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**STANLY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

| Attendee Name  | Title         | Status  | Arrived |
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| Tommy Jordan   | Chairman      | Present |         |
| Zach Almond    | Vice Chairman | Present |         |
| Bill Lawhon    | Commissioner  | Present |         |
| Lane Furr      | Commissioner  | Present |         |
| Mike Barbee    | Commissioner  | Present |         |
| Peter Asciutto | Commissioner  | Excused |         |
| Scott Efird    | Commissioner  | Present |         |

**CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2022 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Furr giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

**EXCUSAL OF COMMISSIONER ASCIUTTO**

Due to the absence of Commissioner Asciutto, Commissioner Furr moved to excuse him from the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and carried by a 6-0 vote.

**APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

With no amendments requested to the agenda, Commissioner Efird moved to approve it as presented, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by unanimous vote.

**SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2. Badin Recreational Grant Request**

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

**January 3, 2022**

The Town of Badin sought a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the County to help offset the cost of installing a concrete floor in a 20' x 40' shelter near the playground area in West Badin. The total cost for the project is \$4,000 with the town funding the remaining \$2,000. Following the presentation, County Manager Lucas entertained questions from the Board.

Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the grant request, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Zach Almond, Vice Chairman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bill Lawhon, Commissioner                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jordan, Almond, Lawhon, Furr, Barbee, Efird |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Asciutto                                    |

### **3. Oakboro Recreational Grant Request**

Presenter: Josh Almond, Parks & Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Director Josh Almond presented the request stating that the Town of Oakboro is seeking a \$10,000 grant from the County to pave a gravel lot near the concession area of their District Park to enhance handicap accessibility. Total cost for the project is \$20,000 with the Town of Oakboro providing \$10,000 of their own funds. Following the presentation, Mr. Almond responded to Board questions.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the grant request for \$10,000, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and passed by unanimous vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bill Lawhon, Commissioner                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Mike Barbee, Commissioner                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jordan, Almond, Lawhon, Furr, Barbee, Efird |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Asciutto                                    |

### **4. Board Of Equalization and Review Appointments**

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

Three (3) members of the Board of Equalization & Review have terms which expired on December 31, 2021. The members are Neil Senter (Chairman), H. D. Efird, Jr. and James Starnes. Mr. Efird and Mr. Starnes have agreed to serve another term if reappointed; however, Mr. Senter does not wish to serve again. It was requested the Board appoint three (3) members to the board with each serving a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2025 and appoint a Chairman to the Board as directed by G. S. 105-322(a).

Following a brief discussion, Vice Chair Almond moved to appoint Amanda Cody as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

By separate motion, Vice Chair Almond moved to reappoint James Starnes and H. D. Efird, Jr. and appoint Garrett Allen with each serving a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and carried by unanimous vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Zach Almond, Vice Chairman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Scott Efird, Commissioner                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jordan, Almond, Lawhon, Furr, Barbee, Efird |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Asciutto                                    |

## 5. Stanly County Water and Sewer Authority Member Appointments

Presenter: Duane Wingo, Utilities Director

Two (2) members of the Stanly Water & Sewer Authority's terms will expire January 3, 2022. Both members, William (Bill) Rigsbee, Jr. and Billy Franklin Lee, have stated they wish to continue to serve. Staff recommended both be re-appointed to three (3) year terms ending January 3, 2025.

Following a brief period of questions, Commissioner Efird moved to reappoint Mr. Rigsbee and Mr. Lee as requested, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Scott Efird, Commissioner                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Lane Furr, Commissioner                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jordan, Almond, Lawhon, Furr, Barbee, Efird |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Asciutto                                    |

## 6. Department Head Presentation - Health Department

Presenter: David Jenkins, Health & Human Services Director

Health & Human Services Director David Jenkins provided an overview of the services and programs provided for citizens by the Health Department, Dental Clinic and Environmental Health.

Following the presentation, Mr. Jenkins responded to questions with no further action being taken.

## 7. COVID-19 Update

Presenter: David Jenkins, Health & Human Services Director

HHS Director Jenkins presented the latest COVID-19 statistics for Stanly County. The presentation included the number of daily positive cases including breakthroughs, hospitalizations, deaths, percentage of the population partially and fully vaccinated including boosters and recent information concerning the Omicron variant.

Following the presentation, Director Jenkins responded to Board questions concerning the number of patients treated by the Dental Clinic on a weekly basis and current vacancies on the Consolidated Health and Human Services Board.

The presentation was for information only with no action taken.

**8. FY 2022-2023 Budget Calendar**

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board consideration and approval, County Manager Lucas presented the proposed FY 2022-23 budget calendar which provides guidance to staff and formalizes many of the target dates associated with the budget process.

By motion, Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the budget calendar, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 6 - 0 vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Zach Almond, Vice Chairman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Scott Efird, Commissioner                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jordan, Almond, Lawhon, Furr, Barbee, Efird |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Asciutto                                    |

**9. Strategic Planning Retreat**

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Following a review of the proposed dates, Board consensus was to hold a one-day planning retreat on Friday, February 18, 2022 at the Juneberry Ridge Conference Center.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Zach Almond, Vice Chairman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bill Lawhon, Commissioner                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jordan, Almond, Lawhon, Furr, Barbee, Efird |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Asciutto                                    |

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

By motion, Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by unanimous vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Zach Almond, Vice Chairman                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Scott Efird, Commissioner                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jordan, Almond, Lawhon, Furr, Barbee, Efird |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Asciutto                                    |

**A. Minutes- Regular meeting of December 6, 2021**

**B. Finance - Monthly Financial Reports**

**C. Finance - NCRR Funds for Charlotte Pipe Project**

**D. Finance - Budget Amendments for Recreational Grant Requests**

**E. DSS - Budget Amendment-Low Income Energy Assistance**

**F. DSS - Temporary Staffing Budget Amendment**

**G. Health - Budget Amendment #2022-50, 716 COVID-19 Vaccination Program Rev#1**

**H. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2022-51 - Governor's Commission Grant funds**

**I. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2022- Calendar Expense**

**BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Lawhon commended Senior Services Director Pamela Sullivan and staff for the great New Year's Eve Party held the previous weekend. He noted various activities the center sponsors and encouraged those over 60 years of age to join.

Commissioner Barbee, who previously served as the Commissioner appointee to the Senior Services Board, agreed with Commissioner Lawhon's comments adding that it is a great organization to have in the community. He also extended his sympathies to the family of a 16 year old who died in a car accident earlier that day.

Commissioner Efird expressed his appreciation of E-911 staff and the work they do on a daily basis. He also shared that Louis Hartsell, the last World War II veteran from Locust, recently passed at the age of 94 and extended his sympathies to the family.

Chair Jordan expressed his appreciation to all of the electrical lineman who worked long hours to restore power lost during recent storms. He also extended his sympathy to the family of Ronnie Lowder who recently passed.

**ADJOURN**

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Almond moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and passed unanimously at 7:01 p.m.

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**Thomas S. Jordan, III, Chair**

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**Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**