

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

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

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, October 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A resolution and associated easement related to the refinance of the new emergency radio system and radio equipment was added as agenda item # 6 and the consent agenda moved to item # 7. By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the agenda as amended and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 1 – SCUSA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Presenter: Gwen Hinson, Transportation Director

A. RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (ROAP) FUNDS FOR FY 2014-15

Ms. Hinson provided a brief review of the request to apply for funds under the FY 2014-2015 ROAP program prior to the public hearing. Below are the allocations to be received by the county for a total of \$151,103:

- 1)** Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) – 100% state funded and the county will receive \$62,998 with no local match required.
- 2)** Work First / Employment Assistance Program – 100% state funded with the county to receive \$19,066 with no local match required.

- 3) Rural General Public (RGP) – 90% state funded with a 10% local match to be taken from the fares collected. The county will receive \$69,039.

Chairman Dennis declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the application and receipt of these funds with all funds to be administered by the Transportation Services Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and passed unanimously.

B. UPDATES TO THE NCDOT REQUIRED SAFETY SYSTEM PROGRAM PLAN (SSPP) FOR SCUSA TRANSPORTATION

For Board consideration, Ms. Hinson presented a list of the required updates to the SSPP noting specifically the following additions to the policy:

- Development and implementation of a Lock Out/Tag Out program for vehicle maintenance,
- Vehicle Lift Utilization with Safety Cones policy
- Test Refusal List to the Substance Abuse section,
- Facility Safety Inspection Policy and form performed once a month
- Updated Maintenance Shop Inspection form

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the updates as presented and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. Motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 2 – LIBRARY

Presenter: Melanie Holles, Library Director

A. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING

Due to lack of space for storage of artifacts and displays and numerous repair issues at the museum's current location, the Library Board of Trustees sought Board permission to form a committee to conduct a feasibility study for the potential use of the Albemarle City Hall Annex building as a new location.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the formation of the committee and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Commissioner McIntyre then volunteered to serve on the committee as the Board appointee.

B. LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT

It was requested that Shirley Hatley be appointed to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Nalin Mehta whose term expired June 30, 2014. If appointed, Ms. Hatley's term would serve until June 30, 2020.

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the appointment of Shirley Hatley. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 3 – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – AMENDMENT TO FEE SCHEDULE

Presenter: David Ezzell, Environmental Health Director

Recently the NC State Laboratory for Public Health notified Environmental Health of an increase in fees for water sample supplies effective September 1, 2014. The fee schedule provided by NCSLPH on August 20th included a substantial increase in the various sampling kits which covers the cost of supplies and the sample analysis. It was requested the Board approve an amendment to the Environmental Health fee schedule as required by the NCSLPH.

By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to adjust the fees as requested and was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre. The motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 4 – PRESENTATION OF THE STANLY COUNTY FARM BUREAU PROPOSAL FOR NAMING RIGHTS TO THE PROPOSED LIVESTOCK ARENA

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board information, the County Manager presented a proposal submitted by the Stanly County Farm Bureau for the Naming Rights of the proposed livestock arena on the Agri-Civic Center grounds. Board consensus was to have two (2) commissioners and the County Manager meet with Farm Bureau representatives to discuss the details of the proposal further. Chairman Dennis and Vice Chairman Dunevant volunteered to serve on the committee.

This item was for information only and required no action.

ITEM # 5 – TOWN HALL MEETINGS REGARDING SALES TAX REFERENDUM

Presenter: Commissioner Ascutto

Commissioner Ascutto provided a list of the dates and locations for upcoming town hall style meetings with citizens to discuss the upcoming sales tax referendum and other community concerns. Commissioner Ascutto stated that any opinions expressed during the meetings are his and not those of the other Board members.

This item was for information only.

ITEM # 6 – EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM REFINANCING RELATED ITEMS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

At the previous meeting on September 2, 2014, the Board approved the refinance of an existing lease purchase agreement with Motorola via a resolution to the Local Government Commission. It was now requested the Board approve a resolution authorizing the new financing agreement with the Bank of North Carolina and to assign its existing easement with

the with the City of Albemarle for the Tuckertown radio site in order to allow the bank to fully secure its lien on the property.

By motion, Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to approve the resolution and easement assignment for the Tuckertown radio site, and authorize staff to negotiate any changes to these documents that are in the best interest of the county. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Minutes – Regular meeting of September 2, 2014 and special meeting of September 8, 2014
- B.** Sheriff's Office – Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-08
- C.** Library – Request the attached list of books be declared surplus and donated to the Friends of the Library for the October book sale
- D.** Finance – Request approval of the attached property tax & vehicle tax refunds
- E.** Finance – Request acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for the Two Months Ended August 31, 2014
- F.** EMS – Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-09
- G.** Finance - Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-10

Motion to approve the above items as presented was made by Commissioner McIntyre and seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. Motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Dunevant reminded everyone of the ¼ cent sales tax referendum on the November ballot. He stated that Stanly County's referendum is different from those of neighboring counties and encouraged citizens to check the county website and other resources for information in making their decision.

Commissioner Ascitutto encouraged the Board members and citizens to participate in the upcoming town hall meetings. He then provided an update on a recent animal control situation reported in the local news and commended school staff, the sheriff's department and EMS staff for the excellent job they did in responding to a recent shooting at Albemarle High School.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Dunevant moved to recess the meeting into closed session to discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4). His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed unanimously at 7:30 p.m.

RECESS

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to recess the meeting until Monday, October 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room to award the construction contract for Tarheel Challenge Academy in New London, NC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and carried with a 5 – 0 vote at 8:02 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk