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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 21, 2022 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Barbee giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Jordan requested several changes in the order of the agenda items being presented. Following the request, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District Program Application

Presenter: Molly Alexi, County Extension Director

For Board consideration, County Extension Director Molly Alexi and Soil & Water Conservation District Director Amanda Kirby presented the following application for the Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District program. Ms. Alexi noted that the Ag-District Board reviewed and approved the application during their January 2022 meeting.

- Courtney & Matthew Swain, Sunny Oaks Farm (total of 2.55 acres)

With no questions from the Board, Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the application as presented, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and passed by unanimous vote.

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

2. NC 911 - Board Grant Support Assistance

Presenter: Kyle Griffin, E-911 Communications Director

The NC 911 Fund is administered by the NC 911 Board with funds used to support the public safety answering points (PSAPs) located in North Carolina. Each PSAP receives a yearly distribution of funds from surcharge revenue. Additionally, PSAPs may apply for grants to aid in funding additional projects. Two (2) major projects are currently needed for the Stanly County 911 Center which include a new primary facility and the replacement of the Public Safety Data System that is more than twenty (20) years old. County staff sought approval to apply for a comprehensive grant to assist in the cost of both projects. In doing so, Mission Critical Partners (MCP) can assist with gathering and compiling the grant application. MCP has proven to be very successful in obtaining grants from the 911 Board and other PSAPs.

Following a brief period of questions, Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$34,905 to secure assistance in preparing documentation for the 2022 NC 911 Board Grant process, and authorize staff to execute a contract with Mission Critical Partners based on the attached scope of work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

3. Consolidated Human Services Board Appointment

Presenter: David Jenkins, DHHS Director

At the February meeting of the Consolidated Health & Human Services Board, the board discussed the vacant Consumer member position. Following a review of the volunteer applications, a recommendation was made to appoint Mr. Stan Leggett to fill this vacancy.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to appoint Mr. Stan Leggett as recommended, 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

4. Stanly County Uniform Guidance Cost Principles Policy

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Per the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund of H. R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP/CSLFRF) and legal guidance from the UNC School of Government faculty, the County must adopt a Uniform Guidance Cost Principles Policy. This policy must be adopted to help ensure all expenditures, both direct and indirect, allocated to the ARP/CSLFRF are allowable.

With no questions from the Board, Vice Chair Almond moved to approve the policy as presented, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A

Allowable Costs and Cost Principles Policy for Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds By Stanly County Government

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

5. Liberty Hill Pump Station Replacement Financing Public Hearing

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Recusal of Commissioner Lawhon

Prior to the presentation, Commissioner Lawhon asked to be recused from the item due to being a contract employee of Uwharrie Bank. Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

Prior to the County entering into an installment financing agreement with a financial institution that requires LGC approval, NCGS 160A-20 requires that a public hearing be held. The notice of public hearing was published in the Tuesday, February 8, 2022 edition of the Stanly News & Press. It was also requested that the Board take action to approve a resolution from Uwharrie Bank and its legal counsel as part of the financing for the Liberty Hill Pump Station project.

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

Commissioner Efird moved to authorize staff to work with Uwharrie Bank to finalize the financing as requested, seconded by Vice Chair Almond and carried by a 6 - 0 vote.

On a separate motion, Vice Chair Almond moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit B

**A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Stanly, North Carolina,
Approving the Installment Financing Contract and a Deed of Trust With Respect Thereto
and Delivery Thereof and Providing for Certain Other Related Matters**

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Ascitutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr
RECUSED:	Lawhon

6. COVID-19 Update

Presenter: David Jenkins, DHHS Director

HHS Director Jenkins provided the latest COVID-19 statistics for Stanly County noting the dramatic decrease seen in the number of daily positive cases in recent weeks. As a result of the decrease, the number of hospitalizations and deaths in the county as well as statewide are also trending down. As North Carolina's COVID-19 metrics continue to move in the right direction and with vaccines and personal protection equipment widely available, Governor Cooper has encouraged schools and local governments to end their mask mandates. However, some places, such as health care, long-term care and transportation like airplanes, a mask is still required.

Director Jenkins also responded to recent comments concerning the health department's policies, procedures and practices explaining that the department is guided by public health laws that are put in place by state legislatures and not by local authorities.

Following the presentation, Director Jenkins entertained questions from the Board with no further action required.

7. Board Discussion Related to Public COVID-19 Inquiries

Presenter: Chairman, Tommy Jordan

Chair Jordan turned the proceedings over to Vice Chair Almond in order to participate in the discussion related to recent inquiries the Board has received related to COVID-19 and the public health department. Chair Jordan thanked those who have posed questions noting that it has forced him to do more research and ask questions in order to respond. No further action was taken.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and passed by unanimous vote.

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

A. Minutes - Regular meeting of February 7, 2022.

B. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds for January 2022

C. Finance - Monthly Financial Report Ending January 2022

D. Airport - ALCMS Construction Project Budget Amendments

E. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2022-65

F. Utilities - Badin Inn Water Main Extension Budget Amendments and Project Ordinance

G. Senior Services - Budget Amendment #2022-68

H. Planning - Revised Interlocal Agreement with Misenheimer for Land-use Enforcement

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lawhon noted the B J Hill proclamation adopted by the Board at the previous meeting and how proud Stanly County is of his accomplishments as a member of the Cincinnati Bengals in Superbowl LVI. He also noted how the community's support of B J brought everyone together and that we need more positive things in the county to continue to do this and seek God's will in everything.

Vice Chair Almond thanked members of the Board who participated in the recent dog food drive sponsored by Animal Protective Services.

Commissioner Asciutto congratulated West Stanly's James Shue on winning the 3,200 meter run at the recent 1A/2A state title indoor track meet.

Commissioner Barbee expressed his support of B J Hill and how proud the community is of his accomplishments as well.

Commissioner Efird noted the cell tower committee's town hall meeting on Tuesday evening at the Millingport Fire Department. He also reminded everyone of EMS Director Brian Simpson's retirement reception on Friday, February 25th in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

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Chair Jordan noted that he would provide further comments via livestream on Facebook later that night in response to recent inquiries from the public concerning COVID-19 and the health department.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Almond moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote at 6:42 p.m.

Thomas S. Jordan, III, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk