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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 Monday, February 6, 2023 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Efird called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with Commissioner King giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner King moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and carried by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. Proclamation for National FBLA Collegiate Week

Presenter: Chloe Thomas, Stanly Community College

Representatives Chloe Thomas and Madison Thomas of the Stanly Community College Chapter of the FBLA Collegiate gave a brief presentation on the events surrounding National FBLA Collegiate Week of February 5 - 11, 2023 and requested the Board adopt the proclamation as a show of support.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the proclamation as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit A
National FBLA Collegiate Week - February 5-11, 2023
(Future Business Leader of America Collegiate)

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

3. NC DOT Resolution - Intersection Improvements NC 740

Presenter: Theo Ghitea, Division 10 Planning Engineer

Mr. Ghitea provided information on the proposed safety enhancements to be made at the intersections of NC Hwy 740 & Blackhawk Road and NC Hwy 740 & Wright Road in Badin. Following the presentation, he responded to questions as to whether or not NCDOT has contacted the property owners/residents near the intersections to make them aware of the proposed changes, and concerns that these changes will result in two (2) right turns being constructed so closely together on a main road. It was requested that the Board adopt a resolution of support which will aid NCDOT in seeking Hi/Lo grant funds of \$50,000 to make the proposed improvements.

Commissioner King moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by a 6 - 1 vote. (Commissioner Lawhon voting against.)

See Exhibit B
Resolution in Support of a North Carolina Department of Transportation Project
to Reconfigure the Intersections of NC-740, Blackhawk Road and
Wright Road to Enhance Safety

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
AYES:	King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley
NAYS:	Lawhon

4. 2022 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 30, 2023, the total amount of unpaid taxes for FY 2022-23 was \$1,840,384.29 with plans to advertise the liens in March 2023.

Following a brief period of questions, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the order to advertise the tax liens in March 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

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

5. Appointments to Senior Services Advisory Board

Presenter: Pamela Sullivan, Senior Services Director

The Senior Services Advisory Board currently has four (4) vacancies on the board. Following a review of the volunteer applications, it was recommended that Debbie Bennett, Barbara Ledbetter, James Moss and Audrey Rigsbee be appointed for three (3) years term ending February 6, 2026.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to appoint Debbie Bennett, Barbara Ledbetter, James Moss and Audrey Rigsbee as requested, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

6. Health Department Presentation

Presenter: David Jenkins, Health & Human Services Director

The County's mid-level medical provider has been contracted via Atrium Health-Stanly and prior to that Stanly Regional Medical Center for many years. The current provider, Patti Lewis, plans to retire in spring of 2023. With Atrium unwilling to renew the contract for a new provider, it was requested by staff that a medical provider position (either a Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner) be established by the County effective April 1, 2023. The position is recommended to be a Grade 82 with a salary range of \$79,072 - \$126,516. Director Jenkins responded to questions concerning Atrium's reasons for not renewing the contract, if a formal job description for the position is available for review, and if there are other options or avenues available to fill this position other than adding a county position.

Following discussion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the new Physician Extender position at a Grade 82 effective April 1, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Crump and passed by unanimous vote.

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

7. Stryker Lucas Device Presentation

Presenter: Dale Chandler, EMS Chief

EMS Chief Dale Chandler provided an overview and demonstration of the Stryker Lucas device which is used by EMS and local volunteer fire departments in the field to deliver consistent chest compressions during CPR over an extended period of time. Mr. Chandler expressed his appreciation to the Cannon Foundation who provided grant funds to aid in the purchase of these devices.

The presentation was for information only with no action required.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner King and passed with 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 - January 17, 2023 work session & regular meeting

B. Finance - Monthly Financial Report Ending December 31, 2022

C. Environmental Health - Budget Amendment #2023-67

D. Health - Budget Amendment #2023-68

E. DSS - Budget Amendment # 2023-71

F. EMS - Budget Amendment # 2023-69

G. EMS- Budget Amendment # 2023-75

H. Airport - Budget Amendment # 2023-74

I. Facilities - Request to sell surplus on Gov Deals

J. Senior Services - Budget Amendment # 2023-70

K. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2023-72

L. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2023-66

M. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2023-73

N. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds for January 2023

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner King noted that he recently attended the Fire Chiefs Association meeting where they elected officers for the current year. He thanked staff for their work during the Board's recent planning retreat and acknowledged the SCC students, Tax Administrator Clinton Swaringen, Health & Human Services Director David Jenkins and EMS Chief Dale Chandler for their presentations during the meeting.

Commissioner Asciutto congratulated Debbie Bennett on her appointment to the Senior Services Advisory Board and as well as Gene Starnes on his recent receipt of the Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" award.

Commissioner Crump noted the Health & Human Services Board met the previous week where they discussed the new medical provider position. She also noted plans to attend the Centralina Board of Delegates meeting on Wednesday and echoed similar comments regarding the Board's retreat stating that she feels the Board found a lot of common ground on the issues discussed.

Commissioner Lawhon noted that the number of housing permits issued this year compared to last year which have decreased by 76% and is a sign of the economy slowing down. He also noted that he and Commissioner Hatley will attend the Airport Authority meeting the following Monday and will provide a report at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Barbee noted that the Senior Services Board elected officers at their last meeting.

Chair Efird expressed his appreciation of staff for organizing the recent planning retreat as well.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and carried by a 7 - 0 vote at 6:46 p.m.

T. Scott Efird, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk