

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

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
Jenny Furr, County Attorney
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. The County Manager, acting as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order for the purpose of reorganization of the Board pursuant to NCGS 153A-39.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The County Manager opened the floor for nominations for chairman in accordance with NCGS 153A-39. Commissioner Swain nominated Commissioner Burleson. Commissioner McIntyre moved to close the nominations and appoint Commissioner Burleson by acclamation. Commissioners Lowder and Lawhon requested a vote be taken instead. The County Manager called for a vote on the nomination of Commissioner Burleson. Commissioner Burleson was elected chairman by a 4 – 3 vote. (Commissioners Efir, Lawhon and Lowder voted against). The County Manager congratulated Chairman Burleson and turned the proceedings over to him.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Burleson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman pursuant to NCGS 153A-39. Commissioner Morgan nominated Commissioner McIntyre and Commissioner Lawhon nominated Commissioner Efird. Commissioner Swain then moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Burleson called for a vote and Commissioner McIntyre was elected by a 4 – 3 vote. (Commissioners Efird, Lawhon and Lowder voted against.)

APPROVAL OF BONDS

Chairman Burleson called for a motion to approve the following public official bonds:

Bond Type	Amount	Expiration Date
Tax Administrator (Clinton Swaringen)	\$100,000	October 28, 2018
Finance Officer (Toby Hinson)	\$150,000	June 30, 2018
Register of Deeds (Suzanne Lowder)	\$ 50,000	December 1, 2018
Sheriff (George Burris)	\$ 5,000	December 1, 2018

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the public bonds as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

BOARD & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre presented the following slate of nominees:

Economic Development Commission (2 Commissioners)	Commissioner Swain, Commissioner Lawhon
Health & Human Services Board (2 Commissioners)	Commissioner Lowder, V. Chairman McIntyre
Library Board of Trustees	Commissioner Morgan
Member, Airport Authority	Commissioner Morgan
Alternate, Airport Authority	Commissioner Efird
Chairman, Fire District Commission	Commissioner Swain
Member, Senior Services Board	Commissioner Efird
Member, Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO)	Commissioner Swain
Alternate, Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO)	Chairman Burleson

Member, Stanly Water & Sewer Authority	Chairman Burleson
Alternate, Stanly Water & Sewer Authority	Commissioner Efird
Member, Centralina Council of Governments	Commissioner Lawhon
Alternate, Centralina Council of Governments	Commissioner Morgan

Commissioner Lawhon seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE 2018 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Burleson presented the following meeting dates for approval based on the first and third Mondays of each month with the exception of May, June, July, August, September and December when only one meeting is held. Meetings will be held in the Commons Meeting Room, Stanly Commons at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 2nd and Tuesday, January 16th *
- Monday, February 5th and Monday, February 19th
- Monday, March 5th and Monday, March 19th
- Monday, April 2nd and Monday, April 16th
- Monday, May 14th
- Monday, June 11th
- Monday, July 9th
- Monday, August 6th
- Tuesday, September 4th**
- Monday, October 1st and Monday, October 15th
- Monday, November 5th and Monday, November 19th
- Monday, December 3rd

* Rescheduled due to the Monday, January 1st and Monday, January 15th being holidays.

**Rescheduled due to the Monday, September 3rd being Labor Day.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the meeting schedule as presented and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Burlison announced that during any regular meeting of the Board, the County Commissioners in order to act in their capacity as Board of Governors for the Greater Badin Water & Sewer District, or for the Piney Point Water District may, in their discretion, recess a Commissioners' regular meeting and reconvene as the Board of Governors of either of the above two entities in order to conduct business matters related to that entity. The Chairman then stated that this concluded matters related to the reorganization.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Lowder.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Swain moved to add the following two (2) items to the agenda: Cardinal Innovations Healthcare – Governing Board Nomination Committee Appointment as item # 7 thus shifting the consent agenda to item # 8, and Health Department/ Dental Clinic budget amendment # 2018-17 added to the consent agenda as item # 8 (G). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. RETIREMENT AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Mary Troutman and Keith Nash of the Senior Services department both of whom will retire January 1, 2018.

2. ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Presenter: Alan Thompson, Engagement Partner with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Company

Mr. Alan Thompson provided an overview of the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report noting that the county received a clean report with no significant findings, questioned costs, material weaknesses or deficiencies noted.

After a brief period of questions, the audit was accepted as presented.

3. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Candice Moffitt, Transportation Services Director

Board action was requested to reappoint the following individuals to the TAB with each serving a two (2) year term beginning January 2018 – December 2019:

- Tammy Albertson – Partnership for Children
- Kathy Almond – Chamber of Commerce
- Rod Barbee – Veterans' Services
- Deloris Chambers – Town of Badin

- Tate Daniels – Town of New London
- Benton Drye – City of Albemarle
- Beth Harkey – Daymark Recovery
- Chris Lambert – Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Brian Simpson – Emergency Management
- Dana Stoogenke – Rocky River RPO
- Mary Walls – Vocational Rehab
- Becky Weemhoff – Senior Services

Additionally, it was also requested the Board appoint the following new members for a two (2) year term beginning January 2018 – December 2019:

- Dr. Heather Hill – Stanly Community College
- Stacy Ragsdale – Department of Health & Human Services
- Becky McKeon – Department of Health & Human Services

Commissioner Swain moved to reappoint the existing members and appoint the new members as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a 7 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 4 – PLANNING & ZONING – ZA 17-10 – REZONING REQUEST FOR DANIEL J. HILDRETH

Presenter: Michael Sandy, Planning Director

Mr. Hildreth requested that two (2) parcels totaling 6.09 acres owned by Daniel S. Huneycutt on NC 24/27/73 Highway, Albemarle, NC be rezoned from RA (Residential Agricultural) to GB (General Business). Mr. Hildreth plans to relocate his business from Albemarle to the property after construction of a building/shop is completed where he will continue to build custom sound systems for cars, trucks and boats. The proposed business will require a vegetative buffer as required by Section 419 of the Stanly County Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the request at their November 13, 2017 meeting due to its location on a highway and being in a growth area per the 2010 Stanly County Land Use Plan.

After a period of questions related to the property’s location in a growth area, details concerning the required vegetative buffer and the building to be constructed, Chairman Burleson declared the public hearing open.

During this time, the following individuals spoke against the rezoning request:

- Lew Smith, co-owner of an adjacent forty (40) acre parcel.
- Donald Shaver, resident/ property owner who lives across Hwy 24/27/73 from the subject property.
- Larry Joe Almond, owner of the land located across Hwy 24/27/73 from the subject property.

Those who spoke in favor of the rezoning were:

- Karmen Smith, realtor and Daniel Hildreth’s business partner.
- Joy Hildreth, mother of Daniel Hildreth and real estate broker.

Discussion continued to address neighbors' concerns regarding the use of the remaining land that would not be used initially for the construction of the 5,000 square foot building/shop. In response, Mr. Sandy stated that the Board has several options which include rezoning up to 6.09 acres, scale it back or approve a less intensive district if the amount of acreage is an issue.

Commissioner Swain asked Mr. Hildreth if he would be opposed to rezoning a portion of the property now and once his business is established could later request the remaining portion be rezoned. Mr. Hildreth stated that he would not be opposed to this as long as the larger tract (Tax Record # 137763) is rezoned now and possibly the smaller tract (Tax Record # 137761) in the future.

With no further questions and no one else coming forward to speak, Chairman Burleson closed the public hearing.

By motion, Commissioner Swain moved to rezone only the larger parcel (Tax Record # 137763) from RA to GB noting that the property is within a projected growth area which promotes economic growth in Stanly County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efir and passed with a 6 – 1 vote. (Commissioner Lawhon voted against.)

ITEM # 5 - PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 STATE OF THE COUNTY HEALTH REPORT

Presenter: Debbie Bennett, Public Health Educator

Ms. Bennett provided a brief presentation of the 2017 State of the County Health Report which is used to inform the community and stakeholders about the health status of county residents, highlight the health concerns and issues of residents, provide a starting point for community involvement in addressing identified health concerns and issues, and satisfy the state of North Carolina's requirement for a report to be prepared in the years when a Community Health Assessment is not conducted. Ms. Bennet noted that based on the most recent CHA completed in 2015, the three (3) priority health issues selected were substance abuse, heart disease and suicide.

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

ITEM # 6 – REAFFIRMATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County Manager noted that per NCGS 160A-86, the County must affirm its code of ethics by December 31 of each year and requested the Board take action to do so.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to adopt the code of ethics as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Swain. The motion passed unanimously.

Exhibit A
Code of Ethics
Stanly County Board of Commissioners

ITEM # 7 – CARDINAL INNOVATIONS HEALTHCARE – GOVERNING BOARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The governance and executive leadership of Cardinal Innovations Healthcare was recently taken over by the NC Department of Health & Human Services (NC DHHS). With the existing governing Board for Cardinal terminated as of November 27, 2017, the NC DHHS is working to re-establish a governing board in compliance with the stipulations of NCGS 122C-118.1 by December 15, 2017. It was requested the Board appoint a member of the Board to serve on the Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions Nominating Committee of its new governing board.

Board consensus was for Commissioner Efirm to serve as the county's representative on the committee.

ITEM # 8 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Burleson

- A. Minutes – Regular minutes of November 20, 2017.
- B. Finance – Request approval of the Monthly Financial Report For Four Months Ended October 31, 2017.
- C. Sheriff's Office – Request approval of budget amendment # 2018-14.
- D. EMS – Request approval of budget amendment # 2018-15.
- E. Appointment of Beverly S. Helms and Robert L. Remsburg as Review Officers for surveys and plats.
- F. Facilities – Request approval of budget amendment # 2018-16.
- G. Health Dept/Dental Clinic – Request approval of budget amendment # 2018-17.

By motion, Commissioner Efirm moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

School Board Chair Melvin Poole addressed the Board stating that the school board recently met with the City of Albemarle to discuss the current school system and would like to schedule a similar meeting with the county commissioners in late January. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Swain wished everyone a Merry Christmas and encouraged everyone to remember those less fortunate.

Commissioner McIntyre wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Lowder wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travel during the holidays.

Commissioner Lawhon noted that Centralina COG Executive Director Jim Prosser will retire at year end and that Ron Smith has been appointed to succeed him in late January. He also encouraged everyone to be mindful of those in need not only during the holidays but throughout the year. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Morgan wished everyone safe travel during the holiday season.

Commissioner Efird wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as well. He also mentioned the Hospice Christmas tree lighting ceremony held earlier in the evening at the Stanly Commons and encouraged everyone to come see the Christmas trees on display.

Vice Chairman Burleson stated as Chairman for the next year, he hopes to lead the Board in a positive direction. He also thanked Representative Burr who was in attendance for all of his hard work on behalf of the county.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman McIntyre moved to recess the meeting into closed session to consult with the county attorney in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3), to discuss economic development in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) and a real estate transaction in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote at 8:42 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Commissioner Efird moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon. The motion passed with a 7 – 0 vote at 9:16 p.m.

Joseph L. Burleson, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk