

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2009**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony M. Dennis, Chairman
Gene McIntyre, Vice Chairman
Lindsey Dunevant
Sherrill Smith
Jann Lowder

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Lucas, County Manager
John Roberts, County Attorney
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order and Vice Chairman McIntyre gave the devotion.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Dunevant made a motion to accept the agenda with two amendments. It was requested that a closed session be added after the general comment portion of the meeting and that item # 9 –Local Legislation Change be removed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – PUBLIC HEARING –CLOSEOUT OF THE 2007 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE HOOK-UP GRANT (07-C-1756)

Presenter: Michael Kepley, Grant Administrator for Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A.

This was the required public hearing to receive public comment on the closeout of the grant. The purpose of the grant was to assist low to moderate income households in hooking up to sewer and/or water. With the grant funds in the amount of \$12,521, 3 water hook-ups and 2 sewer hook-ups were completed.

Chairman Dennis declared the public hearing open. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed.

No action was required by the Board.

ITEM # 2 – PUBLIC HEARING – NEW CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE HOOK-UP GRANT FOR \$50,000

Presenter: Michael Kepley, Grant Administrator for Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive approval of an application to the NC Department of Commerce to apply for funds under the CDBG Infrastructure Hook-Up Program in the amount of \$50,000. After the required public hearing, it was requested the Board adopt the authorizing resolution, policies, procedures, plans, resolutions and ordinances for the project.

Chairman Dennis declared the public hearing open. Hearing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve the authorizing resolution, policies, procedures, plans, resolutions, and ordinances for the new grant was made by Vice Chairman McIntyre and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 3 – NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGE AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Presenter: Jason Phibbs

Mr. Phibbs addressed the Board and requested their support of a state marriage amendment by approving the enclosed resolution. The resolution defines marriage to be between a man and a woman and the only domestic legal union that would be valid or recognized in this State.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to take the resolution under advisement and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 4 – TAX ADMINISTRATION – RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE TAX DISCOUNT RATE FROM 2% TO 1%

Presenter: Rick Johnson, Director

Included in the Board agenda packets was information submitted to the county manager previously that explained the advantages of offering a discounted tax rate. Currently in NC, at least 57 counties offer no discount while the remaining 43 counties offer discounts in the range from ½ % - 3%. Mr. Johnson requested the Board approve the resolution to reduce the current discount rate from 2% to 1% effective July and August of this year.

Below is the resolution as it was presented:

RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE TAX DISCOUNT RATE

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 105-360 authorizes the governing body to establish a schedule of discounts to be applied to taxes paid prior to the due date; and

WHEREAS, not later than the first day of May preceding the due date of the taxes to which it first applies, adopt a resolution specifying the amounts of the discounts and the periods of time during which they are to be applicable; and

WHEREAS, upon submission to and approval of said resolution by the Department of Revenue, publish the discount schedule at least once in some newspaper having general circulation in the taxing unit; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanly County Board of Commissioners proposes a one percent (1%) discount rate for payment during the months of July and August effective for the 2009 billing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of April, 2009.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman
Stanly County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tyler Brummitt
Clerk to the Board

A motion to adopt the resolution as presented was made by Vice Chairman McIntyre. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 5 – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICING (C.O.P.S.) HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM

Presenter: Sheriff Rick Burris

This federal grant is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. It is a three year grant with 100% funding for the length of the grant with no matching monies needed from the county. At the expiration of the grant, the county will be required to

fund this position for twelve months. This grant is intended to recover a position that was no longer funded in the 2008-2009 budget. It was requested the Board approve the application for the grant at this time.

Commissioner Lowder made a motion to approve the grant application and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 6 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Presenter: Kevin Gullette, Director

Mr. Gullette gave a brief presentation on the California Trade Mission he recently attended through the Charlotte Regional Partnership. During the workshop, the group visited with seven different national and international consultants and six companies. Mr. Gullette stated that with the face of manufacturing changing in the region as well as in Stanly County, economic development's focus is also changing. As a result, the county continues to look for trade businesses as it has in the past, but must consider new projects. Some of the projects discussed included defense / security firms and alternative energy (solar) projects.

No action was required by the Board at this time. The presentation was made for information only.

ITEM # 7 – SENIOR SERVICES – MEAL CONTRACT FOR THE NUTRITION PROGRAM

Presenter: Becky Weemhoff, Director

Senior Services recently opened bids for a caterer for the Nutrition Program. The bid was requested for a 12 month period from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, and for a 24 month alternate contract period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011. Two bids were received: one from Stanly Regional Medical Center and another from Aramark Correctional Services.

This information was submitted for the Board's review and consideration. This item will be added to the April 20th agenda and a request made to award the contract at that time.

No action was required by the Board at this time.

ITEM # 8 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Presenter: Commissioner Smith

It was requested that Paul Childress be appointed to replace Eston West whose term expired January 31, 2008 for Central District (D). Mr. Childress would then complete Mr. West's unexpired term until January 31, 2010.

Secondly, it was requested that the following members be re-appointed to serve a two year term ending January 31, 2011. All terms previously expired on January 31, 2009.

- Charles Brown, At-Large member (D)
- Nancy Lipe, North District (D)
- Stephen Aldridge, East District (D)
- Larry Baucom, West District (D)
- Ron Swanner, Central District (R)

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Paul Childress and re-appoint the above members to the EDC Board. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntyre and passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 9 – LOCAL LEGISLATION CHANGE

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

This item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM # 10 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Dennis

- A) Minutes – Regular meeting on March 16, 2009
- B) Library – Request the attached list of books be declared surplus and donated to Friends of the Library in order to conduct an ongoing book sale at the five branch libraries.
- C) Tax – Refund request for C.K. Earnhardt & Son, Inc.
- D) Finance – Monthly Financial Report for Eight Months Ended February 28, 2009.

Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Homer Snuggs addressed the Board with questions regarding the possibility of spay/neuter clinics versus euthanasia as a means of animal control, the decision to run water lines to the Edgewater Development in Norwood rather than the western part of the county where Mr. Snuggs felt was a greater need, and questioned if any layoffs had taken place in the county departments due to the current economy.

June Mabry wanted to thank the Board for several positive things taking place in the county including meetings and discussions with Kevin Gullette, the EDC Director, Commissioner Smith, Jerry Morton, Facilities Director, and Dale Burris of the Environmental Commission, who have been very helpful and knowledgeable in their

discussions of green technology. She also thanked the Board for its support of the Environmental Commission and for being accessible and willing to discuss ways to improve the lives of the citizens.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Vice Chairman McIntyre informed everyone that again this year, the legislature is continuing to try and shift the responsibility of secondary road maintenance and construction to the county level and wanted everyone to know that the state association continues to work to ensure this program stays on the state level.

Commissioner Lowder wished everyone a wonderful and safe Easter holiday.

Commissioner Smith stated he had attended an energy summit in Charlotte on Monday where one of the topics discussed was how to create jobs in the current economic down turn.

County Manager reminded everyone that the county offices would be closed on Friday, April 10th due to the Easter holiday.

Chairman Dennis, Commissioner Dunevant, and the county attorney had no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to recess to closed session to consult with the county attorney in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), to discuss economic development in accord with G.S. 143.318-11(a)(4), and a personnel issue in accord with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

There being no further business, Vice Chairman McIntyre made a motion to return to open session. Commissioner Dunevant seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn until Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant and passed by a vote of 5 – 0 at 8:50 p.m.

Tony M. Dennis, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

