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Zach Almond
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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 – 6:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Lawhon	Chairman	Present	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Present	
Lane Furr	Commissioner	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Zach Almond	Commissioner	Excused	
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, April 5, 2021 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Lawhon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Barbee giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

EXCUSAL OF COMMISSIONER ALMOND

Due to his absence, Vice Chair Jordan moved to excuse Commissioner Almond from the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments to the agenda, Commissioner Efird moved to approve it as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Phibbs shared information that she and her husband, Jason obtained through their own research concerning the coronavirus in order to empower others to protect their health and regain their civil liberties which she feels have been taken away during the pandemic.

Jason Phibbs, East Albemarle Precinct Republican Chair, expressed concerns with the loss of freedom citizens have experienced and the overall economic impact the county has suffered as a result of Governor Cooper's actions over the past year. He encouraged the Board's support of local legislation that would exempt the counties they represent from some or all of Governor Cooper's COVID restrictions.

2. National Library Week Proclamation

Presenter: Melanie Holles, Library Director

For Board consideration, Library Director Melanie Holles presented the proclamation declaring April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week in order to recognize all public library branches, school libraries and the Pfeiffer University library as well.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by unanimous vote.

Exhibit A National Library Week 2021 Proclamation

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

3. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

The County proposed a 30% business development grant for a five (5) year term between the County and an existing manufacturer of metal products located in Norwood, NC. The grant will aid and encourage new taxable investment within Stanly County. The company plans to invest \$700,000 in new machinery and equipment which will lead to the creation of five (5) new jobs. It was requested the Board conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed agreement and approve the property tax incentive grant as presented.

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

Commissioner Barbee moved to approve the 30% property tax incentive grant as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and carried by a 6 - 0 vote.

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

4. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

Director Lowder presented an incentive agreement which will convey eight (8) acres of property (valued at \$359,544) in the Riverstone Industrial Park from the County to an automotive parts manufacturer, which plans to construct a new manufacturing facility within the corporate limits of Stanfield, NC. The property conveyance will aid and encourage new taxable investment of \$4,375,000 and create approximately sixty-three (63) new jobs over the next five (5) years. It was requested the Board hold the required public hearing and approve the property tax incentive agreement as presented.

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

Vice Chair Jordan moved to approve the property tax incentive agreement as requested, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

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

5. COVID-19 Update

Presenter: Jennifer Layton, Health Education Supervisor

Ms. Layton provided an update on the County's COVID-19 pandemic including the number of daily new positive cases, hospitalizations, deaths, number of total vaccinations (1st and second doses) administered thus far. Although the number of positive cases has declined recently, she encouraged everyone to continue to follow the necessary precautions to remain safe. Following the presentation Ms. Layton responded to questions from the Board.

No action was required.

6. ZA 21-02 Amendments to Land-Use Ordinances based on NCGS160D

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

In 2019, the General Assembly adopted significant changes to the land use statutes governing county and municipal governments. This merged the land use law for municipalities and for counties creating a new statute known as NCGS 160D. The legislature updated numerous portions of the old statutes to clarify items related to land use law which took effect on January

1, 2021. Local governments have until July 1, 2021 to update the language in their ordinances to reflect the new language of NCGS 160D.

Planning staff, Bob Remsburg and Bailey Emrich, recently completed a review of the County's land use ordinances and have recommended appropriate amendments to meet the new standards. The Planning Board has reviewed these amendments and unanimously recommended approval by the Board of Commissioners. It was requested the Board hold the required public hearing then either adopt or take action to table the item until a later date.

Following a brief period of questions, Chair Lawhon declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Barbee then moved to table the item until the April 19, 2021 meeting to allow additional time to review the proposed amendments, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and carried by a 6 - 0 vote.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/19/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mike Barbee, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Tommy Jordan, Vice Chairman	
AYES:	Lawhon, Barbee, Jordan, Furr, Ascitutto, Efird	
EXCUSED:	Almond	

7. CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Approval

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly County has received a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant program from the NC Department of Commerce in late 2020. The grant funds must be used to rehabilitate owner occupied housing for low-to-moderate income elderly and disabled residents who are current on their property tax liabilities. It is anticipated the County will be able to rehabilitate a minimum of ten (10) homes with these funds. It was requested the Board recognize, approve and appropriate these funds in order to commence activities, and authorize the Chairman and County Manager to execute the funding approval document, grant agreement and performance based contract. Lastly, it was requested the Board designate the County Manager and Clerk to the Board as the signatories for all requisitions for reimbursement from NC Commerce.

By motion, Vice Chair Jordan moved to: 1) authorize the Chairman and County Manager to execute the funding approval document, grant agreement and performance based contract, 2) approve budget amendment # 2021-79 and the associated project ordinance, 3) authorize the County Manager and Clerk to the Board as signatories for all requisitions for reimbursement from NC Commerce. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8. Reaffirmation of the Code of Ethics

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to the Code of Ethics being omitted from the Board's re-organizational meeting agenda last December, it was now presented for Board review and approval.

Commissioner Ascitutto moved to reaffirm the Code of Ethics as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

**See Exhibit B
Code of Ethics**

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes - March 15, 2021 regular meeting

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

B. Transportation - Surplus Vehicle Sale FY21

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER: Scott Efird, Commissioner
AYES: Lawhon, Jordan, Furr, Asciutto, Efird
EXCUSED: Almond
RECUSED: Barbee

C. Environmental Health- Budget Amendment #2021-78

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

D. DSS - Budget Amendment-Low Income Energy Assistance/Crisis Intervention Program

E. Stanly Water and Sewer Authority Interim Loan for Engineering Services for Phase 4 Project

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

F. Finance - Loan Proceeds from Refinancing

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

G. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2021-82

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER: Scott Efird, Commissioner
AYES: Barbee, Jordan, Furr, Asciutto, Efird
EXCUSED: Almond
RECUSED: Lawhon

H. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2021-77

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

I. Health - Budget Amendment #2021-85

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

J. Land Purchase Budget Amendment # 2021-81

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

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Efird noted that the Health & Human Services Board met in person last week with the new members being sworn in.

Commissioner Barbee stated the Senior Services Board met recently to discuss new projects and how the grant funds received will be used.

Vice Chair Jordan and Commissioner Furr thanked the county employees for their continued work in serving the citizens of the county.

Chair Lawhon encouraged those who can participate to volunteer for the Keep Stanly Beautiful's litter sweep events in April on the 10th, 17th and 24th.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 6 - 0 vote at 6:59 p.m.

W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk