

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2017**

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

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, July 10, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Vice Chairman Burleson 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

With no adjustments to the agenda, Commissioner Lowder moved to approve it as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swain and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – DENTAL CLINIC REQUEST

Presenter: Dennis Joyner, Health Director

Dr. Mindy Turner, Pediatric Dentist for the Dental Clinic

Mr. Joyner stated that since the Health Department began accepting private insurance earlier this year, it has found that some patients are unable to afford the out-of-pocket costs required by their insurance companies, or have no insurance to cover these costs, and cannot proceed with treatment. Because of this the Health Department in conjunction with Carolinas Healthcare System is working to pilot an effort to provide financial assistance to dental clinic patients who receive treatment from the County’s pediatric dentist in the hospital operating

room. If approved, an eligibility process will be coordinated with the hospital and the program monitored over the next year. It was requested the Board approve and recognize patient fee revenue in the dental clinic of \$30,000 to fund the pilot financial assistance program and increase professional services expenditures by \$30,000.

The Board discussed the request at length with Health Director Joyner and Pediatric Dentist Dr. Mindy Turner responding to questions that included how the Dental Clinic revenue used to fund the program is generated, the process that will be used to determine the patient's eligibility and how the amount paid by the patient would be determined.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to table the item until the August meeting noting he would prefer to have more details concerning the eligibility process before a decision is made. Dr. Turner came forward to request a decision be made now noting that she has identified two (2) patients in need of immediate medical attention that cannot wait. After additional comments, Commissioner Lowder seconded the motion to table the item.

Discussion continued with additional questions related to who in the Dental Clinic would determine a patient's eligibility for the program, concerns that Carolina's Healthcare System is unwilling to explore the program criteria prior to patients beginning to receive treatment through the program, and the possibility of allocating a lesser amount in order to proceed with the first patient to work through the criteria with the hospital.

Based on the discussion, Commissioner Swain moved to amend Commissioner McIntyre's motion to table the item and instead approve the allocation of \$5,000 versus the original \$30,000 as requested and also state that the \$5,000 will be designated for the two (2) patients already identified by Dr. Turner. Commissioners McIntyre and Lowder accepted the amendments followed by Commissioner Lowder seconding Commissioner Swain's motion.

Vice Chairman Burleson then called for a vote on the amended motion. The motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

Vice Chairman Burleson called for a vote on the original motion by Commissioner McIntyre to table the item. The motion passed by a 4 – 3 vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Lowder, Commissioner McIntyre, Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Swain.

Nos: Chairman Lawhon, Vice Chairman Burleson and Commissioner Efird.

By motion, Commissioner Swain moved to amend budget amendment # 2018-01 included with the request and reduce the amount from \$30,000 to \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 2 – BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A. Library Board of Trustees

Presenter: Melanie Holles, Library Director

Three (3) Library Board of Trustees members have completed their terms of office: Kay Baucom, Patricia Bramlett and Jack Bell. After a review of the volunteer applications submitted, the Library Board recommended that Anissa Enamait be appointed to replace John Bell, Cynthia Fish appointed to replace Kay Baucom and Ken Ringler to replace Patricia Bramlett. It was requested the three (3) new members be appointed to serve a six (6) year term which will expire June 30, 2023.

Commissioner McIntyre nominated Kaye Poole, Susan Nance and Kathy Clyburn from the volunteer applications on file and moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion.

Prior to further action, Commissioner Swain nominated Cynthia Fish, Anissa Enamait and Ken Ringler as recommended by the Library Board of Trustees.

It was requested the Board appoint three (3) new members to the Library Board. With six (6) nominations made, each commissioner was allowed three (3) votes. Each individual nominated received the following votes:

- Anissa Enamait – Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Lowder and Commissioner Swain.
- Cynthia Fish – Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Efird and Commissioner Lowder.
- Ken Ringler – Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Efird and Commissioner Lowder
- Kaye Poole – Vice Chairman Burleson, Commissioner McIntyre, Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Swain.
- Kathy Clyburn – Vice Chairman Burleson, Commissioner McIntyre and Commissioner Morgan
- Susan Nance – Commissioner McIntyre, Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Swain

Anissa Enamait and Kaye Poole each received four (4) votes and were appointed as new members of the Library Board.

With Cynthia Fish, Ken Ringler, Kathy Clyburn and Susan Nance each receiving three (3) votes, Vice Chairman Burleson called for another vote to break the tie.

- Cynthia Fish – Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Efird and Commissioner Lowder.
- Ken Ringler – None.
- Kathy Clyburn – Vice Chairman Burleson and Commissioner McIntyre.
- Susan Nance – Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Swain.

Cynthia Fish received three (3) votes and was declared the third member of the Library Board of Trustees.

B. JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to current member Jessica Holt being unable to attend the JCPC meetings, it was requested the Board appoint Melissa Eudy as her replacement.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to appoint Melissa Eudy as requested to serve until June 30, 2018. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

C. STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

With Todd Swaringen and Kesha Smith terms on the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees having expired on June 30, 2017, it was requested the Board appoint/reappoint two (2) members to serve four (4) year terms until June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Lowder moved to reappoint Kesha Smith and was seconded by Chairman Lawhon. The motion failed by a 4 – 3 vote.

Ayes: Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Lowder.

Nos: Vice Chairman Burleson, Commissioner McIntyre, Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Swain.

Commissioner Morgan moved to appoint Karmen Mock Phillips and Greg Underwood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion passed by a 4 – 3 vote.

Ayes: Vice Chairman Burleson, Commissioner McIntyre, Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Swain.

Nos: Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Efird and Commissioner Lowder.

ITEM # 3 – RESOLUTION SEEKING TO KEEP THE LOCAL J.C. PENNEY STORE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

J. C. Penney Company, Inc. has announced plans to close 138 stores nationwide and has identified the Albemarle store as one of six (6) in North Carolina to close later this year. A resolution in support of keeping the Albemarle location open was presented for the Board's consideration.

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

See Exhibit A

Resolution in Support of Keeping J. C. Penney Store # 2296 in Albemarle, North Carolina Open for Business

ITEM # 4 – SELECTION OF A VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2017 NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Commissioner Efird moved to appoint Chairman Lawhon as the voting delegate for Stanly County during the annual conference in Durham County, NC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 5 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Vice Chairman Burleson

- A. Minutes – Regular meeting of June 5, 2017 and recessed meetings of June 8, 2017 and June 12, 2017.
- B. Finance – Request acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for Eleven Months Ended May 31, 2017.
- C. Finance – Request approval of the vehicle tax refund for the month of June 2017.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bruce Nance came forward to express concerns with the school board's discussion of adding a world religion class to the school curriculum and requested the Board not provide any funding for it if requested to do so.

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Efird noted the upcoming concert in Locust Park the following Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

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), to consult with the county attorney in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and discuss a personnel issue in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swain and passed by unanimous vote at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Commissioner Swain moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion carried by a 6 – 0 vote at 8:39 p.m. (Chairman Lawhon discontinued his participation by phone during the closed session at 8:20 p.m.)

W. D. (Bill) Lawhon, Jr., Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk