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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Lawhon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with Commissioner King giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

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

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Presenter: Jennifer & Eric Thompson

Jennifer Thompson and her husband, Eric of the Warrior Jace Thompson Foundation of Stanly County, presented the proclamation and requested the Board adopt it to recognize the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

By motion, Vice Chair Barbee moved to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by unanimous vote.

**Exhibit A
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

2024 A Proclamation

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

3. NCDOT FY26 5310 Capital Purchase of Service Grant Public Hearing and Program Resolution

Presenter: Pamela Sullivan, Senior Services Director

The Senior Services Department requested approval to apply for the FY26 5310 NCDOT Capital Purchase of Service Grant for \$60,000 to expand transportation services for adults 65 years and older in the county. If received, these funds will allow Senior Services to purchase additional transportation services from SCUSA beyond the level the HCCBG funding currently allows. As part of the application process, it was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing followed by approval of the program resolution and grant application.

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

Commissioner Efird moved to approve the program resolution and application as requested, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit B
Public Transportation Program Resolution
FY 2025 Resolution

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

4. NC DIT Broadband Grant Programs Presentation

Presenter: Jeff Brooks, NC Department of Information Technology

As information, Jeff Brooks of the NC Department of Information Technology (DIT), Office of Broadband Infrastructure, explained that the purpose of the department is to close the digital divide in North Carolina through the administration of grants and funding programs to further expand broadband infrastructure, to provide digital equity and inclusion planning, and digital literacy across North Carolina.

The presentation included information on federally funded programs such the GREAT Grant which provides federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to broadband service providers to deploy broadband infrastructure to unserved areas of eligible economically distressed counties, and the Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) Program that provides federal ARPA funds to

create partnerships between participating counties and NCDIT for a competitive bidding process to build infrastructure and provide broadband to unserved areas.

Future programs such as the Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) Funding Program will provide the funds needed to engage and solicit feedback from a variety of broadband and digital equity stakeholders across the state that have a vested interest in expanding high-speed internet access within the communities they serve, represent, or live in. The Division will use data collected from outreach efforts to create comprehensive BEAD and Digital Equity program plans to guide subsequent investments for both programs.

Following the presentation, Mr. Brooks entertained questions from the Board with no further action being taken.

5. Socio-Economic Data Presentation for Stanly County

Presenter: Lee Snuggs, RRRPO Director and Roger Castillo & Temilope Manimashaun, NCDOT Transportation Planning Department

At the Board's previous meeting on June 3, 2024, Mr. Castillo provided a general overview of the process to develop the County's Community Transportation Plan (CTP), the benefits of having a CTP and timeline for its completion. As part of the public input process, the study team conducted three (3) surveys to gather input and suggestions from the public with 634 total responses received from the community.

Mr. Castillo explained how the socio-economic data plays a crucial role in the development of a CTP in that it provides information on population size, age distribution, income levels, and employment rates which helps planners understand who lives in the community as well as the specific transportation needs of the different groups, such as low-income households, elderly residents, or people with disabilities. It also aids in forecasting population growth or economic development which are used to predict future transportation demands thus helping planners create transportation systems that are efficient, equitable, and sustainable and ultimately improves the quality of life for all community members.

Following a review of this information, it was requested the Board endorse the data as presented.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to do so, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

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

6. NCACC Annual Conference Recap

Presenter: Commissioner Peter Asciutto

September 3, 2024

Commissioner Asciutto noted the events that took place during the 2024 NCACC Annual Conference recently held in Winston-Salem, NC. He also highlighted some of the information presented by James Johnson, Ph.D. of the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill, on the key demographic drivers of the population changes and growth that is taking place in North Carolina.

The presentation was for information only with no action being taken.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Barbee, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, Barbee, Asciutto, Crump, Efird, Hatley, King

7. CONSENT AGENDA

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

A. Minutes - August 5, 2024 work session & regular meeting

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

B. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds for August 2024

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

C. EMS - Budget Amendment # 2025-13

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

D. Health Department - Budget Amendment #2025-14

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

E. Register of Deeds - Budget Amendment # 2025-17

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

F. City of Locust Fireworks Display

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

G. DSS - Budget Amendment # 2025-21: Temporary Staffing

H. A/V Tricaster Replacement to Livestream Board Meetings

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

I. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2025-16: Training Expenses

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

J. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2025-15: Equipment for Swat Team

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

K. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2025-18: Other Equipment

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

L. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2018-19: Dress Uniforms

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

M. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2025-20: SRO

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

N. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2025-23: Maintenance Lift

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

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Asciutto congratulated Rhett Lowder, former North Stanly High School baseball stand out, who recently pitched his first game for the Cincinnati Reds.

Commissioner Efird noted that he, County Manager Lucas and H&HS Director Dolly Clayton recently met with Partners in Health CEO Libby McCraw to discuss concerns related to Stanly County's ongoing foster care crisis.

Vice Chair Barbee thanked the Thompson family for presenting the proclamation declaring September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Efird moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote at 7:33 p.m.

W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk