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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Lawhon giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Phibbs of Albemarle shared information related to alternative remedies available to prevent or treat COVID-19 and encouraged the Board to direct the Health Department to promote them in addition to vaccinations by providing links to this information on the departmental website.

2. City of Albemarle Recreational Grant Request

Presenter: Lisa Kiser, Parks & Recreation Director

Following an overview of the City of Albemarle Parks & Recreation Programs, Ms. Kiser presented Albemarle's application to \$6,500 from the County to help offset the cost of

equipment associated with new pickle ball courts at Rock Creek Park. Three (3) existing tennis courts at the park will be converted into ten (10) pickle ball courts. The project began in August 2020 with completion by June 30, 2022. If approved, the \$6,500 will be used to add essential amenities to the court including windscreens around the fences, bleachers, benches, picnic tables and trash cans. Following the presentation, Ms. Kiser responded to Board questions.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the City of Albemarle's grant request for \$6,500, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Lane Furr, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

3. New London Recreational Grant Request

Presenter: Tate Daniels, Mayor of New London

The Town of New London sought a matching grant of \$10,000 to help offset the cost of constructing two (2) new 16' x 24" covered picnic shelters at the New London Memorial Park with an estimated cost of \$35,000 - \$40,000 for both. Mayor Daniels provided photos of the proposed shelters noting the anticipated start date of May 1, 2022 with completion by December 31, 2022. Following the presentation, Mayor Daniels entertained questions from the Board.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the Town of New London's grant request of \$10,000, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

4. Town of Richfield Recreational Grant Request

Presenter: Barry Byrd, Commissioner of Zoning for Richfield

The Town of Richfield sought a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to help offset the cost of replacing their T-Ball field bleachers, renovating the restrooms and adding hot running water to the restrooms and concession stand at the town park. Following the presentation, Mr. Byrd responded to Board questions.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the grant request, seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

- A. Minutes - Work session & regular meeting minutes of January 3, 2022.**
- B. Finance - Monthly Financial Report through December 2021**
- C. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds for December 2021**
- D. Health - Budget Amendment #2022-50, 716 COVID-19 Vaccination Program Rev#1**
- E. DSS - Budget Amendment-LIEAP-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**
- F. SCUSA Transportation - TAB Advisory Appointment**
- G. Utilities - Budget Amendment for System Development Fee Study (SDF)**
- H. Finance - Budget Amendment for Recreational Grant Requests**
- I. Facilities - Request to sell Surplus on Gov Deals**
- J. Agri-Civic Center - Budget Amendment # 2022-55**
- K. Sheriff's Office - Animal Protective Services motor vehicle leases**
- L. Sheriff's Office - Supplemental Law Enforcement Agreement for the Town of Badin**

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Efird noted the recent news release announcing the LIFT (Leadership In Flight Training) Academy which will conduct its winter flight training operations at the Stanly County Airport and is a great opportunity for the county to host it.

Commissioner Lawhon stated the number of residential building permits issued in 2021 compared to 2020 which represents a 103% increase. He also commented on the amount of increased commercial growth in the county during 2021 and mentioned the 921 new jobs created with the assistance of the County and EDC being added through the expansion of existing and new businesses since his time on the Board dating back to 2014.

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Vice Chair Almond noted his skepticism of the parks & recreation program at first, but now realizes the amount of traffic and money spent by those who visit the parks in the county and feels that it's a great investment.

Commissioner Ascitutto noted the total number of residents who have died from COVID-19 with 16 of those deaths occurring in January. With hospitals at capacity, he encouraged everyone to get vaccinated, wear a mask and social distance. He also recognized Martin Luther King, Jr. Day which was celebrated on Monday, January 17th.

Commissioner Barbee thanked all those in attendance for coming as well as those who addressed the Board. He added that he was initially against the parks & recreation program as well but after hearing the requests from the municipalities, he now feels it's a great opportunity to invest in the community.

Chair Jordan referred to Commissioner Efird's comments concerning the LIFT Academy adding that it's a great program which offers students not only a warm weather environment for training, but provides an opportunity to train in a different topography and is also great exposure for the county. He commended Animal Protective Services and local rescues for giving out food and straw over the weekend to help pet owners care for their pets during the cold weather. On behalf of the Sheriff's Office, he also thanked everyone for not being out on the roads during the recent winter weather noting that the Sheriff's Office responded to fewer calls than normal.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Almond moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote at 6:45 p.m.

Thomas S. Jordan, III, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk