

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2011**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Josh Morton, Chairman
Jann Lowder, Vice Chairman
Tony Dennis
Lindsey Dunevant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Gene McIntyre (Attending the NACo
Conference in Washington, DC)

STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Lucas, County Manager
Jenny Furr, 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, March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chairman Morton called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dunevant gave the invocation.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the agenda as presented and was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 1 – PLANNING & ZONING

Presenter: Michael Sandy, Planning Director

A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZA 11-01 – Rezoning Request by Doug Rink on behalf of Ruby Lee Almond

Mr. Rink submitted a request to rezone 6.4 acres of the 22.72 acre parcel of land (tax record 7024) located at the intersection of Wyatt Road and NC 24/27 Hwy from RA (Residential Agricultural) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing). The purpose of the request is to allow a portion of the property to be rezoned for business or commercial purposes.

Chairman Morton declared the public hearing open. Guy Almond, son of Ruby Almond, Teresa Eudy, and Connie Welch came forward to speak against the proposed rezoning. With no one else coming forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

No action was taken by the Board.

B. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZA 11-02 – AMENDMENT TO SECTION 601.2 OF THE STANLY COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Planning staff recommended that Section 601.2 of the zoning ordinance be amended to remove the approval requirement of the Board of County Commissioners for Agriculture Fairs, Carnivals, Recreational and Entertainment Activities.

Chairman Morton declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Vice Chairman Lowder moved to approve the amendment to Section 601.2 of the Stanly County Zoning Ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 2 – ANSON/STANLY CREATIVE ECONOMY PROJECT PRESENTATION

Presenters: Lori Ivey, County Extension Director

Diane Cherry, Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI)

Ms. Cherry gave a power point presentation outlining the creative efforts in North Carolina that have stemmed from the February 2010 Emerging Issues Forum know as “Creativity, iNC.” The presentation outlined the process currently underway for the Anson-Stanly County region which includes mapping the creative assets within the counties, gathering input from focus groups and community leaders, and ultimately transferring those ideas to market.

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

ITEM # 3 – SOUTHSIDE ROAD RE-NAMING

Presenter: Karen McDaniel, 911 Director

During the February 21, 2011 meeting, Eddie Bowers, a resident of Southside Road, came forward to request the Board give consideration to Southside Fire Department when renaming the 2,205 foot section of Southside Road. Mr. Bowers expressed concern that Union Chapel United Methodist Church received a letter to vote, but Southside Volunteer Fire Department had not. A decision was made to delay the naming of the road to allow staff time to investigate and report back to the Board during the March 7, 2011 meeting. Since that time, all six (6) property owners, including Southside Fire Department, have returned their votes with the following results: Moose Farm Road - 3 votes, Old Fire Station Road - 2 votes, and Southside Fire Department abstaining.

Commissioner Dunevant moved to approve the re-naming of Southside Road to Moose Farm Road and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. At this time, Craig Lowder, Chairman of the Board at Southside Fire Department stepped forward and stated the issue of re-naming the road was never brought before the Board of Southside Fire Department. Therefore, the letter the County received from the Vice Chairman was invalid.

After a period of discussion, Commissioner Dunevant withdrew his motion and requested staff delay naming Southside Road to allow Southside Fire Department to hold its meeting on March 15th and cast their vote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis and passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

It was requested that after the March 15th meeting, Southside Volunteer Fire Department issue a letter with the chosen name, have it signed by all members of the Board and submitted to the 911 Communications Director.

ITEM # 4 – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – PATROL / NARCOTICS DETECTION CANINE – BUDGET AMENDMENT # 2011-28

Presenter: Sheriff Rick Burris

The Sheriff’s Office requested Board approval to retire K-9 “Rico” to his handler George Miller and request a replacement K-9 be purchased. Drug seizure funds will be used to purchase the new K-9 therefore approval of budget amendment # 2011-28 was also requested.

Vice Chairman Lowder moved to approve budget amendment # 2011-28 and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the transfer of ownership for K-9 “Rico” to handler George Miller. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder and approved by a 4 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 5 – FY 2011-2012 BUDGET CALENDAR

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County Manager presented a budget calendar for FY 2011-2012 to provide a time line of the process over the next few months.

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the schedule with the exception of the joint meetings with Stanly Community College Board of Trustees and the Board of Education since specific

dates have not yet been determined. Vice Chairman Lowder seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM # 6 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the reappointment of Michael G. Harwood and the appointment of Walter Scott Booth each to serve a four (4) year term beginning April 1, 2011 until March 31, 2015. Mr. Booth will replace the seat vacated by Ronnie Huneycutt on March 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder and approved by a 4 – 0 vote.

ITEM # 7 – CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Chairman Morton

- A. Minutes – Annual planning retreat of February 18, regular meeting of February 21, 2011, and joint meeting of February 28, 2011
- B. Planning – Request approval of contract to administer the Abandoned Manufactured Mobile Home project for the city of Locust.
- C. Cooperative Extension – Budget amendment # 2011-27
- D. Finance – Budget amendment # 2011-26
- E. Library – Request attached list of books declared surplus, donated to the Friends of the Library and sold in an ongoing book sale in the branch libraries
- F. EMS – Request adoption via resolution of the Stanly County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- G. Tax Release & Discovery Report for February 2011

Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Dunevant. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GENERAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting until Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lowder and passed unanimously at 8:15 p.m.

Joshua J. Morton, Jr.

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk