote. In total, Jack Rabbit Lane received two (2) votes and Jacob Farm Drive only one (1).

With no further questions, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the name of Jack Rabbit Lane. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 6 – SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2016 YEAR END REVIEW

Presenter: Sheriff George T. Burris

Sheriff Burris provided a review of the various programs and events sponsored by the Sheriff's Office in 2016 noting the start- up of the citizens' law enforcement program, family day at the park for Sheriff's Office employees and an upcoming run to benefit Special Olympics. He provided jail statistics including the number of individuals booked and released, details for the civil and patrol divisions and overall crime statistics. Sheriff Burris thanked the Board for their continued support as well as the Sheriff's Office employees for a job well done.

No Board action was required.

ITEM # 7 – PRESENTATION OF THE STANLY COUNTY 2016 STATE OF COUNTY HEALTH REPORT

Presenter: Dennis Joyner, Health Director

Mr. Joyner began by stating that the purpose of the report is to inform the community and stakeholders of various health issues in the county which in turn serves as a starting point to elicit community involvement from various community agencies and organizations to help

address these issues. The Health Department in conjunction with Carolinas Healthcare System developed a community health needs assessment which received more than 1,300 responses in 2015. Based on the information received, the top five (5) health issues noted were drug abuse, obesity/overweight, tobacco use, diabetes and cancer. The top five (5) community health concerns included unemployment/underemployment, child abuse/neglect, adequate health insurance, bullying, domestic violence and quality of education. Mr. Joyner noted various efforts and activities being conducted to help address these concerns as well.

The presentation was for Board information only and required no action.

ITEM # 8 – LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to the resignation of Ms. Stephanie Tyson, it was requested the Board appoint Ms. Kathy Blalock Diggs to serve as Treasurer for the Relief Fund Board of Trustees for the Aquadale Rural Volunteer Fire Department for a two (2) year term.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the appointment as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Swain. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 9 – TOWN OF NORWOOD-UNION COUNTY RAW WATER AGREEMENT FOLLOW-UP

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Per the Board's request, staff contacted Union County and the Town of Norwood to determine if they would be willing and available to meet with representatives of Stanly County to discuss the existing raw water agreement. With both available to meet on Monday, February 27th, it was requested the Board determine a time for the meeting. It was also requested that no more than three (3) Board members be chosen to attend the meeting and report back to the full Board.

By consensus, Vice Chairman Burleson, Commissioner Eford and Commissioner Morgan were selected to attend the meeting on February 27th at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM # 10 – AGRI-CIVIC CENTER LOBBY EXPANSION CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The initial scope of the Agri-Civic Center lobby expansion did not include replacement of the existing ceiling grid, tiles and diffusers. However, once these are in place, the existing ceiling will not blend well with the new area. Because of this, it is recommended the Board amend the existing contract by \$7,200 (for a total of \$127,200) to cover the cost to remove and replace these items. It is anticipated that existing funds within the Agri-Civic Center and Facilities Maintenance budgets will be sufficient to cover this additional expense therefore no budget amendment is needed.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the \$7,200 contract amendment. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 11 – DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

Presenter: Commissioner Swain

Due to recent discussions concerning the EDC and with eleven (11) of the twelve (12) current EDC Board members' terms expiring in April 2017, Commissioner Swain submitted the following proposal for selection of the EDC membership noting that it will not change the structure of the Board but only help to clarify the wording of the session law currently in place.

Voting Members (13 Members)

- Two business / industry representative members appointed by the commissioners from each of the five (5) county filing districts at-large. Appointed to a two (2) year term. (10 members)
- Members chosen from the five (5) districts of the county will serve a two (2) year staggered term. 2017 appointees will be assigned either a one (1) or two (2) year term with half of the members serving each.
- Two (2) county commissioners chosen to serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- President of the Community College (or appointee)
- Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be selected from the above individuals.

Non-Voting, Ex- Officio Membership

The Economic Development Commission may appoint ex-officio members as it sees fit for guidance in matters of economic development.

The County Manager and County Attorney shall serve as ex-officio members by virtue of their position.

After a period of discussion, Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the proposal as presented adding that he would also like the Board to be more involved in the daily supervision of the economic development office and EDC Director as well.

After continued discussion by the Board and County Manager, Commissioner Morgan amended his motion to approve the proposed economic development commission membership selection with the EDC Director continuing to report to the County Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Lowder requested the Board consider continuing this discussion at the Board's annual planning retreat in March rather than making a decision now adding that she feels more time is needed to address and collaborate on the issue.

With no further comments, Chairman Lawhon called for a vote. The motion passed by a 4 -2 vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner McIntyre, Commissioner Morgan, Commissioner Swain

Nos: Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Lowder

ITEM # 12 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Lawhon

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of January 17, 2017.
- B. Finance – Request acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for Six Months Ended December 31, 2016.
- C. Utilities – Request approval of the project ordinance and budget amendments # 2017-31 and # 2017-32 to create Project Fund 645 for the Browns Hill Road Waterline Project.
- D. SCUSA Transportation – Request approval of budget amendment #2017-33.
- E. Finance – Request approval of the attached vehicle tax refunds for January 2017.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the above items as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Efird. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Boyd Huneycutt of Locust addressed the Board to express his displeasure with the Social Security Administration and with Medicare based on his personal experience in dealing with both.

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Swain congratulated the members of FBLA-PBL who are participating in National FBLA-PBL Week adding that it is also National Career and Technical Education Month as well. At the recent RPO meeting, the Highway 52 Project was discussed with several solutions being submitted to the NC DOT funding board with funding approved by mid-year and completion expected by year end.

Commissioner McIntyre reminded Board members of the Senior Center Town Hall Luncheon on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and to please contact Senior Services Director Becky Weemhoff if you plan to attend.

Commissioner Lowder stated that the EDC has adopted a meeting schedule for the remainder of 2017 with plans to alternate the location of the meetings. EDC members also plan to participate by visiting local businesses in the areas they represent. At the Board of Health meeting, several citizens were in attendance and voiced concerns with the animal control ordinance and what is considered to be adequate and acceptable housing for dogs with the Health Director to provide additional information at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Efird stated that he and Commissioner Swain had the pleasure of attending the Stanly County 4-H Achievement Night the previous week and congratulated all the participants. He also recently attended a meeting with Cardinal Innovations where mental health issues were discussed.

Commissioner Morgan announced that the Regulatory Reform Committee will host a public forum on Thursday, February 16, 2017 in the Commons Meeting Room and invited local contractors to attend and provide their input.

Chairman Lawhon noted that he had attended the Senior Center volunteer dinner where he had the privilege of installing their officers and encouraged Board members to attend the Town Hall Meeting previously mentioned by Commissioner McIntyre. On Wednesday, he plans to attend a Centralina COG meeting in Matthews, NC and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Efird moved to recess the meeting into closed session to discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and to consult with the county attorney in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3). The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed by unanimous at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Commissioner Swain moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Efird. The motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote at 9:41 p.m.

Bill Lawhon, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk