

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman McIntyre called the meeting to order and Vice Chairman Morton gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There being no adjustments to the agenda, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the agenda as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jerry Miller came forward to address the Board on behalf of the members of Oak Grove Baptist Church regarding a tax bill the church had received for an adjoining lot purchased earlier in the year. After contacting the tax office, he was informed that the church owes the \$271.35 even though a tax exemption form was filed in April to request the church's tax exempt status include the lot. By state law, since the form was not filed prior to January 1, 2013, the tax exempt status does not take effect until the following year. Mr. Miller requested the Board consider waiving these taxes.

Chairman McIntyre stated that taxes are controlled by state law and that the county cannot abate taxes. He recommended the church contact local representatives to seek help in getting

the law changed. The County Manager reiterated the Chairman's comments and Commissioner Asciutto encouraged the church to contact Representative Justin Burr and Senator Gene McLaurin as well.

ITEM # 1 – APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM TAX ADMINISTRATOR

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to the recent resignation of Tax Administrator Melia Miller, it was recommended the Board appoint Charlie Johnson interim Tax Administrator effective September 16, 2013. In addition to his appointment, it was requested that the Board approve his bond in the amount of \$100,000 and the order to collect current and past due taxes effective September 16, 2013 as well.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to approve all three (3) items as recommended and was seconded by Commissioner Asciutto. The motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2012 SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROGRAM MANUAL (12-C-2430) AND THE ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION

Presenter: Sarah Davenport, The Wooten Company

Ms. Davenport presented the 2012 Scattered Site Housing program manual and associated resolution for the grant recently received through the NC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$225,000. These funds will be used to provide low-to-moderate income households in the county with home repairs for primary residences. It was requested the Board adopt the program manual and the associated resolution.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the program manual and resolution. Vice Chairman Morton seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 3 – SCUSA TRANSPORTATION – PRESENTATION OF THE RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE (ROAP) FUNDS FOR FY 2013-2014

Presenter: Gwen Hinson, Transportation Director

After a brief review of the program, Ms. Hinson requested Board approval for the Transportation Services Department to apply for, receive, and distribute these funds in the amount of \$178,356 as follows:

- 1) Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) in the amount of \$68,130,
- 2) Work First / Employment Assistance Program in the amount of \$20,338, and
- 3) Rural General Public (RGP) in the amount of \$89,888.

A 10% local match is required which will be taken from collected fares with no county funds being requested.

Chairman McIntyre declared the public hearing open. Having no one come forward, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Dunevant moved to approve the request to apply for, receive and distribute the above funds through the Transportation Services Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 4 – UPDATE ON THE STANLY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOCUST AND TOWN OF RED CROSS

Presenter: Dana Stoogenke, AIPC Rocky River RPO

Ms. Stoogenke gave a presentation which outlined the steps involved in amending the county's transportation plan at the request of Locust and Red Cross. Thus far, stakeholders' meetings were held in the spring and data collected from surveys completed by residents of both municipalities. Based on the survey results, the draft highway maps have been developed and will be presented during public workshops in order to receive feedback from local government officials and citizens. If accepted, both municipalities will then formally adopt these maps and request endorsement by the RRRPO. If approved by the RRRPO, this information will be forwarded to the NC Board of Transportation then on to the Transportation Improvement Committee.

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

ITEM # 5 – RUNNER AND BIKER SAFETY DISCUSSION

Presenter: Commissioner Ascutto

Commissioner Ascutto took a moment to remind runners and bikers of safety tips while sharing the road.

This item was for information only and required no action.

ITEM # 6 – BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A. Region F Aging Advisory Committee

With Janice Abernathy's term recently expiring on June 30, 2013, it was requested she be reappointed to a second, two year term to serve until June 30, 2015. In addition, it was noted that there are two (2) remaining vacancies on the committee that include one delegate position and one alternate position.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to reappoint Janice Abernathy to a second term and table the two remaining appointments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto and passed by unanimous vote.

B. Nursing Homes Community Advisory Committee & Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee

Due to Rick Russell's wife recently becoming employed with one of the long term care facilities in the county, he is ineligible to continue to serve on this committee. It was requested a replacement be named to complete his unexpired term until February 28, 2014.

Due to no volunteer applications being on file for this committee, Commissioner Dennis moved to table this item until a later date and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

C. Board of Adjustments

Due to there being two (2) alternate member vacancies on the board and only one volunteer application on file, Commissioner Dunevant moved to table this item to allow time for additional applications to be received. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and carried by unanimous vote.

D. Library Board of Trustees

The terms of Library Board of Trustees members Larry Emerick and Wade McSwain expired on June 30, 2013. Both have requested not to be reappointed due to the length of time each has served on the board. It was requested the Board name two (2) replacements, each to serve a six (6) year term until June 30, 2019.

Due to there being no volunteer applications on file, Vice Chairman Morton moved to table this item and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Economic Development Commission (EDC)

It was requested the Board appoint a representative for the Northern District for a two (2) year term until September 9, 2015.

By motion, Commissioner Dennis moved to appoint Wes Morgan and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – Recessed meeting of July 24, 2013 and regular meeting of August 12, 2013.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with a second by Vice Chairman Morton. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dunevant reminded everyone of the Connect Our Future Community Growth Workshops being held the following day at the Agri-Civic Center. He thanked the media for their support of the event and stated that over 100 are expected to attend. Commissioner Dunevant also requested the County Manager provide an update in the future on Albemarle EDC's efforts in the branding exercise for the county.

Commissioner Ascitutto stated that he had attended the Board of Health meeting the previous week where it was noted that flu season would be here soon and encouraged all businesses to provide flu vaccinations for their employees. He also noted the Stanly County Dancing with the Stars event held the previous weekend with proceeds to benefit the Butterfly House.

Chairman McIntyre stated he had recently attended the NC Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference in Guilford County and provided a brief review of several of the events that took place.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Dennis moved to recess the meeting into closed session to discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and to discuss a real estate transaction in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5). His motion was then seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and carried by unanimous vote at 7:54 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman McIntyre stated that while in closed session the Board received updated information on several projects and directed staff to continue to move forward with them.

RECESS

By motion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to recess the meeting until Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Oakboro Town Council in the Oakboro Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed by unanimous vote at 9:11 p.m.

Gene McIntyre, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk