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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 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, April 3, 2023 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Efird called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Crump giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Johnny O'Tuel addressed the Board to request more household hazardous waste events per year during public comment.

2. Public Hearing for Consideration of Road Name

Presenter: Kyle Griffin, E911 Communications Director

The Communications Department received a request to name a private drive located off of US Highway 52 near the intersection of Cottonville Road that extends east from this intersection. Per the Stanly County Road Name, Road Sign & Address Display Ordinance and state statutes,

the drive was determined to meet the criteria to be named with the name of Pony Express Drive submitted for approval.

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

By motion, Commissioner King moved to approve the name of Pony Express Drive as requested, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and passed by unanimous vote.

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

3. Computer Aided Dispatch Specialist Position

Presenter: Kyle Griffin, E911 Communications Director

In December 2022, the Board awarded the bid for the replacement of the county-wide Public Safety Data System to Hexagon. Additionally, the Board approved the Capital Project Ordinance associated with the project for the full amount plus additional funds for the ancillary costs and hardware.

Staff submitted a grant application to the North Carolina 911 Board to aid with funding for the project and was awarded partial funding of slightly less than \$780,000. Approximately \$507,000 of the project cost has been identified as eligible expenses under the Emergency Telephone System Fund (ETSF). The existing balance in the ETSF fund will be used toward the project and a reconsideration request submitted to the 911 Board for the remainder.

Post contract award, staff has participated in regular meetings with the assigned project manager. Extensive information has been provided on the process of implementation and the work that will be required. It is estimated that nearly 3,106 man hours of tasks will be assigned to the County as the customer. As such, it was requested that a temporary, full-time CAD Specialist position be created and funded by excess monies in the project fund created by the grant award and eligible ETSF expenses. The position would start May 1, 2023 and end August 31, 2024 at the completion of the project. This position is equivalent to that of a Lead Telecommunicator (Grade 68) resulting in a fiscal impact for a year's salary \$93,324.

Following the presentation, Director Griffin responded to questions concerning the length of time the position is needed, potential candidates for the position and a breakdown of the total salary amount including benefits.

Commissioner Crump moved to approve the creation of the temporary full-time CAD Specialist position to be paid by excess funds in the project fund, seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and carried by unanimous vote.

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

4. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County proposed an economic development incentive that will result in a five (5) year, 30% business development grant agreement between the County of Stanly and an existing manufacturer of commercial paper products located in the corporate limits of Oakboro. The company will invest an estimated \$1,500,000 in machinery & equipment and will create approximately eight (8) new jobs. It was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing and consider approval of the incentive grant as recommended. Following the presentation, Director Lowder responded to questions from the Board.

With no further discussion, Chair Efird then declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak for or against, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the economic incentive grant as requested, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

5. NC DEQ Grant Resolution

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County has received an allocation from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in Session Law 2022-74, to assist eligible government units with their water/wastewater infrastructure needs. The NC Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) has offered grant funding in the amount of \$900,000 to Stanly County. The County will be the recipient and serve as the fiduciary agent of these funds which will be disbursed as follows: City of Locust - \$500,000, Town of Oakboro - \$250,00, Town of Norwood - \$100,000 and Stanly County - \$50,000.

In order for the County to accept these funds, the Board must take action to accept the grant funds and meet all of the conditions and assurances required by NC DEQ via resolution. County Manager Lucas also noted that staff is currently working on an Interlocal Agreement that will govern the grant reimbursement process for each of the municipalities.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

**See Exhibit A
Resolution by Governing Body of Recipient**

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

- A. Minutes- Work session & regular meeting of March 20, 2023**
- B. SCUSA - Transportation Advisory Board Appointment by Position**
- C. Sheriff's Office - Axon Taser Agreement**
- D. Sheriff's Office - Vehicles/Insurance Settlements**
- E. Finance - Insurance Settlement Funds**
- F. Facilities - Request to sell Surplus on Gov Deals**
- G. DSS - Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)**
- H. Stanly County Detention Center Medical Plan**

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lawhon noted that Airport Director Ken Swaringen will retire effective July 31, 2023 and thanked him for his service to the county. As a result, the job announcement for this position will be posted by April 15th on the county's website and he encouraged those who are interested to apply. As information, he provided the airport's operational statistics for the month of April as well.

Commissioner King thanked Johnny and Martha O'Tuel for their comments and attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Asciutto congratulated Tim Hedrick on being named Arts Person of the Year and Wanda Maness who received the 2023 Fine Arts Educator award. He also noted The Talent Company's performance of "Cats" and congratulated recent Sports Hall of Fame inductees Al Andrew, T. A. McLendon, Shanna Smith, Greg Speight and Quan Sturdivant.

April 3, 2023

Commissioner Crump stated the Consolidated Health & Human Services Board will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. which is open to the public.

Commissioner Efird acknowledged that it is Easter week and encouraged everyone to take part in their local church services. He also thanked those of the public who attended the meeting.

RECESS

At 6:31 p.m., Chair Efird recessed the meeting until Thursday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Stanly Community College (SCC) Board of Trustees in the Dennis Community Room located in the Patterson Building on SCC's campus.

T. Scott Efird, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk