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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 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 17, 2023 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Efird called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner King giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Efird requested the Board amend the consent agenda to include two (2) interlocal agreements for the Town of Norwood and the City of Locust as item # 7 (K). Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner King and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Graves responded to comments made by Commissioner Asciutto during the Board's recent meeting with the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees.

2. Reappointments to the Centralina Workforce Development Board

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

Two (2) of Stanly County's representatives, Brett Barbee (Private Sector) and Candice Lowder (Economic Development), have terms expiring June 30, 2023. It was requested that both be re-

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appointed to the Centralina Workforce Development Board for two (2) year terms beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

By motion, Commissioner King moved to approve the re-appointments as requested, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

3. Renewal of Articles of Association & Agreement for the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

As part of the requirement for funding under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Articles of Association and Agreement for the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium are to be ratified and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in each of the seven (7) counties in the Consortium.

The Articles outline the Consortium's authority and its establishment of the Centralina Workforce Development Board (CWDB). Executive Director David Hollars requested the Articles of Association and Agreement for the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium and the Consortium resolution be presented to each Board for their review and approval.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the Articles of Association & Agreement and the Consortium resolution as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and passed by unanimous vote.

Exhibit A

Articles of Association & Agreement for the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium And Resolution Approving the Articles of Association & Agreement for the Centralina Workforce Development Consortium

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

4. FY 22-23 Audit

Presenter: Toby Hinson, Finance Director

The Finance Office received three (3) responses from independent firms to perform the FY 2022-23 audit. Martin, Starnes & Associates and Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams submitted bids, however, Cherry Bekaert declined. The bids received were as follows:

- Martin, Starnes & Associates \$75,000
- Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. \$59,900

Following a review of the bids, staff recommended that Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. be selected to perform the FY 2022-23 audit engagement. Following the presentation, Finance Director Toby Hinson responded to a brief period of questions related to a comparison of the two bids.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. to perform the FY 2022-23 audit engagement as requested, seconded by Commissioner King and passed with a 7 - 0 vote.

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

5. 2023 National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Presenter: Commissioner Bill Lawhon

For Board approval, Commissioner Lawhon presented and read the proclamation declaring Thursday, May 4th as a National Day of Prayer with this year's theme of "Pray Fervently, In Righteousness And Avail Much".

Following the presentation, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the proclamation as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit B
National Day of Prayer 2023
By the Stanly County Board of Commissioners
In the State of North Carolina
A Proclamation

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

6. Resolution in Opposition to NC House Bill 562/S317

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Based on the Board's previous discussion and at Chair Efird's request, County Manager Lucas presented a resolution in opposition to NC House Bill 562 and Senate Bill 317. He explained that both bills propose language that would limit the County's authority as it relates to land use and zoning for subdivisions with "workforce housing" and contradicts the County's existing 2040 Land Use Plan and subdivision ordinance regulations. The bills would exempt certain

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subdivisions with "workforce housing" from the County's existing setbacks, system development fees, landscaping, and other key standards designed to protect adjacent landowners and preserve rural areas.

If passed, single-family subdivisions would be allowed in any zoning district provided the development includes 20% of its lots to be designated for "workforce housing" for a period of one (1) year. Thereafter, the lots can be conveyed to anyone. County Manager Lucas added that counties and cities would be required to track this one (1) year provision which in turn would require a considerable amount of administrative oversight to do so.

Following the presentation, Chair Efird noted concerns with how the bill is written in that it allows the "workforce housing" units to be placed in any type of zoning district which will hurt all the counties and municipalities in North Carolina who are trying to preserve farmland. Commissioner Crump expressed her support of the resolution and encouraged citizens to read the bills to learn which elected officials have already passed them and in turn encourage their constituents to question why they supported them.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Barbee and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit C

Resolution Opposing S 317/H 562 Proposed Legislation Amending County Control Over Certain Subdivisions Styled "Workforce Housing"

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner King and carried by unanimous vote.

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

A. Minutes - April 3rd work session & regular meeting

B. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds for March 2023

C. Livestock Arena Construction Project Budget Amendments

D. Town of Norwood Fireworks Display

E. Stanly County Fairgrounds Fireworks Display

F. Sheriff's Office - Budget amendment # 2023 -105

G. Senior Services - Budget amendment # 2023-106

H. EMS - Budget Amendment # 2023-98

I. Cooperative Extension - Budget amendment # 2023-104

J. Facilities - Request to sell Surplus on Gov Deals

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner King noted that the Board met with the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees the previous Thursday adding that the County is fortunate to have such a strong community college in our area and encouraged those who are not familiar with it to visit the campus. He expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Lawhon for presenting the National Day of Prayer proclamation. He recently attended the fire chiefs meeting where they stated that they are currently working with the E911 Center to develop a dispatch plan.

Commissioner Ascutto thanked Mr. Graves for his earlier remarks. He agreed with Commissioner King's comments concerning the community college adding that the new Trades Facility will be a great asset for the county. He also noted that he recently participated in a workday at the Corner Store convenience site with plans to visit all of the library branches next.

Commissioner Crump stated that she enjoyed the SCC Board of Trustees meeting and learned a lot from Dr. Enamait's presentation. She also encouraged students to consider the community college as an alternative to a four (4) year college due to the cost savings and having the option to transfer to a university such as Wingate which recognizes a student's two (2) year degree with credits toward their program of study.

Commissioner Lawhon provided statistics on the number of residential building permits issued in March 2023 compared to the same time last year which have decreased overall.

Vice Chair Barbee agreed with earlier comments on the joint meeting with the SCC Board of Trustees. He also noted that the Senior Services Advisory Board is continuing to work on next year's budget request.

Chair Efird noted the 19th Annual Big Lick Blue Grass Festival in Oakboro held April 20th - April 22nd, and the Annual Kerri D. Efird Memorial Scholarship Bike Run scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at West Stanly High School with funds raised providing scholarships for West Stanly seniors. He also noted the Board's joint meeting with the Stanly County Schools Board of Education on Wednesday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m. in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room.

ADJOURN

By motion, Commissioner Ascutto moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by unanimous vote at 6:32 p.m.

T. Scott Efirm, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk