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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 – 6:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Lawhon	Chairman	Present	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Present	
Lane Furr	Commissioner	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Zach Almond	Commissioner	Present	
Andy Lucas	County Manager	Present	
Tyler Brummitt	Clerk	Present	
Jenny Furr	Attorney	Present	

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2021 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Lawhon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Efird giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Almond moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Efird. Prior to the vote, County Manager Lucas requested Facilities budget amendment # 2021-62 be added to the consent agenda as item # 7(G). Commissioner Almond amended his motion to include this addition, seconded again by Commissioner Efird and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

February 1, 2021

For Board consideration, EDC Director Lowder proposed a property tax incentive grant for the expansion of an existing manufacturing facility located in Oakboro which will result in the creation of twenty (20) new jobs. If approved, the grant will be 55% of taxes based on the new investment of \$5.5 million (\$1 million in real property and \$4.5 million in machinery & equipment) for a five (5) year period.

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

Vice Chair Jordan moved to approve the tax incentive grant as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tommy Jordan, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Lane Furr, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, Barbee, Jordan, Furr, Ascitutto, Efird, Almond

3. 2020 DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

According to GS 105-369(a), the Tax Collector must report to the governing body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. Upon receipt of the report, the governing body must order the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens. Mr. Swaringen noted that as of January 22, 2021, the total amount of unpaid taxes for FY 2020-21 was \$1,894,687.34.

With no questions from the Board, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the order to advertise the tax liens during March 2021, seconded by Commissioner Almond and passed by unanimous vote.

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

4. 2021 REVALUATION PRESENTATION

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

For the Board and public's information, Tax Administrator Clinton Swaringen and Real Property Supervisor Charles Johnson presented a brief overview of the 2021 Revaluation process used to determine fair market values for real property in the county, timeline for notices to be mailed, how to appeal a tax value and the process to do so.

The presentation was for information only with no action required.

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

5. COVID-19 UPDATE

Presenter: Jennifer Layton, Health Education Supervisor & Brian Simpson, Emergency Services Director

Public Health Educator Jennifer Layton provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Stanly County including the number of cases, hospitalizations, deaths and the number of vaccinations administered to date. She also addressed recent questions concerning guidelines for local restaurants as noted in Executive Order 169, enforcement of these guidelines and the number of vaccine doses the health department anticipates receiving from the state over the next few weeks.

Garry Lewis, Chair of the Stanly County Minority Health Council, addressed the Board regarding how the council is working closely with the health department to provide community outreach and encourage those of the minority population to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

Following the presentation, Ms. Layton and Mr. Lewis entertained questions from the Board with no action required.

6. PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL FBLA-PBL WEEK

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

By motion, Commissioner Ascitutto moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Almond and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit A
National FBLA-PBL Week

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021

B. Finance - Monthly Financial Report Ending December 2020

C. Health Department - Budget Amendment #2021-60

D. Central Admin. - Contingency Budget Amendment #2021-59

E. Finance - COVID Relief Budget Amendment #2021-58

F. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2021-61

G. Facilities Budget Amendment

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Almond stated that the public library has purchased new software to help students prepare for the ACT, SAT and PSAT exams and is available for use at no charge.

Commissioner Efirm thanked the health department and EMS for their work in dealing with the COVID pandemic.

Commissioner Ascittuto thanked Mr. Lewis for his presentation. He also expressed his appreciation of the Board of Elections staff for their work during the recent elections and implementation of the required procedural changes due to the pandemic.

Vice Chair Jordan thanked Mr. Lewis for his presentation as well and asked that he and the council members continue to encourage minorities to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Efirm moved to return to closed session to continue discussions related to economic development in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)4) and a personnel issue in accordance with G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Jordan and carried by a 7 - 0 vote at 7:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

By motion, Vice Chair Jordan moved to award merit to the County Manager in the maximum amount of \$2,000 for FY 2020-21. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion which passed with a 7 - 0 vote.

RECESS

With no further discussion, Commissioner Almond moved to recess the meeting until Friday, February 12th at 9:00 AM for the Board's annual planning retreat to be held at Juneberry Ridge in Norwood, NC. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion which passed unanimously at 7:52 p.m.

W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk