

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 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, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and Vice Chairman Dunevant gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL /ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments to the agenda, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve it as presented. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2014-2015 ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET & APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE NANCY L. HENDERSON ESTATE

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Last year, Stanly County Animal Control received a donation from the estate of Nancy L. Henderson in the amount of \$146,414. Approval of budget amendment # 2015-06 was requested to appropriate \$85,060 of these funds into Animal Control's FY 2014-15 budget for various enhancements including spay/neuter costs, printing of educational materials to promote spaying/neutering of pets, fencing for an adoption and play area at the shelter, installation of an air conditioning unit in the shelter, purchase of an animal bathing unit, bedding for kennel units, purchase of a freezer unit and disease preventative medicines.

By motion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve budget amendment # 2015-06 to appropriate funds for the Animal Control program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 2 – NCACC LEGISLATIVE GOALS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County Manager recognized Library Director Melanie Holles who addressed the Board concerning the reduction in State Aid to Public Libraries in recent years and requested the Board's support of the reinstatement of these funds as one of their goals.

Based on the discussion, the Board consensus was for the following legislative goals be submitted for the NCACC's consideration and support:

1. Study the impact of the State's new Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) on local, regional and statewide funding for transportation projects.
2. Restore funding to the State Aid for Public Libraries to the pre-2011 level of \$15.7 million and eliminate the special provisions that distribute these funds outside of the equitable formula developed by the State Library Commission.
3. Continued support of legislation to ensure Public School Capital Building Fund reverts back to comprising both Lottery and ADM revenue sources and for Lottery funds to be reallocated incrementally to the full 40% rate over the next several years.

ITEM # 3 – PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS REQUEST FOR EASEMENT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Piedmont Natural Gas (PNG) requested the County grant a five (5) foot wide easement to PNG for the installation, operation, maintenance and repair of a natural gas pipeline across vacant property located on Richardson Street in Albemarle which is owned by the County. The easement would run parallel and adjacent to the eastern right-of-way of Richardson Street along the western boundary of the property.

Commissioner McIntyre moved to grant the easement and was seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto. Motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 4 – ALBEMARLE TO NC HWY 200 WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

At the request of Commissioner Morton, a resolution was presented which seeks federal legislative support for the Albemarle to NC Hwy 200 water transmission main project. The project was previously engineered in 2009/10 by HDR Engineering but never funded due to budget restrictions and reductions. Federal funding will cover seventy-five percent (75%) of the

estimated \$4 million cost of the project with the County still committed to the required twenty-five percent (25%) match of \$1 million. The resolution reaffirms the County's commitment to this project as well as the matching funds.

By motion, Commissioner Morton moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A
Albemarle to NC Highway 200 Water Transmission
Main Project

ITEM # 5 – PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY RADIO PROJECT REFINANCING – PUBLIC HEARING & CONSIDERATION OF THE ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION (LGC)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County is seeking to refinance a \$6,897,940.57 lease agreement with Motorola and include an additional \$1,139,820.80 for the EMS and volunteer fire departments portable and mobile radios for a total of \$8,037,761.37. Per the LGC, the Board must hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed refinance and financing for the public safety emergency radio system in addition to adoption of the associated resolution.

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

Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the associated resolution and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Vice Chairman Dunevant also reminded everyone of the sales tax referendum that will be on the November ballot and encouraged voter support since a portion of the revenue received will be used to fund the new radio system.

See Exhibit B
RESOLUTION
Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a
Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20

ITEM # 6 – PROPOSED CRITERIA TO USE DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY METHOD FOR A COSMETOLOGY FACILITY AT STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SCC)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly Community College has requested the County's assistance in building a new cosmetology facility on the Albemarle campus. Due to the need to have the building completed no later than July 2015, the SCC Board of Trustees submitted, for Board approval, the criteria that must be established in order to utilize the design-build delivery construction method. These criteria must be adopted prior to the request for qualifications for a design builder being solicited. The County Manager presented the proposed criteria and entertained questions from the Board.

After a review of the information, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve adoption of the criteria and was seconded by Commissioner Ascutto. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM # 7 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board consideration and adoption, a proclamation declaring October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" was presented as a way to bring awareness to this issue in the local community. The County Manager recognized Vicki Coggins, President of the Esther House, who addressed the Board noting the services provided for women and children at the Esther House.

By motion, Commissioner Ascutto moved to approve adoption of the proclamation. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit C

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

ITEM # 8 – APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND A MEETING REGARDING THE FORMER RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Commissioner McIntyre moved that Chairman Dennis and Commissioner Ascutto be appointed to attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanly County Schools Central Office. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton and passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 9 – NOTIFICATION OF FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Board approval was requested for three (3) upcoming fireworks displays in the county on the following dates: September 20, 2014 – Best of Badin Festival, September 20, 2014 – City of Locust at the Locust Town Center and October 4, 2014 – Stanly County Fairgrounds. The Fire Marshal's Office will be responsible for the permitting and inspections of these events.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the fireworks displays and was seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM # 10 – CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Minutes – Special meeting of July 28, 2014, regular meeting of August 4, 2014 and recessed meeting of August 12, 2014
- B.** Finance – Request approval of the attached vehicle tax refunds
- C.** Finance – Request approval of budget amendment # 2015-05

By motion, Commissioner McIntyre moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Morton. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Dunevant stated that the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) had recently discussed both air and water quality issues in the region. He also reiterated the need to use the water available to the County as an asset to encourage economic development as well as for recreation.

Commissioner Ascitutto noted the success of the recent Ag-Day held at the Agri-Civic Center and commended staff on their hard work in organizing the event. He also stated that at a recent meeting of the Board of Health, members participated in a discussion about Animal Control and the possibility of placing the department under the authority of the Sheriff's Office, converting it to a standalone department or leaving it under the Health Department. No decision was made.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman Dunevant moved to recess the meeting into closed session in order to discuss economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4). His motion was seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote at 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to adjourn the meeting with the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Dunevant. Motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote at 8:09 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk