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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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	Present	
Lane Furr	Commissioner	Present	
Bill Lawhon	Commissioner	Present	
Andy Lucas	County Manager	Present	
Jenny Furr	Attorney	Present	
Tyler Brummitt	Clerk	Present	

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2022 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Almond giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Jordan requested that agenda item # 16 - B J Hill Proclamation be moved to item # 2 on the agenda, and item # 2- Presentation of the John "Coot" Yow Service of Excellence Award moved to item # 4 with the remaining items presented in the order listed. Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Dr. Jarrod Dennis, Stanly County Schools Superintendent
- Jason Phibbs

- Patty Crump
- Levi Greene
- Andy Hinson
- Pam Ring

2. B.J. Hill Proclamation

Presenter: Commissioner Bill Lawhon

Commissioner Lawhon took a moment to congratulate B. J. Hill and the Cincinnati Bengals for making it to Superbowl LVI and recognized members of his family who were in attendance. He then presented the proclamation declaring February 13, 2022 B. J. Hill Day.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A

Proclamation Declaring February 13, 2022 B. J. Hill Day

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

3. Proclamation for National FBLA-PBL Week

Presenter: Vyktoria Iverson & Toby Neal from SCC & Allison Smith from Pfeiffer University

Representatives of the Stanly Community College and Pfeiffer University's Phi Beta Lambda chapters gave a brief presentation on the events surrounding National FBLA-PBL Week, February 6-12, 2022, and presented the proclamation for Board consideration.

By motion, Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the proclamation as presented, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit B

Proclamation Declaring February 6 - 12, 2022 as National FBLA-PBL Week

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

4. Presentation of the John D. "Coot" Yow Service of Excellence Award

Presenter: Dale Chandler, EMS Manager

EMS Manager Dale Chandler recognized Randy Green, who recently retired from Emergency Services after 30 years of service, with John "Coot" Yow presenting the award to him. No Board action was requested.

5. Liberty Hill Pump Station Replacement/Upgrade Financing

Presenter: Toby Hinson, Finance Director

Recusal of Commissioner Lawhon

Prior to the presentation, Commissioner Lawhon asked to be recused due to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Efird moved to do so, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hinson noted that due to the increased water demand from residential and business growth in western Stanly County, the Liberty Hill Pump Station must be replaced and/or upgraded. The total cost to do so is \$1,412,050. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent to six (6) different financial institutions with four (4) financing bids received. The bids were from First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Truist Bank and Uwharrie Bank. Mr. Hinson presented a summary of the proposals received and responded to Board questions.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the bid from Uwharrie Bank for a fifteen (15) year term with a 5/4/3/2/1 prepayment penalty at an interest rate of 1.00%. Commissioner Asciutto seconded the motion which carried by a 6 - 0. (Commissioner Lawhon recused.)

On a separate motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the resolution to authorize the completion of the financing application with Uwharrie Bank's bid information to be submitted for approval by the Local Government Commission (LGC). Vice Chair Almond seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit C Resolution

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for

Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr
RECUSED:	Lawhon

6. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

The County proposed an economic development incentive that will result in a five (5) year, 60% business development grant agreement between the County and a company in Richfield which manufactures and distributes industrial parts and engineered systems including bearings, power transmission and conveying components. The grant will aid and encourage new taxable investment within Stanly County due to the company investing a minimum of \$2,150,000 and creating approximately twenty (20) new jobs over the next five (5) years. It was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing then consider approval of the tax incentive grant.

With no questions from the Board, Chair Jordan declared the public hearing open. Jason Phibbs addressed the Board speaking against the grant. With no one else coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Following the public hearing, EDC Director Lowder responded to Board questions related to the criteria for a business to be eligible to apply for the grant and how the program aids companies locating and doing business in North Carolina by lessening the tax burden and lowering overall costs to the company.

By motion, Commissioner Furr moved to approve the grant as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Almond and carried by unanimous vote.

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

7. Tax Administration Presentation

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

Tax Administrator Clinton Swaringen provided an overview of the services and programs provided to citizens by the Tax Administration Department. Following the presentation, Mr. Swaringen responded to questions with no further action being taken.

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

8. 2021 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 26, 2022, the total amount of unpaid taxes for FY 2021-2022 was \$1,877,825.49.

With no questions from the Board, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the order to advertise the tax liens in March 2022, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

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

9. Planning Board Appointments - 2022

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

Three (3) current members of the Planning Board have terms expiring February 28, 2022. Two (2) of the members, Joel Mauldin and John Eckman, have agreed to serve again if reappointed. One member, Candice Brasington, has chosen not to seek another term. It was requested the Board appoint three (3) members with each serving a three (3) year term effective March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2025.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to reappoint John Eckman for a three (3) year term, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

On a separate motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to reappoint Joel Mauldin to a three (3) year term, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

Commissioner Efird then nominated Kevin Brickman to fill the seat being vacated by Candice Brasington. Commissioner Barbee nominated Brian Johnson. With no additional names presented, the nominations were closed.

Chair Jordan called for a vote on nominee Kevin Brickman.

Ayes: Chair Jordan, Vice Chair Almond, Commissioner Asciutto, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Furr, Commissioner Lawhon

Nos: Commissioner Barbee

Kevin Brickman was appointed to a three (3) year term effective March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2025 by a 6 - 1 vote.

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

10. Liaison for Land-Use Plan Committee

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

The Land-Use Committee has been formed and it is suggested that one (1) member of the Board of Commissioners serve as liaison between the Board and Committee. This appointment will serve until the updated Land-Use Plan is adopted by the Board of Commissioners which is tentatively scheduled for November 2022. Mr. Remsburg noted that five (5) public input sessions are being held throughout the county in late April and early May with the Committee

meeting periodically throughout the year. Commissioner Efird has agreed to serve if the Board approves.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to appoint Commissioner Efird as liaison, seconded by Vice Chair Almond and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

11. ZA22-01 Burleson Dev. Group - Nelson Mtn. Road

Presenter: Bailey Emrich, Planner

Burleson Development Group, LLC requested the rezoning of two (2) parcels totaling 12.58 acres on Nelson Mountain Road, Millingport from RA (Residential-Agricultural) to R20-Residential. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow the property to be developed with slightly smaller lots than would normally be allowed in an RA district. The proposed development would require a new road to be constructed to access between 18 -20 lots with each exceeding 21,000 square feet in size. The development would have access to public water and preliminary soil evaluation indicates that soils are suitable for septic systems since public sewer is not available. Per NCDOT, traffic on Nelson Mountain Road was 90 vehicles per day in 2015. The proposed road will meet NCDOT specifications and also includes a stub connection to the adjoining parcel to the north. No one spoke against the rezoning request at the Planning Board meeting on January 10, 2022 with the Planning Board voting unanimously to recommend approval of the request because it is near an established growth area and has public water available. A preliminary plat for the subdivision meeting all ordinance requirements was approved by the Planning Board contingent upon the approval of the rezoning by the Board of County Commissioners.

Following the presentation, Ms. Emrich responded to Board questions concerning the reasons for the reduction in lot sizes from 30,000 to 21,000 square feet and the distance the development is from public sewer on NC Highway 73.

With no additional comments, Chair Jordan opened the public hearing. The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Joseph Burleson of Burleson Development Group, LLC spoke in favor of the request.
- Donald Britt, a resident of Nelson Mountain Road, spoke against the rezoning.
- Alton Burleson, an adjoining property owner, spoke against the rezoning.
- Another resident of Nelson Mountain Road (no name provided) spoke against the request.
- Charles McIlwaine, a resident in the community, spoke in favor.
- Brian Smith, a resident of the Millingport community, spoke in favor of the request.

With no one else coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Remsburg and Mr. Burleson responded to additional questions concerning whether a traffic impact assessment (TIA) is required, timeframe for perk tests to be completed on the lots, other structures allowed in a R20 zoning and the homeowners association for the development.

Following discussion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to return ZA 22-01 to the Planning Board in order to explore the possibility of the development tapping on to public sewer on NC Highway 73 and to await the results of the perk tests prior to any Board action. Commissioner Barbee seconded the motion for discussion. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Asciutto stated his support of moving forward with the rezoning rather than delay it.

With a motion and a second on the floor, Chair Jordan called for a vote on the motion to refer ZA 22-01 back to the Planning Board. Commissioner Lawhon stated he would not support the rezoning since he feels lots with septic systems need to be a minimum of 30,000 square feet as required by an R-20 zoning. The motion failed by a 2 - 5 vote.

Ayes: Commissioner Lawhon, Commissioner Barbee

Nos: Chair Jordan, Vice Chair Almond, Commissioner Asciutto, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Furr

With no further discussion, Chair Jordan called for a vote to approve or deny ZA 22-01. Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the request by Burleson Development Group, LLC to change the zoning of a 12.58 tract on Nelson Mountain Road from RA (Residential Agricultural) to R-20 (Residential) due to the property being located in a designated growth area which is consistent with the Stanly County Land-Use Plan. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion which passed by a 5 - 2 vote.

Ayes: Chair Jordan, Vice Chair Almond, Commissioner Asciutto, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Furr

Nos: Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Lawhon

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Lane Furr, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Efird, Furr
NAYS:	Barbee, Lawhon

12. ZA22-04 Venture Property Experts - Coyle Road Rezoning

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

Venture 8 Property Experts submitted a request to rezone a parcel they own totaling 16.9 acres on Coyle Road in Stanfield from RA (Residential Agricultural) to RA - Coyle Road Conditional District. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow the property to be divided into twelve (12) lots and to establish conditions on the quality of the development. Under current subdivision rules, the developer is unable to develop the entire parcel at one-time and meet the construction criteria points required for a major subdivision. As an alternative, it was determined that certain conditions could be set that would meet the intent of the ordinance by creating quality homes on lots that are 0.8 acres in size. A list of the nineteen (19) conditions were included in

the Board's agenda packet with Mr. Remsburg stating that the Board can amend the conditions if they choose to do so as part of the approval. Homes would be at least 2,100 square feet with 2-car attached garages and driveways with concrete parking pads. House prices are proposed to be \$450,000 or more in range. Minimal grading is required and most trees will be preserved by the developer. Shared driveway access is proposed as required by NCDOT. Although water and sewer is available along NC 200 and Big Lick Road, the proposed lots are large enough to support both well and septic systems. Since this is a residential use and is located in a growth area, the proposed development is consistent with the Land-Use Plan.

The Planning Board considered the request at their January 10, 2022 meeting. Several Coyle Road community members were in attendance and expressed concerns regarding water runoff, traffic, speed on Coyle Road and change in the community. With the addition of a requirement concerning water runoff, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval by the Board of Commissioners. It was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing and either approve or deny the request to rezone the property as a conditional use district.

With no comments from the Board, Chair Jordan declared the public hearing open. Dana Wise, owner of Venture 8 Property Experts, spoke in favor of the request. With no one else coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Several Board members commented favorably on the development due to the lots being closer to one (1) acre in size and because of the proposed conditions included as part of the conditional district.

Following comments, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the request by Venture 8 Property Experts, LLC to change the zoning of a 16.9 acre tract on Coyle Road from RA (Residential-Agricultural) to RA-Coyle Road Conditional District. The property is located in a designated growth area and the conditional district places development restrictions on the property which require a higher quality of development than would normally be required by the current zoning requirements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

13. ZA21-03 Text Amendments - Criminal Penalties removed

Presenter: Bailey Emrich, Planner

In 2021, the NC General Assembly modified NCGS 160D to eliminate the possible use of criminal penalties for the enforcement of land-use ordinances. Due to this change, references to criminal penalties need to be removed from the affected ordinances in order to comply. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of staff's recommended text amendments which removes Section 905.3 and amends language in Section 905.4(3) of the Zoning Ordinance, and removes/amends portions of Section 66-6 of the Subdivision Ordinance.

As information, copies of the proposed revisions were included in the Board's agenda packets for reference. It was requested the Board hold the required public hearing to receive comments on these changes, then approve or deny the request.

With no questions, Chair Jordan declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the text amendments for both the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance which removes language permitting criminal penalties for enforcement of these ordinances. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

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

14. Demolish and remove-20713 US 52 Hwy S.

Presenter: Tim Swaringen, Code Enforcement

The structure located at 20713 US 52 Highway South in Albemarle has been determined by the Housing Inspector to be unfit for human habitation and poses a significant health and safety hazard to the community. The property has been the location of many calls and arrests by the Sheriff's Office prior to eviction of all tenants in fall of 2021. At that time, several people were living in the building without operable and safe electrical or heating systems, no running water, rotting floors, damaged walls and inoperable windows. Thus far, no permits have been issued for repairs to the structure. Proper notices have been given and hearings have been held. The Findings of Fact in the Case have been determined and an Order of the Housing Inspector issued.

Moid Kahn Abdul Muhammad of AMKO Holdings and owner of the property has been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into compliance with the Stanly County Ordinance Establishing Minimum Housing and High Grass Standard, but has failed to comply. Upon adoption of this ordinance, the owner will have thirty (30) days, or a reasonable date and time set by the Board of Commissioners, to demolish and remove the dwelling. If the owner fails to comply, the Housing Inspector can proceed with demolition and removal of said structure and debris from the premises, and bill the owner for the costs. If the owner fails to pay for the cost of demolition, a lien will be placed on the property. It was requested the Board hold the required public hearing and take action to adopt the ordinance.

Following the presentation, Mr. Swaringen and Sheriff Jeff Crisco responded to Board questions concerning the timeline of events since the initial complaint was received in May, 2021 including the number of calls for service received by the Sheriff's Office for the property.

Chair Jordan declared the public hearing open with the following individuals coming forward to address the Board:

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- Kennedy Kyri, owner of Master Builders Inc. Unlimited in Charlotte, spoke against adoption of the ordinance.
- Ellen Steele-Mabry, an adjoining property owner, spoke in favor of it.
- Mr. Muhammad, brother of the property owner, spoke against the ordinance.
- Joe Mabry, an adjacent property owner, spoke in favor of the ordinance to demolish the structure.
- Curtis Swaringen, a nearby resident, spoke in favor of the request as well.

Mr. Swaringen responded to specific questions concerning the condition of the property and if he feels it can be repaired and brought to current standards. Mr. Swaringen also noted that the property is zoned for Highway Business due to its previous operation as a hotel. If repairs are allowed to renovate the structure into apartments, it will need to be rezoned to R8 (Single-Family Residential) as well.

With no one else coming forward, Chair Jordan declared the public hearing closed.

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Almond moved to adopt the ordinance declaring the structure located at 20713 US 52 Highway South in Albemarle unfit for human habitation and directing the owner to demolish and remove it no later than March 7, 2022, and authorize the Housing Inspector to remove the structure if the owner fails to comply on or after March 8, 2022. Commissioner Lawhon seconded the motion which carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit D
Minimum Housing Violation Ordinance
Stanly County, North Carolina
An Ordinance Declaring the Structure Herein Described as Unfit
For Human Habitation and Directing the Housing Inspector to
Demolish, and Remove Said Structure
Case File No. CE21-0021-ALB

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

15. Town of Norwood Recreational Grant Request

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Town of Norwood sought a matching grant of \$10,000 to help offset the cost of repaving a multi-use court area that is currently used for basketball, tennis, volleyball and possibly for pickle ball in the future. The cost to repave the court area is \$20,500 with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2022 and completion by May 30, 2022. Following the presentation, County Manager Lucas entertained questions from the Board.

With no questions from the Board, Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the \$10,000 grant request, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by unanimous vote.

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

16. Resolution to Provide Local School Boards with School Calendar Flexibility

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

At their February 1, 2022 meeting, the Stanly County Board of Education voted unanimously to seek a legislative change to the 2022-2023 school calendar law in order to seek flexibility to start school earlier than Monday, August 29, 2022. For Board consideration, County Manager Lucas presented a resolution in support of the School Board's efforts to gain approval for this change which the School Board feels will have a positive impact on student performance and allow students additional opportunities to enroll in community college classes due to class schedules aligning.

Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the resolution of support, seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit E

Resolution

In Support of Providing the Stanly County Board of Education the Flexibility to Amend the Start Day of the 2022-2023 School Year

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

17. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

A. Minutes - January 13th special meeting & January 18th work session and regular meetings

B. Finance - Budget Amendment for Recreational Grant Requests

C. Finance - Create Budgets for Special Revenue Funds

D. Facilities - Request to sell Surplus on Gov Deals

E. Health Budget Amendment #2022-62

F. Planning - Interlocal Agreement - Misenheimer Land-use Enforcement

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

With Superbowl LVI taking place the next weekend, Commissioner Lawhon cheered on B J Hill and the Cincinnati Bengals for the win.

As an ambassador for Atrium Health, Commissioner Asciutto provided a breakdown on the number of COVID-19 cases by age group for the month of February as well as the number of deaths in the county for both January and February.

Commissioner Efird noted the Cell Tower Committee's first public input session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakboro Community Building. He also congratulated Emergency Services Director Brian Simpson on his upcoming retirement with a reception in his honor to be held on Friday, February 25th in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Chair Jordan also noted the cell tower committee's public input session on Tuesday and encouraged people to come, be involved and share any ideas they may have with the committee. He also expressed his support of the Cincinnati Bengals in the Superbowl.

RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 9:00 AM FOR THE BOARD'S ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT AT JUNE BERRY RIDGE.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to recess the meeting until Friday, February 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for the Board's annual planning retreat at Juneberry Ridge in Norwood, NC. Vice Chair Almond seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote at 9:16 p.m.

Thomas S. Jordan, III, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk