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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2025 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Barbee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Mills giving the invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mike Barbee	Chairman	Present	
Brandon King	Vice Chairman	Present	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Trent Hatley	Commissioner	Present	
Bill Lawhon	Commissioner	Present	
Billy Mills	Commissioner	Present	

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Vice Chair King moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Retirement Award Presentation

Presenter: Chair & County Commissioners

The Board recognized Ginny C. Burris who recently retired from the Health Department following 32 years of service.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kathy Johansen of Love Street in Albemarle, and owner of KBJB Entertainment, spoke to the Board about her volunteer application for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). She outlined her qualifications and expressed her interest in serving on the council.

- Marie Terry of Burleson Street in Albemarle, addressed the Board to advocate for the funds needed to install an elevator at the Albemarle Public Library. She emphasized that an elevator would significantly improve accessibility for many patrons, including herself, who have difficulty using the existing ramp.

3. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Appointment

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, Health & Human Services Director

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has several vacancies, two (2) of which are for County Commissioner appointees.

For Board consideration, three (3) volunteer applications were submitted to potentially fill these seats.

Following a brief period of questions, Commissioner Crump moved to appoint Michael Hatley and Victoria Ramos to serve one-year terms, beginning July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patty Crump, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Trent Hatley, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

4. Stanly County Aging Funding Plan FY26

Presenter: Pamela Sullivan, Senior Services Director

Director Pamela Sullivan presented the Stanly County Aging Funding Plan for the upcoming fiscal year 2025-26. As required, the HCCBG committee convened to discuss and allocate funds. Ms. Sullivan noted that FY25-26 is based on the prior year's allotment of \$550,626 which was divided among each of the seven aging programs: In Home Services Level I (Home Management), In Home Services Level II (Personal Care), Congregate Nutrition, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation (Medical & General), and Senior Center Operations.

Following the presentation, Director Sullivan responded to questions about the Meals on Wheels program, specifically the number of routes the program currently has.

Board approval for this funding plan and acceptance of these funds into the Senior Services budget for FY2025-26 was requested.

Commissioner Efird moved to approve the County Aging Funding Plan for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 as well as acceptance of these funds into the County budget, seconded by Commissioner Crump and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Patty Crump, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

5. Stanly County Emergency Operations Plan

Presenter: Michael Roark, Emergency Services Director

This Emergency Operations Plan provides a basic outline, summarizing each agency's role in emergency and disaster situations. Defining these roles reduces the confusion, chaos, and conflicts during an emergency, thereby significantly reducing vulnerability of the public and their property to hazardous threats.

This new Emergency Operations Plan updates and replaces the current Emergency Operations Plan that has been in effect since 2008. This is an all hazards plan that guides and enacts policy/decision making in the event of natural/manmade disasters in accordance with NCGS 166A.

Following the presentation, Director Roark addressed specific questions concerning the plan review and updates, and if any phase of the plan was activated the prior Thursday when the county received significant rainfall.

Board approval of the newly revised Emergency Operations Plan via resolution was requested.

By motion, Vice Chair King moved to approve the revised plan as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mills and carried by unanimous vote.

Exhibit A Resolution Stanly County Emergency Services Stanly County Emergency Management Ordinance Emergency Operations Plan

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Billy Mills, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

6. 2025 Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Presenter: Michael Roark, Emergency Services Director

Director Roark presented the updated 2025 Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is now ready for adoption.

This update is important for several reasons since it demonstrates the progress in hazard mitigation, it reflects the current conditions within the region, and aims to improve public awareness and education regarding potential risks.

Director Roark also noted that updating hazard mitigation plans every five years is a FEMA requirement. This ensures the County and other participating jurisdictions remain eligible for FEMA funding opportunities, meet Community Rating System (CRS) requirements, and comply with state and federal legislative mandates for local hazard mitigation plans.

Following the presentation, Director Roark responded to a brief period of questions from the Board.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the 2025 Cabarrus Stanly Union Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair King and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

**Exhibit B
Resolution
Adopting the Cabarrus Stanly Union
Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

7. Norwood Planning & Zoning Board - ETJ Representative

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Town of Norwood requested the appointment of Mr. Douglas Smith to serve as the County's ETJ representative on their Planning & Zoning Board. The term for this appointment is three (3) years effective on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

During the presentation, Commissioner Lawhon shared that he knows Mr. Smith and described him as an upstanding citizen who would be a valuable addition to the board.

Commissioner Lawhon then moved to appoint Mr. Smith as requested, seconded by Commissioner Crump and approved by a unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Patty Crump, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

8. Stanly Community College Board of Trustees Appointment

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Two (2) members of the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees have terms expiring June 30, 2025. They are Mr. Cecil Curlee and Mr. Eddie Wall.

Due to the recent passage of NC House Bill 259, the County now has one (1) appointment to make for a four-year term, effective from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029.

During the nomination process, Vice Chair King nominated Mr. Melvin Poole, and Commissioner Lawhon nominated Mr. Blake Underwood. With no additional names presented, the nominations were closed.

Following are the votes as recorded:

-Mr. Poole - Chair Barbee, Vice Chair King, Commissioner Crump, and Commissioner Mills

-Blake Underwood - Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hatley, and Commissioner Lawhon.

Mr. Poole was appointed to the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Billy Mills, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

9. FY 2025-26 Budget Public Hearing & Workshop Dates

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Per NC General Statute 159-12, the Board must hold a public hearing to consider comments related to the annual recommended budget. The public hearing must be held before the budget can be adopted.

With no questions from the Board, Chair Barbee declared the public hearing open.

- West Stanly Fire Chief Dakota Raborn highlighted the growing financial pressures on our local fire departments. The presentation detailed the significant increases in the cost of essential equipment such as protective gear, tools, and radios. As a result, the costs associated with these items are rising faster than the current revenue streams for these departments.

Following the presentation, Chief Raborn encouraged the Board's support of Ridgecrest VFD's request for a \$0.04 increase in their fire district tax rate.

With no one else coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Additionally, it was requested the Board set the dates for the budget workshops to discuss and review items in the recommended budget.

Board consensus was to hold the first budget workshop on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Patty Crump, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, Vice Chair King seconded the motion which carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

A. Minutes- May 12th work session & regular meeting

B. Finance - Approval of Vehicle Tax Refunds

C. Finance - Monthly Financial Report for April 2025

D. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment 2025-82: Repair & Maint Vehicles

E: DSS - Budget Amendment 2025- 81: Temporary Staffing

F. Agri-Civic Center - Budget Amendment 2025-83: Landscaping Upgrades

G. Sheriff's Office - Approval of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Agreement for the Town of Oakboro

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Crump expressed her appreciation to all emergency personnel who responded to calls during the storms last Thursday.

Commissioner Hatley thanked all members of the fire department who were present at the meeting.

Commissioner Mills congratulated all of the recent high school and college graduates on their achievements. He also shared that the Stanly County Schools (SCS) Board of Education will hold two (2) meetings on Tuesday, June 3rd. The first is at 4:00 p.m. at their Central Office followed by their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room. He encouraged citizens to attend and share their valuable input, emphasizing the central role that schools play in our communities.

Commissioner Lawhon acknowledged the fire department members for their attendance at the meeting and Chief Raborn for his presentation. He also added his congratulations to all 2025 graduates, mentioning his granddaughter's graduation from Cabarrus College of Health Sciences and her upcoming employment with Atrium Stanly.

Commissioner Efird thanked Chief Raborn as well. He also acknowledged the increasing costs impacting everyone and the challenges the county faces in making budget decisions to provide essential services to the community amid these rising costs.

Chair Barbee expressed his gratitude to all the fire departments for their dedicated service and congratulated Ginny Burris on her retirement.

RECESS

At. 6:59 p.m., Chair Barbee recessed the meeting until Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. for a budget workshop in the Joshua J. Morton, Jr. Conference Room, Stanly Commons.

Paul M. Barbee, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk