

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2018**

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Lucas, County Manager
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk
Jenny Furr, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burleson called the informal work session of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

Upon motion by Commissioner Lawhon, seconded by Commissioner Swain and carried by unanimous vote, the Board convened in closed session for the following: To discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and to consult the county attorney in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:09 p.m. The Board then proceeded to the Commissioners Meeting Room for the remainder of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burleson called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Commissioner Efirm gave the opening devotion and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Burleson requested that item # 1 – GHA Autism Supports Presentation be moved to item # 6 on the agenda with all remaining items presented in the order listed. Commissioner

Swain moved to approve the agenda as amended. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre and carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – NCDOT –HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HMIP) PRESENTATION

Presenters: Brett Canipe, Deputy Division Engineer

Tim Anderson, Division Maintenance Engineer

At the Board's request, NCDOT representatives Brett Canipe and Tim Anderson gave a presentation on the five (5) year maintenance and resurfacing plan for the county's state maintained roads. The presentation included specifics related to the county's asset inventory which includes highway miles, secondary roads, bridges, traffic signals, culverts, signs, plant beds, shoulders, ditches, and shoulder miles mowed. Mr. Canipe also provided the dollar amount of state funding allotted for these projects and explained the process used to identify projects for rehabilitation through the HMIP. Both representatives then entertained questions from the Board.

Following the presentation, Mr. Canipe noted concerns NCDOT has regarding a single lane bridge located on Bethlehem Road over Long Creek in Aquadale. The bridge is made of timber pilings and is limited to light traffic due to a maximum weight limit of 1,519 pounds with a traffic count of approximately 200 cars daily. Mr. Canipe stated that NCDOT is considering the following options for the bridge: 1) Removal of the bridge at a cost of \$300,000 and construction of a cul-de-sac to join the roads, 2) make needed improvements to the bridge to extend its usefulness for 15 – 20 years, or 3) completely replace the bridge at a cost of almost \$3 million. It was noted that should NCDOT choose to remove the bridge, a resolution of support would be requested from the county.

The presentation was for information only and required no action.

ITEM # 2 – SENIOR CENTER SATELITE STUDY PRESENTATION

Presenters: Jessica Hill & Katie Kutcher, Centralina COG

In response to requests for the County to provide additional services for seniors, Stanly County Senior Services with the help of Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) investigated the need for satellite senior services as well as the need for a possible second senior center location in the county. Ms. Hill and Ms. Kutcher presented the results of the study which was conducted between October 2017 and March 2018.

The presentation noted that most users of the current Senior Center expressed a need for additional services and programs in the areas of nature, fitness/recreational, arts, social activities, performing arts, educational programs and the addition of more day and overnight

trips. The most requested individual service was for the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). CCOG recommended additional volunteers be recruited for the Albemarle facility and satellite locations across the county in order to allow more senior citizens to take advantage of this service.

In the interim prior to the creation of a second senior center, CCOG noted that it would be beneficial for the existing center to enhance its outreach and communications efforts to inform and educate seniors about the services, programs and activities offered. Additional outreach efforts to consider included inserts in tax or utility bills, open house events, speaking to established groups such as Rotary Clubs, Book Clubs and church groups.

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

ITEM # 3 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER NAMING CRAWFORD-AUSTIN LANE

Presenter: Karen McDaniel, E-911 Director

Ms. McDaniel provided the timeline of events for the naming of a private drive off of Old Cottonville Road between Kimberly Lane and Herring Road. Letters were sent to the four (4) property owners with the choice of Cigar Lane and Red Lane. Two (2) votes were received with one vote each for Cigar Lane and Red Lane. Because of the tie vote, a second letter was sent to the two (2) non-voting property owners with the choice of Cigar Lane and Red Lane. One property owner responded stating reasons for not wanting either name. As a result, a third round of letters was mailed to all four (4) property owners with the choice of Cigar Lane, Red-Lane Crawford-Austin Lane. All four (4) property owners responded resulting in a tie between Red Lane and Crawford-Austin Lane. One additional vote for Red Lane was received from the second mailing, but was received after the third mailing was sent and was not counted. The Address Committee was convened due to the tie vote and unanimously chose to recommend the name Crawford-Austin Lane for Board approval.

At the request of E-911, the Board held a public hearing to allow those who would like to speak for or against the naming of the road to be heard. During this time, Donnie Smith, Sr., Adam Stipe, and Austin Smith, all residents of the private drive, spoke against the name of Crawford-Austin Lane and requested Red Lane instead.

After a period of discussion between the Board, residents and county staff, the hearing was closed.

By motion, Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the name of Red Lane. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 4 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER RESOLUTION

Presenter: Commissioner Lawhon

Commissioner Lawhon presented the following resolution for Board consideration and adoption.

**Exhibit A
PROCLAMATION
2018 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Commissioner Efirm moved to approve the adoption of the resolution and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion passed by 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 5 – COMMUNITY NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to several committee members' terms expiring, it was requested the Board take action to reappoint Johnnie Woodard, Johnnie Harris and Sherry Poplin and appoint Gilbert P. "Rick" Russell to replace Charlanne Tippett. Each would serve a three (3) year term expiring February 28, 2021.

By motion, Commissioner Swain moved to approve all four (4) appointments as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 6 – GHA AUTISM SUPPORTS PRESENTATION

Presenters: Beth Olivieri, Chief Development Officer

Dee Pankey-Thompson, Chief Strategy Officer

In recognition of April being National Autism Awareness Month, Mrs. Olivieri gave a brief presentation on the history of GHA in Stanly County as well as information concerning the number of individuals being served in the community, number of employees and the services provided. Ms. Olivieri then entertained questions from the Board.

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

ITEM # 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Burleson

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of April 2, 2018.
- B. Finance – Request approval of the attached vehicle tax refunds for March 2018.
- C. Health Dept. – Information related to a Community Health Grant application.

- D. Finance – Request approval of budget amendment # 2018-44.
- E. SCUSA/Senior Services – Request approval of budget amendment # 2018-45.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swain and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Morgan noted that two (2) of the Charlotte based C-17s were at the Stanly County Airport this past weekend for training adding that the county will need to consider a runway expansion in the near future to accommodate larger planes.

Commissioner Lawhon stated that the Big Lick bluegrass festival over the weekend was well attended and helped the local economy by filling hotels and through local shopping in stores and restaurants. He then thanked Jeff Branch for his hard work in organizing the event.

Chairman Burleson agreed with Commissioner Morgan’s comments related to the airport noting that a runway expansion is a massive project which will need to be considered in the short term.

ADJOURN

With no additional items presented for discussion, Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and passed unanimously at 7:43 p.m.

Joseph L. Burleson, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk