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**Stanly County
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 16, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2026 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Vice Chair Lawhon called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM with Commissioner King giving the invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Chairman T. Scott Efirm (Participated by Phone)

Vice Chairman Bill Lawhon

Commissioner Mike Barbee

Commissioner Patty Crump

Commissioner Trent Hatley

Commissioner Brandon King

Commissioner Billy Mills

2. Approval / Adjustments to the Agenda

With no amendments to the agenda, Commissioner King moved to approve it as presented. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Scheduled Agenda Items

A. Proclamation Declaring February 9 -13, 2026 as National Future Business

Leaders of America (FBLA) Collegiate Week

Presenter: Dony Santos-Lambur, Chapter President

Dony Santos-Lambur, Chapter President and other representatives of the Stanly Community College Chapter of the FBLA were in attendance to present the proclamation. It was requested that the proclamation be adopted to officially recognize February 9–13, 2026 as National Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Collegiate Week.

(Commissioner Hatley arrived at 6:01 p.m. during the presentation.)

Following the presentation and Board comments, Commissioner Mills moved to adopt the proclamation as presented, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit A National FBLA Collegiate Week — February 9-13, 2026 (Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate)

B. Senior Services Advisory Board Appointments

Presenter: Pamela Sullivan, Senior Services Director

The terms for board members Debbie Bennett, Audrey Rigsbee, and James Moss expired on February 6, 2026. All three members have expressed their willingness to continue serving if reappointed.

Director Sullivan noted that each member has maintained consistent attendance and active participation at the meetings. Therefore, it was recommended that each be reappointed for a second term, effective March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2029.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Crump moved to reappoint all three (3) members as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbee and passed by unanimous vote.

C. Resolution Closing Unopened Public Roadways

Presenter: Kyle Griffin, E911 Communications Director

North Carolina General Statute § 153A-241 authorizes the County to permanently close portions of recorded public roadways. As the construction of Phase 2 of the NC Emergency Training Center facility moves forward, staff initiated the planning and review process to name the access roads/driveways with ingress/egress to the facility.

During an internal review process, Planning & Zoning identified three (3) existing recorded, but unopened and unused, public roadways that have never been constructed or utilized for public travel. These roadways

are commonly referred to as “paper streets.” Because these roadways were recorded on subdivision plats, formal action by the County is required to close the portions that intersect County-owned property at the Phase 2 site located off Airport Road.

In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 153A-241, staff requested approval of three (3) separate Resolutions of Intent to close the portions of **Kirk Road**, **Diana Road**, and **Todd Road** identified on the enclosed map.

If adopted, staff will be directed to schedule three public hearings for the March 16 Commissioners’ Meeting and to provide all required notice in accordance with statute, including notification by certified mail to adjoining property owners, posting of notice in the affected area, and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Following the presentation, Director Griffin responded to a brief period of questions related to specific details of the request.

By motion, Commissioner Mills moved to approve all three (3) resolutions as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit B
Resolution of Intent to Close an Unopened Public Road

5. Consent Agenda

Commissioner King moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mills and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

- A. Minutes**
- B. DSS Budget Amendment - Repair of Vehicle**
- C. DSS Budget Amendment - Temporary Staffing**
- D. Budget Amendment - Re-appropriation of Funds**
- E. Utilities — Budget Amendment 2026-59**
- F. Request to sell surplus on Gov Deal**

6. Board Comments, Announcements & Committee Reports

Commissioner Mills noted that it was good to see the FBLA students in attendance and emphasized that they can achieve whatever goals they set for themselves. He encouraged the students to rely on Dr. Dan Hazlett for continued support and experience. Commissioner Crump also offered her best wishes to the students for their upcoming competitions.

Chair Efird thanked Vice Chair Lawhon for leading the meeting in his absence.

Chair Lawhon also expressed his appreciation for the FBLA students and their leadership. Additionally, he encouraged all eligible voters to participate in the local primary, which began on February 12th and ends February 28th.

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Crump to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by unanimous vote at 6:22 p.m.

T. Scott Efird, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk