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**Stanly County
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

- 1. 5:00 PM - Closed Session for Economic Development per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4), to Consult with the County Attorney per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and a Personnel Issue per G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6) followed by a Work Session in the Joshua J. Morton, Jr. Conference Room, Stanly Commons**
- 2. Call to Order & Welcome - Chair Mike Barbee**
- 3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Bill Lawhon**
- 4. Approval / Adjustments to the Agenda**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Scheduled Agenda Items**
 - A. Veterans Operation Green Light Initiative**

Presenter: Bo Almond, Veterans Services Officer
 - B. Resolution Seeking Legislative Approval to Extend Fox Trapping Season in Stanly County**

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager
- 7. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes**
 - B. Budget Amendment — Village of Misenheimer Parks and Rec Grant from a Prior Fiscal Year**
 - C. Donation - Millingport PTO**
 - D. Request to sell surplus on Gov Deals**
- 8. Board Comments, Announcements & Committee Reports**
- 9. Adjourn**



Department: Clerk

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Bo Almond, Veterans Services Officer
Date: November 3, 2025
RE: Veterans Operation Green Light Initiative

Summary:

This Veterans Day, Stanly County will participate in Operation Green Light, an initiative that supports military veterans statewide and across the country. We are joining the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), National Association of Counties (NACo), and National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) in this effort.

As a show of support, county buildings will be illuminated with green lights from November 4-11, 2025.

Recommended Action:

Review and consider approval of the resolution in support of Operation Green Light.

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

1. Operation Green Light for Veterans



Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanly County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Stanly County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Stanly County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Stanly County hereby declares November 4-11, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Stanly County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those

who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4-11, 2025.

Adopted this the 3rd day of November, 2025.

Paul M. Barbee, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board



Department: Central Administration

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Andy Lucas, County Manager
Date: November 3, 2025
RE: Resolution Seeking Legislative Approval to Extend Fox Trapping Season in Stanly County

Summary:

Currently, fox trapping season is limited to January 2 to January 31 each year in Stanly County. Other counties in the region have sought special local legislation from the NC General Assembly to extend the trapping season for foxes to coincide with all other fur-bearing animal trapping. All other fur-bearing animals may be trapped in Stanly County from October 1 until the end of February. The attached resolution would seek local legislation from the NC General Assembly to extend fox trapping season from October 1 until the end of February in Stanly County.

Recommended Action:

Review and consider approval of the attached resolution.

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

1. Fox Trapping Resolution_Nov 2025



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESTABLISH A LOCAL ACT EXTENDING FOX TRAPPING SEASON IN STANLY COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Stanly County Board of Commissioners finds that Stanly County is experiencing an increase in the population of foxes, which exposes Stanly County’s native wildlife, domesticated animals, and residents to an increased risk of attacks by these animals and the diseases that they carry; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous session laws that have been approved by the NC General Assembly relating to trapping foxes in various counties across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, currently foxes are listed as game animals and not furbearers such as raccoons, opossum, skunks and bobcats so the trapping season is currently limited to January 2 to January 31 each year in Stanly County; and

WHEREAS, all other furbearing animals may be trapped in North Carolina from October 1 to the last day of February each year; and

WHEREAS, this creates an ethical dilemma for trappers who may accidentally trap a fox outside of the defined trapping season and must release the animal even if the animal is injured;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanly County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the North Carolina General Assembly adopt a local act extending fox trapping season in Stanly County from October 1st through the last day of February each year to coincide with the designated trapping season for all other furbearing animals.

Adopted the 3rd day of November, 2025.

Paul M. Barbee, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board

**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 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, Clerk to the Board Tyler Brummitt and Senior Services Director Pamela Sullivan.

Nutrition Site – Grab & Go Meals Program

Commissioner Lawhon stated that he had received a citizen complaint earlier that day about the discontinuation of the Grab & Go Meals program at the Albemarle Nutrition Site.

The citizen expressed concerns because his mother is homebound and relies on him to pick up the meals since she is unable to visit the congregate meal sites. He was told that the program was ending in October due to the County Commissioners not providing funding in the budget for it to continue.

Senior Services Director Pamela Sullivan explained that the program initially began with federal funds received through the Home Care Community Block Grant (HCCBG) during COVID-19, which have since ended. She noted that Stanly County is the only county in the region that continued the program after this initial funding ended several years ago. However, due to the associated costs and impact on staff, the decision has been made to discontinue the program at all sites by year-end once the remaining funds are depleted.

The Board discussed the nutrition services, including the number of meals served, average donations received weekly, and the possibility of implementing means testing for program eligibility, which has not been done previously. Some Board members raised concerns with continuing to fund the program with taxpayer dollars.

Following discussion, Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to continue the Grab N' Go Meals at the Albemarle, Norwood and Locust sites, which are currently scheduled to end in December 2025. This will allow the Board more time to consider the funding necessary to continue it. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Lawhon also requested that Director Sullivan provide the Board with the customer notification letter for the program's discontinuation. Additionally, he requested a report detailing year-to-date donations, the cost to continue funding the program, and information on how means testing can be implemented to determine a client's eligibility for the nutrition programs in the future.

The Board reached a consensus to continue this discussion at the next work session on November 3rd.

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**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 Efird 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



Department: Central Administration

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Andy Lucas, County Manager
Date: November 3, 2025
RE: Budget Amendment — Village of Misenheimer Parks and Rec Grant from a Prior Fiscal Year

Summary:

This project was initially approved by the Board as part of the municipal park and rec matching grant program in FY 21-22. The Village of Misenheimer was delayed in getting this sidewalk project completed due to having to obtain easements from the Norfolk Southern Railroad and coordinate construction with the railroad. As a result, the project took multiple fiscal years to complete. The project is now finished and the Village of Misenheimer is seeking the \$10,000 match which was initially approved in FY 21-22 and budgeted again in FY 22-23.

Recommended Action:

Review and consider approval of the budget amendment

Financial Impact:

Funds for this project were budgeted in previous fiscal years and lapsed. The lapsed funds contributed to the General Fund balance at fiscal year-end.

Attachments:

1. BA 2026-40



Department: Social Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From:
Date: November 3, 2025
RE: Donation - Millingport PTO

Summary:

To budget funds donated by Millingport PTO. These funds are to be used for the foster care program.

Recommended Action:

Request approval of the budget amendment as presented.

Financial Impact:

Attachments:

1. Budget Amendment - Donation



Department: Facilities Management

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From:
Date: November 3, 2025
RE: Request to sell surplus on Gov Deals

Summary:

Requesting approval to sale the auditorium seats that will be removed from Agri Civic Center Auditorium

Recommended Action:

Approval to sale surplus

Financial Impact:

none

Attachments:

None