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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

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	

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2024 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Lawhon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Barbee giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner King noted the request to include the revised budget amendments for item # 6 - Contract Award Recommendation for Partial McCoy Pump Station Forcemain Replacement, followed by Commissioner Efird's request to add a proclamation declaring November 16th as World Sanfilippo Awareness Day.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the agenda with the proposed revisions, seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. WORLD SANFILIPPO AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Ashley Haywood, mother of Sadie Rae Haywood who has Sanfillippo Syndrome, gave a brief presentation on the causes and symptoms of this genetic disease. She then requested the Board adopt a proclamation recognizing November 16th as World Sanfilippo Awareness Day.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the proclamation as requested, seconded by Vice Chair Mike Barbee and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A World Sanfilippo Awareness Day Proclamation

3. Public Hearing for 2025 Schedule of Values

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

Pursuant to G. S. 105-317, a public hearing for the proposed 2025 Schedule of Values shall be held by the Board at least seven (7) days prior to adoption of the final schedules. With the notice being published in the October 13, 2024 edition of the Stanly News & Press, it was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing to receive comments on the proposed schedules.

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

Following the public hearing, Mr. Swaringen responded to Board questions concerning who sets the Schedule of Values, how residence grades are determined, where the public can view the schedules and potential repercussions if the county were to delay the revaluation.

No further action was taken.

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

4. Consolidated Human Services Board Appointments

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, CHS Director

At the Consolidated Human Services (CHS) Board meeting held on October 3, 2024, Mr. Jeremy Almond, RN attended the meeting to discuss his desire to serve on the Board in the Registered Nurse position.

After discussion, the CHS Board recommended Mr. Almond fill the vacant Registered Nurse position for a four (4) year term ending November 2, 2028.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the appointment of Jeremy Almond as requested, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

5. Stanly County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Board of Directors Appointment

Presenter: Kasey Brooks, CVB Director

Due to Amanda Rowland leaving her position with the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center and resigning from the CVB Board of Directors, it was requested that a replacement be appointed to serve the remainder of her term as one of the County's representatives.

It was recommended that Annie Brown, the new Events Facilities Coordinator at the Agri-Civic Center, be appointed to serve the remainder of Ms. Rowland's three (3) year term which ends June 30, 2027.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve Ms. Brown's appointment as requested, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by unanimous vote.

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

6. 5311 Community Transportation Program FY26

Presenter: Steve Dutton, Transportation Services Director

For Board consideration, Transportation Services Director Steve Sutton requested approval for SCUSA Transportation to apply for the FY 2026 (Section 5311) Community Transportation Program (CTP) funds in the total estimated amount of \$542,539 with a 15% local match request of \$67,881.

If received, these funds will be used as follows:

- Administrative Funds - estimated program request \$272,539.00 with a 15% local match (estimated \$40,881.00); salaries and benefits for 3 FT and 1 PT staff, vehicle insurance, drug testing, daily office operations, etc.
- Capital Funds - estimated program request \$270,000.00 with a 10% local match (estimated \$27,000.00); Two (2) replacement vehicles - two LTVs with lifts along with agency lettering.

It was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing then approve the application and resolution to apply for and receive CTP funds which will be administered by the Transportation Department.

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

Commissioner King moved to approve the program application and associated resolution to apply for, receive and have the funds administered by the Transportation Services Department, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit B
Public Transportation Program Resolution
FY26 Resolution

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

7. Contract Award Recommendation for Partial McCoy Pump Station Forcemain Replacement
Presenter: Duane Wingo, Utilities Director

In September 2024, a sewer leak was reported on Barbees Grove Road near the entrance of the West Stanly Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTP). The source of the leak was due to the deterioration of the Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) which required an immediate replacement of approximately 700 linear feet of the damaged sections of the forcemain.

After further discussions with the County Manager and Chambers Engineering, it was decided that there was sufficient time to process an informal bid to secure competitive pricing for this critical repair.

Bids for the replacement work were opened on October 15, 2024, at 2:00 PM. The lowest bid was submitted by BRS, Inc. from Richfield, NC in the amount of \$229,750, Dellinger Construction was second low bidder at \$442,690, followed by State Utility Contractors \$491,000.

Following an evaluation of the submitted bids, staff recommended that the Board approve the informal bid from BRS, Inc. for the replacement of the 700 feet of the McCoy Pump Station Forcemain and authorize staff to execute a contract with BRS, Inc. for this project.

Lastly, staff recommends that the Board approve the accompanying budget amendments related to this project. These amendments include a transfer of \$229,750 along with a contingency allowance of approximately 5%, totaling \$11,500 for any unforeseen expenses. This results in a total budget amendment transfer of \$241,250. The funding will be drawn from unspent ARPA funds allocated for the Meadow Creek Church Road Water Main Extension Project, thus eliminating the need to utilize retained earnings.

Following the presentation, Director Wingo entertained questions from the Board. Commissioner Crump noted her surprise in the difference between the bid amounts received. Chair Lawhon was pleased to see that a local company, BRS, had bid on the project. Commissioner Hatley asked questions concerning specific details of the project repair.

With no further discussion, Commissioner King moved to approve budget amendments # 2025-345 and #2025-35 for \$241,250 as requested and to authorize staff to contract with BRS, Inc. for the repair project, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8. Interlocal Agreement for West Stanly WWTP Expansion Project

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County must obligate its American Rescue Plan funds by no later than December 31, 2024 or repay the un-obligated funds to the US Treasury. The County previously committed \$6.25 million from the American Rescue Plan grant appropriation to the West Stanly WWTP expansion project. A total of \$2,564,000 has been obligated to date leaving a balance of \$3,686,000.

Based on guidance received from the US Treasury, inter-local and/or inter-agency agreements that stipulate a funding commitment by both parties will meet this obligation requirement. As such, it was recommended the County utilize this Interlocal Agreement as a means to obligate its remaining commitment of funds to this project by the December 31, 2024 deadline.

With no questions from the Board, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Stanly Water & Sewer Authority as presented, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit C
Interlocal Agreement
between
the County of Stanly and the Stanly Water & Sewer Authority

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

A. Minutes- October 7th work session & regular meeting

B. EMS - Budget Amendment # 2025-26

C. EMS - Budget Amendment # 2025-27

D. Budget Amendment # 2025-33

E. Health Dept. - Budget Amendment #2025-32

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

With early voting having already begun, Commissioner Hatley encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Chair Lawhon also encouraged everyone to vote noting thus far, the number of those who have participated in early voting exceeds the number that participated in 2020.

With Halloween coming, Commissioner Efird asked everyone to please watch out for children who will be out and about participating in local events.

Commissioner King thanked Ashley Haywood, Sadie Rae Haywood and the others who came out in support of World Sanfalippo Awareness Day and requested continued prayers for their family.

Commissioner Asciutto congratulated Commissioner Efird on his recent recognition as Member of the Year from the North Carolina Association of Zoning Officials (NCAZO). He also encouraged everyone to go vote to ensure their voice is heard.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Crump moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote at 6:51 p.m.

W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk