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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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	
Lane Furr	Commissioner	Present	
Bill Lawhon	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	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, April 18, 2022 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Almond giving an invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Jordan requested that a Memorandum of Understanding and Funding Agreement for the NC Emergency Management Training Center be added as agenda item # 7 and the consent agenda moved to item # 8. Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice Chair Almond and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Retirement Award Presentations

Presenter: Chair Jordan & County Commissioners

The Board recognized former Emergency Services employees Angie Haigler and Jeffery Craven for their years of service to the county.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. 2021 Community Health Report

Presenter: Debbie Bennett, Public Health Educator

Ms. Bennett provided a brief overview of the results of the 2021 Community Health Assessment Report which is based on the information collected from public surveys, focus groups and data obtained from reputable sources. As required by the state, the assessment is conducted every three (3) years with the information used to learn more about the health and quality of life in the county, to identify needs in the community and provide access to grant funds. The top three (3) health priorities identified are: substance misuse/overdose, healthy living (obesity/overweight, nutritional & physical activity) and mental health. The complete report is available to the public on both the county and Health Department websites. Following the presentation, Ms. Bennett entertained questions from the Board.

The presentation was for information only with no action required.

4. Condolences & Recognition for Josh Morton

Presenter: Commissioner Zach Almond

Vice Chair Almond expressed his condolences on the recent passing of Josh Morton and noted his various accomplishments and contributions to the county which include serving as County Commissioner and County Attorney. He then requested Board consideration in changing the name of the County Manager's Conference Room to the Josh Morton Conference Room in his honor.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by unanimous vote.

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

5. Stanly County Parks & Recreation Grants Update

Presenter: Commissioner Peter Ascutto

Commissioner Ascutto provided an update on each of the various parks and recreation projects for the municipalities that were funded in part by the County during the current fiscal year.

The presentation was for information only with no action required.

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

6. 2022 National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Presenter: Commissioner Bill Lawhon

Commissioner Lawhon presented the proclamation declaring Thursday, May 5th as a National Day of Prayer and requested the Board take action to adopt it. Commissioner Efird and Commissioner Lawhon noted the local ceremonies taking place at the Locust Town Center and the square in Albemarle to recognize the prayer event.

By motion, Vice Chair Almond moved to adopt the proclamation as presented, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed with a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit A
National Day of Prayer 2022
By the Stanly County Board of Commissioners
in the State of North Carolina
a Proclamation

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

7. NC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER - MOU & FUNDING AGREEMENT

County Manager Lucas presented the Memorandum of Understanding and Funding Agreement for the new NC Emergency Management Training Center to be constructed near the Stanly County Airport in New London. The county will receive a total of \$31 million for the project with \$28 million funded by the State of North Carolina through a SCIF grant and \$3 million from the NC Department of Insurance. The County will act as the fiduciary agent for these funds which will be used to procure approximately 30 acres of land adjacent to the airport and to construct the facilities to be used for training by volunteer fire departments from across the state. Once constructed the county will own but not manage or operate the facilities, but will provide a long-term lease to the NC Air National Guard and NC Department of Insurance for its use. The project is anticipated to start over the next few months with the purchase of the land followed by installation of water and sewer infrastructure. Following the presentation, County Manager Lucas responded to questions from the Board.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Funding Agreement as presented, and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreements. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion which carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

**See Exhibit B
Memorandum of Understanding
among
North Carolina Department of Insurance;
Stanly County; and
the North Carolina Air National Guard
&
Funding Agreement**

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

- A. Minutes- March 30th special meeting and April 4th work session & regular meeting minutes**
- B. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds for March 2022**
- C. Town of Norwood - Approval of fireworks display**
- D. Cooperative Extension - Budget Amendment # 2022-86**
- E. JCPC - County Funding Plan & Annual Member Certification**
- F. Sheriff's Office - Budget amendment # 2022-87**
- G. SCC Trades Facility - Budget amendments & associated project ordinance**
- H. Legal Dept. - Piedmont Natural Gas Easement**
- I. Library - Budget amendment # 2022-85**

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Asciutto noted the fireworks display approved by the Board as part of Norwood's Arbor Day Celebration on April 30th as well as several other events taking place throughout the county.

Commissioner Efird noted the dates and times of Keep Stanly Beautiful's litter sweep events and encouraged those who can to participate.

Commissioner Furr reminded everyone of the upcoming motorcycle rides to benefit firefighter Michael Dennis and the Kerri D. Efird Memorial Scholarship fund.

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Commissioner Lawhon encouraged citizens to complete the community survey associated with the County's future land development plan which is available on both the County and Planning Department's websites. He also provided the dates and times for the community engagement meetings that will be held and encouraged citizens to attend.

Commissioner Almond noted the importance of the land use plan and encouraged everyone to take time to complete the survey. He also thanked the Board for their support in renaming the conference room in Josh Morton's honor.

Chair Jordan noted that the community survey is also available on the Planning Department's Facebook page as well. Additionally, he stated that the annual Report to the People will be included as an insert in an upcoming weekend edition of the Stanly News and Press and noted that Special Olympics will host its annual motorcycle ride in Charlotte on Saturday.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Almond and carried by a 7 - 0 vote at 7:02 p.m.

Thomas S. Jordan, III, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk