

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 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, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order, Commissioner Morton gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Dennis noted the addition of a Utilities item for consideration of a resolution of support to seek funding for the Airport Road sewer upgrade as Item # 3. By motion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant and passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 1 – PRESENTATION OF THE MARTIN STARNES & ASSOCIATES AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FY 2013-2014

Presenter: Toby Hinson, Finance Director

The Finance Director provided a brief review of the contract for Martin Starnes & Associates to provide audit services for FY 2013-2014. The total fees to perform the County audit will be \$50,000.00 which represents a 1% increase of \$500.00 over last year's fee. It was requested the Board approve the contract for the upcoming audit.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the contract for the FY 2013-2014 county audit. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

ITEM # 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPDATE FOR LOCUST & RED CROSS

Presenter: Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO

Ms. Stoogenke referenced two (2) handouts provided for the Board’s information stating that based on the current CTP, the Highway 24/27 corridor has been designated as a strategic highway corridor expressway. With many of the residents and local officials of Locust and Red Cross uncomfortable with this, the NCDOT proposed multiple alignments to bypass the area. Thus far, Stanly County, the City of Locust and Town of Red Cross have not been able to come to a consensus on one alignment for recommendation to the NCDOT. At a meeting in January, Ms. Stoogenke learned that the portion of the CTP related to roads previously designated as strategic highway corridor expressways is currently under review. Because of a possible change in policy by year end, Ms. Stoogenke recommended that the County and municipalities wait to see what effect, if any, these changes will have on the proposed alignments before making a decision. After a brief period of discussion, the Board agreed with Ms. Stoogenke’s recommendation.

The presentation was for information only and required no action.

ITEM # 3 – UTILITIES

Presenter: Donna Davis, Utilities Director

Stanly County Utilities is seeking funding through the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants program for the upgrade of the sewer infrastructure along Airport Road to serve the Prime Power Park. If approved, these funds will cover up to fifty percent (50%) of the construction cost of Phase One of the project. It was also noted that the county plans to apply for additional funding through the State Revolving Fund to help with construction costs as well. It was requested the Board approve the associated resolution which authorizes staff to submit the application and other information to the EDA as requested.

Commissioner Morton moved to approve the application resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A

**Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to the U.S. Economic Development Agency’s
Economic Adjustment Assistance/Public Works Program for the Airport Corridor
Sanitary Sewer Capacity Upgrade Project**

ITEM # 4 - 2014 NCACC LEGISLATIVE GOALS, COUNTY ASSEMBLY DAY PLANNING & LEGISLATIVE VIDEO PRESENTATION

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County Manager noted the issues adopted by the NCACC Legislative Goals Committee which include:

- Reinstatement of lottery funds for school construction
- Opposition to the shift of transportation responsibilities to counties
- Opposition to unfunded mandates and shifts of state responsibilities to counties
- Ensure adequate mental health funding
- Preservation of the existing local revenue base

Other important issues noted were:

- More cost effective options for secondary primary elections
- Seek legislation to protect and expand the use of 911 funds for public safety needs
- Request reduction of detention center space requirements for old and new facilities

Prior to the video presentation, the County Manager noted that the annual County Assembly Day will be on May 28, 2014 at the Quorum Center in Raleigh. The video included information related to these issues and encouraged elected officials to attend County Assembly Day.

The presentation was provided for information only.

ITEM # 5 – SUPPORTING RESOLUTION FOR MCNC’S FCC BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board consideration, a resolution of support for MCNC’s pending application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for broadband grant funding was presented by the County Manager. If received, these funds will be used for experimentation and proposals to build a broadband infrastructure within the county. Russ Sharples, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance to present a letter of support on behalf of the Chamber and encouraged the Board to approve the resolution to state its support as well.

By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto. The motion carried by a 4 – 0 vote.

See Exhibit B

Connect America Funding – MCNC Supporting Resolution

ITEM # 6 – COMMUNITY NURSING HOMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to the addition of Scott's Family Care home in Badin, it was requested the Board appoint an additional member to the committee to serve a one (1) year term.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to appoint Ms. Johnnie M. Harris of Badin to serve a one (1) year term until March 3, 2015. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of February 17, 2014
- B. Solid Waste – Request approval of budget amendment # 2014-24

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the above items as presented and the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. Motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ascitutto stated at the recent Health Board meeting, a decision was made to start a public relations campaign regarding the new animal control ordinance to make them aware of the recent changes.

Vice Chairman Dunevant stated that a Connect Our Future forum will be held on March 12, 2014 at the Agri-Civic Center and encouraged everyone's participation.

Chairman Dennis asked that everyone continue to remember Commissioner McIntyre and his continued recovery.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto. Motion carried unanimously at 7:40 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk