

Mike Barbee
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Brandon King
Vice Chairman

Patty Crump
Commissioner

Scott Efird
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Bill Lawhon
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Billy Mills
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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

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	

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2024 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons.

The County Manager, acting as temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of reorganization of the Board.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY & OATHS OF OFFICE

Clerk to the Board, Tyler Brummitt, administered the oaths of office for Commissioner T. Scott Efird and Commissioner Billy Mills.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The County Manager opened the floor for nominations for Chairman pursuant to NCGS 153A-39. Commissioner King nominated Commissioner Barbee, followed by Commissioner Lawhon nominating Commissioner Efird.

With no other names presented, Commissioner Crump moved to close the nominations, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by unanimous vote.

Following are the votes as recorded:

- Commissioner Barbee - Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Crump, Commissioner Hatley, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mills
- Commissioner Efird - Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Lawhon

County Manager Lucas congratulated Chairman Barbee and turned the proceedings over to him.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Barbee opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman pursuant to NCGS 153A-39. Commissioner Lawhon nominated Commissioner Crump, followed by Commissioner Crump's nomination of Commissioner King. With no other names presented, Commissioner Efird moved to close the nominations, seconded by Commissioner Crump and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

Following are the votes for Vice Chair as recorded:

- Commissioner Crump - Commissioner Lawhon, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hatley
- Commissioner King - Chair Barbee, Commissioner Crump, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mills

Commissioner King was elected vice chair by majority vote.

APPROVAL OF BONDS

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the renewal of the following public official bonds, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by unanimous vote.

Bond Type	Amount	Expiration Date
Finance Officer (Toby Hinson)	\$1,000,000	June 9, 2025
Register of Deeds (Jennifer Helms)	\$ 50,000	December 1, 2025
Tax Administrator (Clinton Swaringen)	\$ 100,000	October 28, 2025

2025 COUNTY COMMISSIONER BOARD & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chair Barbee presented the following slate of nominees for Board approval:

Economic Development Commission, 2 Commissioners - Vice Chair Brandon King, Commissioner Bill Lawhon

Health & Human Services Board, 2 Commissioners - Vice Chair Brandon King, Commissioner Patty Crump

Member, Library Board of Trustees - Commissioner Scott Efird

Airport Authority, 2 Commissioners - Vice Chair Brandon King, Commissioner Trent Hatley

Chairman, Fire District Commission - Commissioner Trent Hatley

Member, Senior Services Board - Commissioner Billy Mills

Member, Rural Planning Organization (RPO) - Commissioner Billy Mills
Alternate, Rural Planning Organization (RPO) - Commissioner Scott Efird

Member, Stanly Water & Sewer Authority - Commissioner Trent Hatley

Alternate, Stanly Water & Sewer Authority - Chair Mike Barbee

Member, Centralina Council of Governments - Chair Mike Barbee

Alternate, Centralina Council of Governments - Commissioner Bill Lawhon

Partners Behavioral Health Board - Commissioner Scott Efir

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - Commissioner Patty Crump

Vice Chair King moved to approve the assignments as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

ESTABLISH THE 2025 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Barbee presented the following meeting dates for Board consideration:

Monday, January 6th and Tuesday, January 21st*

Monday, February 3rd and Monday, February 17th

Monday, March 3rd and Monday, March 17th

Monday, April 7th and Monday, April 21st

Monday, May 12th

Monday, June 2nd

Monday, July 7th

Monday, August 4th

Tuesday, September 2nd**

Monday, October 6th and Monday, October 20th

Monday, November 3rd and Monday, November 17th

Monday, December 1st

* Rescheduled due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 20th

**Rescheduled due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 1st

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

ESTABLISH THE 2025 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holiday	Observed
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1 st
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20 th
Good Friday	Friday, April 18 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26 th
Independence Day	Friday, July 4 th

Labor Day	Monday, September 1 st
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27 th & Friday, November 28th
Christmas	Wednesday, December 24th, Thursday, December 25th & Friday, December 26th
Commissioner Efird moved to approve the schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Crump and passed by unanimous vote.	

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Barbee announced that during any regular meeting of the Board, the County Commissioners in order to act in their capacity as Board of Governors for the Greater Badin Water & Sewer District or for the Piney Point Water District, may at their discretion, recess the Commissioners' regular meeting and reconvene as the Board of Governors of either of the above two (2) entities in order to conduct business matters related to that entity. This concluded the matters related to the Board's reorganization.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Barbee gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments to the agenda, Vice Chair King moved to approve it as presented, seconded by Commissioner Crump and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Retirement Award Presentations

Presenter: Chair & County Commissioners

The Board recognized David Fisher, Jr., Detria Turner and Angie Wentz for their years of service to the county and congratulated them on their recent retirement.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. Resolution of Support for the America 250 NC Committee

Presenter: Renee VanHorn, Executive Director for the Stanly County Arts Council

December 2, 2024

The NC Department of Natural Resources is encouraging each county in the state to create a committee responsible for developing events and activities to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States and North Carolina in 2026. The NC Legislature has allocated funding for these committees to apply for via a grant process with applications due by December 16, 2024. It was requested the Board adopt the attached resolution to support the creation of the Stanly County America 250 NC Committee which will then allow them to proceed with the grant application process.

By motion, Commissioner Crump moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by unanimous vote.

Exhibit A
Resolution of Stanly County
Recognizing and Approving of the Stanly county
Official America 250 NC Committee

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

4. Stanly County Water and Sewer Authority Board Appointments

Presenter: Duane Wingo, Utilities Director

The Stanly Water & Sewer Authority (SWASA) Board of Directors has two (2) positions expiring on January 3, 2025. These positions are currently held by William Rigsbee, Jr. and Billy Franklin Lee. Both have expressed interest in serving again if reappointed. Additionally, a volunteer application was received from David L. Jackson, who has expressed interest in joining the board as a new member. It was requested the Board appoint two (2) members to the authority with each serving a two (2) year term ending January 3, 2027.

For the first seat, Vice Chair King moved to appoint David Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

For the second seat, Commissioner Lawhon moved to appoint William Rigsbee, Jr., seconded by Vice Chair King and carried by unanimous vote.

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

5. Senior Services Advisory Board Appointments

Presenter: Pamela Sullivan, Senior Services Director

The Senior Services Advisory Board (SSAB) has four (4) members rotating off this year. They are Gail Barbee, Ann Lowder, Kent Trull and Christina Vaughn.

Following a review of the volunteer applications, the SSAB recommended Antwain Hamilton, Isabelle Howard, Dawn Melton and Teresa Wagner be appointed to fill these vacancies for a three (3) year term ending October 31, 2027.

By motion, Commissioner Crump moved to appoint Antwain Hamilton, Isabelle Howard, Dawn Melton and Teresa Wagner to three (3) year terms as requested, seconded by Vice Chair King and passed by unanimous vote.

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

6. Reaffirmation of the Code of Ethics

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Per NCGS 160A-86, the County must reaffirm its code of ethics every year. As such, it was requested the Board adopt it as presented.

By motion, Vice Chair King moved to approve it as presented, seconded by Commissioner Crump and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit B Code of Ethics Stanly County Board of Commissioners

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Efird moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and carried by unanimous vote.

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

A. Minutes- November 18th work session & regular meeting

B. Finance - Monthly Financial Report for October 2024

C. EMS - Budget Amendment 2025-42

D. American Rescue Plan Grant Funding - Grants Project Ordinance

E. Interlocal Agreement Amendment - West Stanly WWTP Expansion Project

F. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2025-43; Building Materials

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Crump congratulated Commissioners Barbee and King on being chosen as chair and vice chair for next year and congratulated Commissioner Mills and Commissioner Efird on their recent elections.

Commissioner Mills acknowledged the amount of preparation that takes place before and after the Board meetings that most are unaware of. He also requested prayers for discernment and wisdom for the Board and asked that all citizens continue to support them as they serve the county. He also invited everyone to the reception taking place after the meeting.

Vice Chair King congratulated Chair Barbee on being named chair for next year and Commissioners Mills and Efird on their election to the Board. He also acknowledged those in the audience and thanked them for coming.

Commissioner Efird also congratulated Chair Barbee and Vice Chair King on being elected chair and vice chair. He expressed his appreciation to his wife, Tracy for supporting him while running for office and serving on the Board. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Lawhon expressed his appreciation of the three (3) county retirees for their service to the county. He welcomed Commissioner Mills to the Board and congratulated Commissioner Efird on beginning his 3rd term as county commissioner.

Chair Barbee welcomed Commissioner Mills, congratulated Commissioner Efird on his reelection and Vice Chair King on being appointed as vice chair for next year. He also thanked Commissioner Lawhon for his service as chair over the past year.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Lawhon moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hatley at carried by unanimous vote at 6:49 p.m.

Paul M. Barbee, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk