

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2018**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joseph Burleson, Chairman
Gene McIntyre, Vice Chairman
Scott Efir
Bill Lawhon
Janet K. Lowder
Ashley Morgan
Matthew Swain

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Lucas, County Manager
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order with Commissioner Efir giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no adjustments to the agenda, Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to approve it as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2017 (HR 38) SUPPORT RESOLUTION PRESENTATION

Presenter: Chairman Burleson

Chairman Burleson recognized Congressman Richard Hudson who then addressed the Board and thanked them for their support of HR 38 through adoption of the resolution. Chairman Burleson read the proclamation followed by the Board’s presentation of it to Congressman Hudson.

ITEM # 2 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2018 AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, DSS/ Assistant DHHS Director

For Board consideration, Ms. Clayton presented the proclamation stating that March 2018 will be a time to recognize social workers for the work they do and are considered leaders in the community. She then read the proclamation and requested the Board take action to approve its adoption.

By motion, Commissioner Swain moved to approve the resolution of support and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

See Exhibit A
Social Work Month March 2018 Proclamation
“Social Workers: Leaders, Advocates, Champions”

ITEM # 3 – PUBLIC HEARING – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT

Presenter: Michael Smith, EDC Director

For consideration, EDC Director Smith requested the Board consider approving the proposed five (5) year, 75% property tax incentive grant for a new manufacturing company with plans to locate in Stanly County. The company plans to invest \$2.567 million and create a minimum of fifty (50) new jobs over that five (5) year period.

With no questions from the Board, Chairman Burlison declared the public hearing open. During this time, Mike Upchurch, a resident of Albemarle, came forward to ask if the company had definitely decided to come to Stanly County. Mr. Smith stated that the County continues to have conversations with the company and should know within a month of their final decision. With no one else coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the tax incentive grant as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Lowder. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 4 – UTILITIES – BADIN-PALESTINE WATER PUMP STATION & DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT (FUND 654)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Utilities department is initiating a project to construct a replacement water pump station and distribution system infrastructure to serve the Badin-Palestine Water System to be funded by a loan from the NCDENR Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or a private bank, and grants from the USDA Rural Development and the Golden LEAF Foundation. It was requested the Board approve the project ordinance and associated budget amendment for the project.

After a brief period of questions from the Board, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the project ordinance and associated budget amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swain and carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

See Exhibit B
Stanly County Utilities
Project Ordinance
Palestine Water Pump Station Replacement Project
& Associated Budget Amendment # 2018-36

ITEM # 5 – DISCUSSION RELATED TO CHANGING THE TIMES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETINGS

Presenter: Vice Chairman McIntyre

As discussed during the Board’s planning retreat, Vice Chairman McIntyre made the motion to change the time of the regular county commissioners’ meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. except when a closed session is needed. At those times the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the closed session being conducted first. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efir.

Discussion included concerns that an earlier start time could hamper anyone wishing to attend who works out of town. Vice Chairman McIntyre responded that by starting the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the closed session (if needed) at 5:30 p.m., this should allow enough time for those individuals to be able to attend.

The County Manager added that the Board can consider holding the closed session/business meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Then if the Board needs additional time for the closed session it can be continued until after the regular meeting has concluded.

Vice Chairman McIntyre then amended his motion to state that the Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a closed session/business session with the regular meeting starting at 6 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowder. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Burleson added that the business session at 5:30 p.m. will be open to the media and public but as in the past a closed session would not.

ITEM # 6 – CONSENT AGENDA
Presenter: Chairman Burleson

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of February 5, 2018.
- B. Finance – Approval of vehicle tax refunds for January 2018.
- C. Finance – Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for January 2018.
- D. EMS – Approval of budget amendment budget amendment # 2018-32.
- E. Health – Approval of budget amendments # 2018-33 & 2018-34.
- F. Utilities – Approval of budget amendment # 2018-35.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Albemarle resident Mike Upchurch addressed the Board concerning a lack of retirement homes in Stanly County. He stated that he was able to locate only one (1) retirement home in the county which has a one (1) year waiting list and may have to move elsewhere to find one.

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Burleson thanked Mr. Upchurch for his remarks adding that due to an aging population the County may want to determine if there is an interest in building additional retirement facilities in the county.

Commissioner Morgan congratulated Commissioner Lawhon on becoming treasurer for Centralina Council of Governments recently. He also expressed his thoughts and prayers for the Florida families and community who were victims of a recent school shooting.

Commissioner Lawhon agreed with Chairman Burleson's comments that the County may need to address and consider investing in additional retirement homes in the future. He also stated that he and Commissioner Morgan had attended the Centralina COG 50th anniversary celebration and noted several of the benefits the County receives as a member and encouraged the County to continue its membership.

Commissioner Efird reminded everyone of the open houses on Tuesday in Norwood and Locust for the potential senior centers and encouraged everyone to complete the on-line survey being conducted as part of Centralina COG's feasibility study.

Chairman Burleson read a thank you note from Teressa Sides who was recognized during the February 5th meeting for her twenty (20) years of service to the County and pending retirement. He also expressed his sympathy to the Florida families affected by the recent school shooting.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to recess the meeting into closed session to discuss a personnel issue in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and to discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by a unanimous vote at 7:38 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 7 – 0 vote at 8:07 p.m.

Joseph L. Burleson, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk