

**STANLY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Tony Dennis, Chairman  
Lindsey Dunevant, Vice Chairman  
Peter Ascitutto  
Josh Morton

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Gene McIntyre

**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 17, 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 Commissioner McIntyre who is recovering from surgery due to a fall the previous week. Chairman Dennis asked for a moment of silence and led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Dennis noted that the only change to the agenda was to remove the closed session for economic development. By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto.

**ITEM # 1 – RETIREMENT AWARD PRESENTATION – GERALD MCSWAIN**

The Board recognized retiree Gerald McSwain for his years of service as the District Conservation Technician for Stanly County Soil & Water.

**ITEM # 2 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING STANLY COUNTY A "PURPLE HEART COUNTY"**

**Presenter: Mike Stubbs, Commander of Chapter 634**

Commander Mike Stubbs introduced members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) and veterans who were in attendance. As part of the presentation, Commander Stubbs provided a brief history of the MOPH stating its mission is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, to promote

patriotism, support related legislative initiatives, and to ensure we never forget the sacrifices made by those in service.

Chairman Dennis read the proclamation which was followed by Commissioner Ascitutto's motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and passed by unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit A**  
**Proclamation Declaring Stanly County**  
**As A Purple Heart County**

In turn, Commander Stubbs also presented a plaque to the Board acknowledging Stanly County as a "Purple Heart County" in the State of North Carolina.

**ITEM # 3 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH & APRIL 2014 AS "411 – 4 COUNTIES, 1 BOOK, 1 COMMUNITY" MONTHS IN STANLY COUNTY**

**Presenter: Melanie Holles, Library Director**

The Stanly County Public Library and the Pfeiffer University Library have partnered with the public libraries, parks departments, community colleges and others in Cabarrus, Davidson and Rowan counties declaring the months of March and April as "411 – 4 Counties, 1 Book, 1 Community." To raise public awareness, Ms. Holles read the following proclamation and requested the Board's consideration of its adoption as a show of support.

**See Exhibit B**  
**Proclamation Declaring March & April 2014**  
**As "411 – 4 Counties, 1 Book, 1 Community"**  
**Months for Stanly County**

By motion, Commissioner Morton moved to approve the proclamation and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. The motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

**ITEM # 4 – PRESENTATION & FUNDING REQUEST BY THE UPPER PEE DEE FARM & FOOD COUNCIL (UPFFC)**

**Presenters: Shawn Hatley and Nancy Bryant, Interim Director**

Mr. Hatley gave a brief report on the progress made by the UPFFC over the past year. He then noted that part of the reason in attending the meeting was to inform the Board that Interim Director Nancy Bryant will be retiring at the end of June. Because of this, the Council has formed an Ad Hoc Search Team to fill the part-time position and a Funding Team to raise funds

for the position which was previously performed on a volunteer basis. It was requested the Board consider contributing \$1,000 to help build a start-up fund for a new part-time director.

Vice Chairman Dunevant thanked Mr. Hatley and Ms. Bryant for their presentation and noted that the Board would take the request into consideration at the upcoming retreat on Friday.

#### **ITEM # 5 – BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager**

##### **A. Norwood Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments**

Per a letter received from the Town of Norwood, it was requested the Board consider reappointing Ms. Gail Shields as a member of the Norwood Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments for a three (3) year term until February 17, 2017.

By motion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the reappointment of Ms. Shields and was seconded by Commissioner Morton. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

##### **B. NURSING HOMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Due to Mr. Rick Russell being ineligible to serve again on the committee, it was requested the Board name a replacement to fill the vacancy for a one (1) year term until February 17, 2015.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to appoint Mr. John R. Bell and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. The motion carried by a 4 – 0 vote.

#### **ITEM # 6 – CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of February 3, 2014**
- B. Agri-Civic Center – Approval of budget amendment # 2014-22**
- C. Finance – Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for Seven Months Ended January 31, 2014**

Commissioner Morton moved to approve the above items as presented. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant and passed by unanimous vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Bennett of Red Cross came forward to state his concerns with the NCDOT's proposed highway alignments for the Hwy 24/27 corridor through the City of Locust and Town of Red Cross. Mr. Bennett also volunteered to serve on an advisory committee for the project if possible. Vice Chairman Dunevant thanked Mr. Bennett for his willingness to serve, but that it is his understanding that there is no formal advisory committee in place. He encouraged Mr. Bennett to attend the local CTP meetings which allow local officials and citizens to comment

and express their opinions.

**GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Asciutto reminded everyone of the EMS Facebook page and encouraged everyone to “like” it as a way to receive updated information related to the county. He also thanked the county staff and employees for their hard work during the recent snow storm.

Commissioner Dunevant echoed Commissioner Asciutto’s comments concerning county staff and employees. He also noted that the Community Transportation Plan (CTP) meeting scheduled for earlier in the day was canceled by the NCDOT and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Chairman Dennis thanked Mr. Bennett for his comments and concerns regarding the CTP as well as his willingness to be involved.

**RECESS**

By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to recess the meeting until Friday, February 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stanly County Airport Conference Room for the Board’s annual planning retreat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and passed by unanimous vote at 7:40 p.m.

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**Tony M. Dennis, Chairman**

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**Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**