STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Lawhon	Chairman	Present	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Remote	
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, March 15, 2021 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Lawhon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Almond giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Lawhon noted that agenda item # 6 - ZA 21-01-Burleson Square LLC would be pulled from the agenda at Mr. Burleson's request. Vice Chair Jordan moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

During public comment, the following individuals addressed the Board speaking against rezoning request ZA 21-01 - Burleson Square LLC:
- Rhonda Benton of Stanfield
- Ken Tucker of Stanfield
- Daniel McClellan of Midland

- Josh Sells of Stanfield
- Sarah Hart of Stanfield spoke against and presented a petition with 220 signatures of others who also oppose the rezoning.

RECESS

Chair Lawhon called for a short recess at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

3. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

For Board consideration, EDC Director Lowder proposed a five (5) year, 60% property tax incentive grant for the expansion of an existing manufacturing facility in Albemarle which will result in the creation of eighteen (18) new jobs and a new minimum investment of $1.66 million. It was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing followed by approval of the property tax incentive grant as presented.

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

By motion, Commissioner Almond moved to approve the tax incentive grant as requested, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

4. Consolidated Human Services Board Appointments

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, Asst Consolidated Health & Human Services Director

Two (2) Consumer board members, Michael Williams and T J Smith, were recently appointed to the Planning Board resulting in their resignation from the Health & Human Services board. A volunteer application was received from Diane Robinson, who is eligible and has agreed to serve the remaining term of one (1) of the open Consumer member spots. Additionally, two (2) vacancies remain for the physician and engineer positions. Dr. Eric Johnson (physician) and Wendell Drye (engineer) have submitted volunteer applications for these and are eligible to serve if appointed.

It was requested the Board appoint Diane Robinson to complete the unexpired term of one (1) of the Consumer vacancies ending 11/6/2022, appoint Dr. Eric Johnsen to the physician seat and Wendell Drye to the engineer position with each serving a four (4) year term ending 3/14/2025.

Vice Chair Jordan moved to approve the appointments as presented, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

5. 1924 : Preliminary Recommendation for the Adoption & Acquisition of Voting Equipment

Presenter: Kim Blackwelder, Elections Director

Elections Director Kim Blackwelder presented information concerning the Elections Office acquisition and adoption of a new voting system. After participating in two (2) software demonstrations, the Board of Elections' preliminary recommendation is to purchase the EVS 5.2.4.0 voting system. The total cost of the system is $3,694 and is a software update only with no new hardware required. If the system is found to be satisfactory following a simulated election on April 6, 2021, Elections will apply for approval from the state to purchase the system. Once approved by the state, Elections will then request approval from the county as well.

The presentation was for information only with no action required at this time.

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

6. Keep Stanly Beautiful Presentation

Presenter: Lee Snuggs, Chairman

Lee Snuggs, Chairman of Keep Stanly Beautiful, along with members Pat Bramlett, Tom Medlin and Sandy Rogers expressed concerns with the growing litter problem in Stanly County and sought the Board's input on how to work together to address this issue. Suggestions included adding signage and cameras throughout the county as a reminder not to litter, reaching out to those who participate in NCDOT's Adopt A Highway program to remind them of the road(s) they are assigned to maintain, and conduct community litter sweep events throughout the county.

No further action was requested.

7. ZA 21-01 Burleson Square LLC

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

This item was withdrawn at the request of Joseph Burleson with Burleson Square LLC.

RESULT:	**WITHDRAWN**

8. Board of Adjustment Appointment

Presenter: Bailey Emrich, Planner I

Due to Tim Fesperman's recent appointment to the Planning Board which resulted in his resignation from the Board of Adjustment, it was requested the Board appoint a replacement to serve his unexpired term ending June 30, 2023.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to appoint Michael Fleming to serve the unexpired term, seconded by Commissioner Almond and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

9. NC Housing Finance Agency - Single Family Rehab Grant

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly County has received a $190,000 Essential Single Family Rehab (ESRF) grant from the NC Housing Finance Agency in late 2020. These funds will be used to rehabilitate owner-occupied housing for low-to- moderate income elderly and disabled residents with no outstanding property tax liabilities. It is anticipated that five (5) homes will be rehabilitated with the funds. It was requested the Board approve the budget amendment and associated project ordinance to recognize the grant funds.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve budget amendment #2021-74 and associated project ordinance for $190,000, 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, Asciutto, Efird, Almond

10. LME/MCO Disengagement & Realignment

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly County initiated the process of disengagement from Cardinal Innovations in November 2020. The County has met and exceeded the required 60-day commitment period and 30-day comment posting period, and is now ready to submit its disengagement documentation to the Secretary of the NC Department of Health & Human Services for review and consideration. Prior to submitting this documentation, the Board is required to approve the County's disengagement plan, continuity of services plan, authorizing resolution, disengagement financial liabilities report and, if applicable, the distribution of real property plan.

With no questions from the Board, Commissioner Almond moved to approve the required documentation as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit A

Resolution

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

11. TAB appointment by position request

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Two (2) positions traditionally held by the Veterans Services Officer (Rod Barbee) and Senior Services Director (Becky Weemhoff) will be vacant soon due to their retirement. Due to the importance of each of their roles on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), the recommendation was made that whomever is hired to fill these vacancies also fill these roles on the board. Their appointment by role instead of the individual will ensure a seamless transition for representation of those departments.

Commissioner Almond moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and passed by unanimous vote.

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

12.CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Efird moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and passed by unanimous vote.

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

A. Minutes

B. Elections Budget Amendment # 2021-70

C. Airport Project Budget Amendment - Airfield Lighting Control System

D. Health Budget Amendment - 716 CDC COVID-19 Vaccination

E. Vehicle Refunds

F. E911 Budget Amendment # 2021-75

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Asciutto stated that although the county has recently seen a decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases, he encouraged everyone to continue to take the necessary precautions to stay safe. He also noted his opposition to HB 35, which would allow local governments to publish notices electronically on the county website versus incurring the expense of having them published in the local newspaper.

As information, Commissioner Efird noted the airport's new air traffic control tower hours of operation. He also congratulated Airport Director Ken Swaringen on becoming one of the first aviation professionals in the state to earn the new NC Airport Professional designation.

Commissioner Almond, Vice Chair Jordan and Commissioner Barbee expressed their appreciation to the Stanfield residents for their earlier comments and Keep Stanly Beautiful for their presentation.

Chair Lawhon encouraged everyone to support the 22nd Annual Kerri D. Efird Memorial Scholarship Bike Run on Saturday, April 24th at West Stanly High School.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Furr moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote at 7:19 p.m.

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W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair **Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**