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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Lawhon	Commissioner	Present	
Brandon King	Commissioner	Present	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Present	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Trent Hatley	Commissioner	Present	

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Efird 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

Item # 7 - JCPC Resolution Supporting Division of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention was pulled from the agenda and an item related to the County Manager's merit pay was added as agenda item # 9. Commissioner Crump moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. Re-appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Board

Presenter: Pamela Sullivan, Senior Services Director

The Senior Services Advisory Board has three (3) members whose terms have expired. Two (2) of the members, Deloris Chambers and Brenda Spencer, have agreed to serve again if re-appointed. The third member, Bill Rigsbee, is ineligible due to serving on the Stanly Water &

Sewer Authority. It was requested that Deloris Chambers and Brenda Spencer both be re-appointed to three (3) year terms ending October 31, 2025.

Once the Senior Services Board has reviewed all eligible volunteer applications, a recommendation will be made to replace Bill Rigsbee.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to re-appoint Deloris Chambers, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and carried by unanimous vote.

By separate motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to re-appoint Brenda Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

For Board consideration, Director Lowder presented an economic development incentive that will result in a ten (10) year, 75% business development grant agreement between the County and a home building components manufacturer considering a location in Stanly County. The company intends to invest an estimated \$54,500,000 in real property and machinery & equipment which will result in the creation of approximately 263 new jobs over the next five (5) years.

It was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing to receive comments on the proposed grant agreement then consider approval of it.

Chair Efird declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak for or against, the hearing was closed.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve an economic incentive equal to 75% of new taxes for a ten (10) year term with a minimum investment of \$54,500,000 and the creation of 263 new jobs. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and passed with a 7 - 0 vote.

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

4. Authorizing Resolution - NC Commerce Building Reuse Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

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Director Lowder requested approval of the resolution authorizing staff to execute all application and reporting documents required for a Building Reuse grant from the NC Department of Commerce for Project Frame.

Commissioner Crump moved to approve the Authorizing Resolution as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit A
Authorizing Resolution by Stanly County
for the
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Building Reuse Program
"Project Frame"

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

5. EMS Community Paramedic Position Approval

Presenter: Dale Chandler, EMS Chief

EMS Chief Dale Chandler presented an overview of the Community Paramedic Program which was formed in 2019 to aid in combating the opioid crisis proactively on the front lines. These paramedics primarily focus on completing hospital follow-up care within 72 hours of a patient's discharge from the hospital and help connect patients to primary care services when needed. The program has since expanded to include follow-ups for various medical conditions such as COPD, congestive heart failure, cardiovascular surgery, heart attack and pneumonia.

Following completion of a one (1) year pilot program, Stanly County Emergency Services entered into a contract with Atrium Health Stanly to generate revenue off of each Community Paramedic patient referral received. Per the agreement, for every patient seen by a Stanly County EMS Community Paramedic, Atrium will pay \$510.

Currently there are three (3) Community Paramedic positions. Two (2) positions, which were previously funded by a BCBS grant until December 31, 2022, are now funded by the County, and the remaining position is funded by opioid settlement funds. Staff sought approval of a fourth position to be funded by the Atrium Health referral revenue at no cost to the county.

Following the presentation, EMS Chief Chandler responded to questions pertaining to the number of patients served by Community Paramedics in 2021 and 2022, how the \$510 fee per patient/per incident is determined and what fee, if any, is paid by private health insurance companies for this service.

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Commissioner Crump noted her support of the request stating that with her background in home health care, she doesn't foresee this program going away in part because it serves a segment of the population that is uninsured and under-served in the community. Chair Efird added that as a result of this program, the number of opioid overdoses in the county have decreased significantly. Commissioner King stated his support as well adding that EMS does an amazing job and feels they are undervalued in the community for what they do.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Crump moved to approve the fourth EMS Community Paramedic position as requested, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit B
Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Stanly County Emergency Medical Services
and
Atrium Health Stanly and Atrium Health Cabarrus**

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

6. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Appointment

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, DSS Director

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) recommended Shawanna Long be appointed to serve in the position of "County Commissioner Appointee" until June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to appoint Shawanna Long as requested, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

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

7. JCPC Resolution Supporting Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, DSS Director

This item was pulled from the agenda.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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8. Strategic Planning Retreat

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Following a review of the proposed dates, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve Friday, February 3, 2023 as the date for the Board's a one-day planning retreat at the Juneberry Ridge Conference Center in Norwood, seconded by Commissioner Hatley.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Asciutto requested the motion be amended to exclude Juneberry Ridge from the motion in case the facility is not available on that date. Commissioner Lawhon agreed and restated his motion without a location, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and passed by unanimous vote.

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

9. FY 2023-2024 Budget Calendar

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board consideration and approval, County Manager Lucas presented the proposed FY 2023-2024 budget calendar which provides guidance to staff and formalizes many of the target dates associated with the budget process.

By motion, Vice Chair Barbee moved to approve the budget calendar as presented, seconded by Commissioner Crump and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

10. COUNTY MANAGER'S MERIT PAY

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the County Manager's receipt of merit pay in the maximum mount of 3.95%, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and carried by unanimous vote.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. Minutes - December 5, 2022 regular meeting

B. Monthly Financial Report for November 2022

C. Transportation - Title VI Update Jan 3rd, 2023

D. Transportation Advisory Board appointment - SCC representative

E. Transportation - Drug and Alcohol Policy Update

F. Interlocal Agreement - Funds for Ag Center Floor

G. Sheriff's Office - Surveillance System

H. Sheriff's Office - Vehicle

I. DSS - Temporary Staffing

J. Surplus of EMS Ambulance

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner King stated that while recently touring the EMS facilities, he found several that are in need of some updates/repairs and encouraged the Board to address this in the near future. Also as a member of the Library Board of Trustees, he toured the Albemarle Main Library with Director Sara Hahn who has some great ideas for the library and that he looks forward to bringing this information to the Board.

Commissioner Ascutto noted several of his personal goals in 2023 including his hope that the county and school system will work together to ensure that the schools are safe and for needed repairs / updates to be made to school facilities. He also hopes that a final decision will be made on the Livestock Arena Project as well.

Commissioner Crump stated that following EDC Director Lowder's presentation, she feels optimistic and encouraged that a building that has been vacant will be put back into use and brought back to life. She then expressed her appreciation of EMS and noted the importance of the Community Paramedic Program.

Commissioner Lawhon noted that he and Commissioner Hatley attended the Airport Authority meeting in December and received the Airport's annual operating report this week. Also two (2) companies have expressed interest in a land-lease at the airport in order to build hangars for their company airplanes which will be housed there and result in new tax dollars for the county.

Vice Chair Barbee noted that he and Commissioner Hatley recently attended a Stanly Water & Sewer Authority meeting where they discussed the replacement of outdated water meters and ongoing waterline projects.

Chair Efird recognized former Health Department employee Debbie Bennett in the audience. He also noted the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 14th at the E. E. Waddell Center. He also wished everyone a happy new year adding that he is excited about 2023 and the opportunities that will come to the county, and that he looks forward to the Board's planning retreat in February.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Asciutto moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by unanimous vote at 6:56 p.m.

T. Scott Efird, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk