

Mike Barbee
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Commissioner



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Bill Lawhon
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Billy Mills
Commissioner

**Stanly County
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2025 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Barbee called the meeting to order at 06:04 PM.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Efir provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval / Adjustments to the Agenda

Prior to the meeting, it was requested that Item 6 (1) - CR 25-05: A Conditional Rezoning Request by Kenny Hazelwood, be pulled from the agenda.

Commissioner Efir moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Chair King and carried by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

Kevin Myers of Richfield, and member of the Board of Directors for the NC Trapping Association, requested Board consideration in adopting a resolution to support extending fox trapping season in Stanly County.

5. Scheduled Agenda Items

1. CR 25-05 A request by Kenny Hazelwood for a Conditional Rezoning on Hydro Road

Presenter: Bailey Cline, Planning Director

This item was pulled from the agenda at Mr. Hazelwood's request.

2. Resolution Authorizing Purchase w/a Commissioner Under NC General Statute 14-234(d1)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Recusal of Vice Chair King

Before the presentation, Vice Chair King requested to be recused from this item. Commissioner Lawhon moved to do so, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and approved by a 6-0 vote.

The Airport sought Board approval for the purchase of a mower from the SCAG Dealership in Stanly County, which is owned by Vice Chair King. The Airport has another SCAG mower that has held up well under the specific conditions and high volume of grass mowing at the facility.

This purchase falls under the small jurisdiction exception for purchases under \$60,000, as permitted by NC General Statute 14-234(d1). It was requested the Board approve a resolution authorizing the purchase, with additional record-keeping by the Finance Department for transparency and inclusion in the County's annual financial audit.

Following the presentation, County Manager Lucas addressed Board questions concerning the cost difference between the SCAG mower and a John Deere model.

Commissioner Efird then moved to approve the resolution as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Exhibit A

Resolution Approving A Contract Between the Stanly County Airport & Commissioner Brandon King

3. American Rescue Plan Grant Project Ordinance Amendment and Corresponding Budget Amendments

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

In order to keep each of the defined projects within their authorized budget amounts, an amendment is needed to adjust the Meadowcreek water line extension project budget by \$4,751 and a corresponding decrease to the Stony Gap water line extension project budget of \$4,751.

It was requested the Board approve a grant project ordinance and the corresponding budget amendments to accomplish this.

By motion, Commissioner Crump moved to approve the grant project ordinance and associated budget amendments as presented, seconded by Vice Chair King. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes

2. Airport North Hangar Site Development

7. Board Comments, Announcements & Committee Reports

Commissioner Lawhon attended the open house and naming ceremony for the new Trades Facility at Stanly Community College, which has been named the Brown Building. He also participated in the ribbon-cutting

ceremony for the new Emergency Training Center on Airport Road, highlighting the positive fiscal impact this facility will have on the county as emergency personnel come to train there. He then provided an update on new housing permits issued through September 2025, noting a slight decrease compared to last year with the average permit value of \$326,352.

Commissioner Efirm shared information about the upcoming Fall Festivals in Locust and Oakboro. Locust will host its annual Fall Festival on October 31st, and Oakboro's will be held on October 26th.

Chair Barbee apologized for being unable to attend the Emergency Training Center ribbon-cutting ceremony due to his trip to Kentucky to tour The Arc.

8. Adjourn

Commissioner Mills moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Crump. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:33 p.m.

Paul M. Barbee, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS &
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

In attendance: Chair Mike Barbee, Vice Chair Brandon King, Commissioner Patty Crump, Commissioner Scott Efird, Commissioner Trent Hatley, Commissioner Bill Lawhon, Commissioner Billy Mills, County Manager Andy Lucas, County Attorney Jenny Furr and Clerk to the Board Tyler Brummitt.

Call to Order & Welcome

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the Board) held a special joint meeting with the Stanly County Board of Education (BOE) on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room at Stanly Commons.

The BOE meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Robin Whitaker, who also gave the invocation. Commissioner Chair Mike Barbee then called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order.

Stanly County Schools (SCS) Presentation & Discussion of the Needs-Based Facilities Grant Applications

Following opening comments, BOE Chair Robin Whitaker turned the meeting over the Ashley Dennis of Moseley Architects for the presentation.

Ms. Dennis's presentation summarized the key findings from the Facilities Assessment Report for all schools in western Stanly County. The report included growth projections from Numerix, detailing each school's current and future capacities.

Due to its proximity to Charlotte, access to employment, and new housing developments, western Stanly County is experiencing significant growth. As a result, this area is projected to see the most significant increase in student population for the foreseeable future.

Based on these studies, it was recommended that the current Oakboro STEM Elementary School, which serves kindergarten through eighth grade with a capacity of 412 students, be demolished. A new school for kindergarten through fifth grade, with a capacity for 700 students, would then be constructed on the same site.

Additionally, it was recommended that West Stanly Middle School undergo an expansion to increase its capacity from 585 to 950 students. This expansion is needed, in part, to

accommodate the sixth through eighth-grade students who will no longer attend Oakboro STEM Elementary and will instead be shifted to West Stanly Middle School.

As recommended, the total cost for both projects is \$84.35 million. This includes \$53.83 million for the demolition and construction of Oakboro Elementary, and \$30.52 million for the West Stanly Middle School Expansion.

Following the presentation, the Board of Education noted its intent to apply for two (2) needs-based grants totaling \$52 million to support these projects.

If these grants are received, an additional \$32.35 million is needed to cover the remaining costs. Additionally, a 5% local match of approximately \$4.2 million will be required, resulting in a total funding request of \$36,567,500 from the County.

After the presentation, the Boards discussed the information presented and the requested financial support from the County.

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Recess

Chair Barbee called for a short recess then reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Chair Barbee called for discussion to either approve or deny the grant applications and the financial commitment requested from the County.

Board members raised several concerns, including the potential for cost overruns similar to those experienced with the Endy Elementary expansion project. There were also questions raised about the estimated cost of \$450 per square foot, which some felt was too high.

Additionally, concerns were raised that West Stanly Middle School may reach capacity again within a few years of the expansion's completion. It was also questioned if the study took into consideration those students who are homeschooled or attend charter or Christian schools.

During discussion, County Manager Lucas proposed that the Board consider supporting a total of \$52 million in grant application funding. This amount would instead require a 5% local match of \$2.6 million, which he noted the County can fund from the General Fund Balance without raising taxes or incurring additional debt.

If awarded, the \$52 million grant would cover the demolition and rebuilding costs for Oakboro Elementary School, as well as the addition to West Stanly Middle School.

Following discussion, Vice Chair King made a motion to provide a maximum local match of \$2.6 million (or 5%) from the County. This motion is contingent upon the Board of Education

agreeing to amend their grant applications for a total of \$52 million for the replacement of Oakboro Elementary School and the West Stanly Middle School addition.

Commissioner Hatley seconded the motion, which then passed by a 6-1 vote (Chair Barbee voted against).

With no further discussion, Commissioner Efirm moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair King and passed by unanimous vote at 8:32 p.m.

Paul M. Barbee, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2025**

In attendance: Chair Mike Barbee, Vice Chair Brandon King, Commissioner Patty Crump, Commissioner Scott Efird, Commissioner Trent Hatley, Commissioner Bill Lawhon, Commissioner Billy Mills, County Manager Andy Lucas, County Attorney Jenny Furr and Clerk to the Board Tyler Brummitt.

Following the closed session, staff addressed questions regarding the jury commission appointment and the consent agenda item concerning the Sheriff's Office budget amendment for a drone purchase.

At 5:56 p.m., the Board proceeded to the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room for their regular meeting.

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**Stanly County
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 6, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2025 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Barbee called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM.

Present:

Chairman Paul M. Barbee
Vice Chairman Brandon King
County Commissioner Patty Crump
County Commissioner T. Scott Efir
County Commissioner Trent Hatley
County Commissioner Bill Lawhon
County Commissioner Billy Mills

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Crump gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval / Adjustments to the Agenda

Result:	Passed
Mover:	County Commissioner Efir
Second:	County Commissioner Crump
Ayes:	Paul Michael Barbee, Brandon King, Patty Crump, T. Scott Efir, Trent Hatley, Bill Lawhon, Billy Mills

4. Public Comment

- William Smith, one of Stanly County's representatives on the Centralina Region F Aging Advisory Committee (RFAAC), briefly explained the committee's role in advocating for the needs of aging residents in the county. He also mentioned that there are currently three vacancies for representatives on the committee and encouraged

anyone who is interested to volunteer for these important positions.

- Jennifer Lynn expressed concerns about the recent selection of a new mayor for one of the local municipalities when the standard vetting process was not followed. To address this, Ms. Lynn has requested that the Board consider adopting a formal vetting policy for all elected officials within the county.

5. Scheduled Agenda Items

A. Jury Commission Appointment

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Tate Daniels' term as the Board appointee to the Jury Commission expired October 1, 2025. Mr. Daniels has stated his willingness to continue to serve if reappointed.

It is requested that the Board appoint a Commissioner member to serve a two-year term ending September 30, 2027.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to reappoint Mr. Tate Daniels, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

Result:	Passed
Mover:	County Commissioner Lawhon
Secunder:	County Commissioner Hatley
Ayes:	Paul Michael Barbee, Brandon King, Patty Crump, T. Scott Efird, Trent Hatley, Bill Lawhon, Billy Mills

6. Consent Agenda

Result:	Passed
Mover:	Vice Chairman King
Secunder:	County Commissioner Crump
Ayes:	Paul Michael Barbee, Brandon King, Patty Crump, T. Scott Efird, Trent Hatley, Bill Lawhon, Billy Mills

- A. Minutes
- B. Finance - Approve Vehicle Tax Refunds for September 2025
- C. Finance - Monthly Financial for August 2025
- D. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment 2026-31: Recognize insurance settlement funds to be used for a new replacement vehicle
- E. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment 2026-27: Drug Unit Drone purchase

- F. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment 2026-34: Vehicle Purchase**
- G. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment 2026-26: Insurance Settlement Proceeds**
- H. EMS Budget Amendment 2026-32: Cannon Grant Funding Proceeds**
- I. EMS Budget Amendment 2026-33: Insurance Settlement Funds for Vehicle Repair**
- J. EMS - Budget Amendment # 2026-23: Supplemental Insurance Settlement Funds**
- K. EMA - Budget Amendment #2026-28: Recognize Local Shelter Capacity Building Grant funds**
- L. Annual Review of the Stanly County Detention Center Medical Plan**
- M. Soil & Water — Budget Amendment 2026-29: Stanly Farmland Preservation Grant Proceeds**
- N. DSS - Budget Amendment #2026-30: Temporary Staffing**

7. Board Comments, Announcements & Committee Reports

Commissioner Mills encouraged everyone to support the local high school football teams by attending the Friday night games. He also shared several perks available for seniors, including free passes to the high school football games provided by the Senior Center and \$10 car washes at the Tidal Wave Auto Spa in Albemarle. He also noted that Medicare information sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 7th at 10 am, 1 pm and 4 pm at the Agri-Civic Center.

Commissioner Lawhon recently attended the Alcoa-Badin quarterly conference at the Badin Inn where he learned that Alcoa has removed all the potlines in the buildings to encourage other businesses to locate there.

Commissioner Efirm announced that the City of Locust's End of Summer Concert event, including fireworks, has been rescheduled to October 17th due to prior weather conditions.

Commissioner Crump extended her thanks to those who spoke during the public comment session. She also inquired about strategies the county could implement to encourage applications for the RFAAC and the process by which individuals are appointed.

Commissioner Hatley asked if the RFAAC members receive compensation for attending the meetings and if those who are appointed have to be senior citizens. Commissioner Lawhon responded that members receive mileage reimbursement and do not have to be senior citizens to serve on the committee. He also expressed his agreement with Jennifer Lynn's earlier comments.

Chair Barbee reminded the Board of the Stanly Community College Trades Facility Luncheon and Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, October 9th at 11:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn

With no further discussion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote at 6:21 p.m.

Paul M. Barbee, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk