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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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	Present	
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, June 7, 2021 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Due to issues with the video system, the meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. Chair Lawhon took a few moments to acknowledge Memorial Day and D-Day, both of which were recently observed. He then gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Efird moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. Voluntary Agricultural District Applications

Presenter: Lori Ivey, County Extension Director

County Extension Director Ivey presented the following applications for Board approval which were previously reviewed and approved by the Ag-District Board as well.

Voluntary Ag-District (VAD):

- Steve & Reba Haigler, Bradley Haigler, and Evan & Jessica Haigler (291.72 acres)
- Gene A. Lowery, Jr. (22.83 acres)

Following a brief period of questions, Commissioner Barbee moved to approve both VAD applications as requested, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3. Stanly County Aging Funding Plan (HCCBG) FY21-22

Presenter: Pamela Sullivan, Senior Services Director

For Board approval, Ms. Sullivan presented the Stanly County Aging Funding Plan for FY 2021-22 noting that the county will receive \$437,997 in HCCBG funds. As required, the HCCBG Committee met, discussed and allocated the funds to each of the seven (7) aging programs for next fiscal year. Board approval of the funding plan was requested in addition to acceptance of the funds into Senior Services budget for FY 2021-22.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the plan for FY 2021-22 as presented with acceptance of the funds into the county's budget, seconded by Commissioner Almond and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

4. FY 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing & Workshop Dates

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Per NCGS 159-12, the Board must hold a public hearing to consider comments related to the recommended budget prior to its adoption. Additionally, it was requested the Board set the dates and times for budget workshops to discuss and review items in the proposed budget.

With no questions from the Board, Chair Lawhon declared the public hearing open with the following individuals addressing the Board:

- Dakota Raborn, Chief of the West Stanly Fire Department, addressed the Board in favor of the request to increase the West Stanly Fire District tax from \$0.10 to \$0.125.

With no one else coming forward, the hearing was closed.

Board consensus was to hold the first budget workshop on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., the second workshop on Monday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m. and a third on Tuesday, July 22nd at 9:00 a.m. if needed.

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

5. Opioid Litigation Settlement Resolution & MOA

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The NC Attorney General's Office and the NCACC have reached an agreement to fight the opioid epidemic. The agreement governs how North Carolina would use the proceeds of any future national settlement or bankruptcy resolution with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and opioid manufacturers Johnson & Johnson and Purdue Pharma, which could bring as much as \$850 million to North Carolina over an 18-year period to support efforts to address the epidemic. The agreement would direct settlement funds as follows:

- 15% to the state, which the General Assembly would appropriate to address the epidemic.
- 80% to local governments, including all 100 counties and 17 municipalities
- An additional 5% to an incentive fund to encourage counties and large and medium size municipalities to sign the agreement.

A resolution to authorize execution of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the MOA was presented for Board review and approval.

Following a brief period of questions, Commissioner Almond moved to approve the resolution and to authorize execution of the MOA as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ascitutto and passed by unanimous vote.

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

6. CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization Grant - Plan Approvals

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

As part of the County's receipt of the \$750,000 CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) grant, the county must approve the following plans: 1) Section 3 State Plan, 2) Fair Housing Plan, 3) 504 Survey and 4) Language Access Plan.

Following a brief discussion of the grant, Commissioner Furr moved to approve the four (4) plans as presented, seconded by Commissioner Almond and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

7. Stanly Community College - 50th Anniversary Proclamation

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly Community College (SCC) will begin its year-long 50th Anniversary celebration this summer. As part of that celebration, SCC has requested the County approve a proclamation to recognize the anniversary and the workforce development related impacts SCC has made in the community.

Vice Chair Jordan moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

8. Stanly Community College Board of Trustees Appointments

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Stanly Community College (SCC) Board of Trustees members, Greg Underwood and Karmen Mock-Phillips, both have terms expiring June 30, 2021. It was requested the Board take action to appoint two (2) members with each serving a four (4) year term effective July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025.

With no questions from the Board, Chair Lawhon opened the floor for the first nomination. Commissioner Efird nominated Eddie F. Wall, Jr. With no additional names presented, Commissioner Asciutto moved to close the nominations, seconded by Commissioner Almond. Chair Lawhon called for the vote with Mr. Wall selected by unanimous vote.

Chair Lawhon opened the floor for nominations for the second seat. Commissioner Almond nominated James Cecil Curlee, Jr. With no others presented, Commissioner Efird moved to close the nominations, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan.

Chair Lawhon called for the vote with Mr. Curlee selected by unanimous vote.

Chair Lawhon declared Eddie F. Wall, Jr. and James Cecil Curlee, Jr. as new members of the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees.

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

9. Town of Richfield ETJ Appointment Request

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

June 7, 2021

The Town of Richfield requested the Board appoint Guy Medlin and Todd Culp to the unincorporated ETJ seats on their Planning Board.

With no questions, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve Mr. Medlin and Mr. Culp as requested, seconded by Commissioner Almond and carried by unanimous vote.

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

10. 2021 NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The NCACC Annual Conference Business Session will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 12:45 p.m. Each county is asked to designate one voting delegate and an alternate prior to the conference.

Commissioner Efird moved to appoint Commissioner Asciutto as voting delegate with Vice Chair Jordan as the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. Minutes- May 17, 2021 regular meeting

B. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds

C. Finance - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 budget amendment & associated budget ordinance

D. Utilities - Budget Amendment for Meter Purchase & Vehicle Maintenance

E. Utilities - Project Ordinance & Budget Amendment for Millingport Road Water Transmission Main

F. Airport - Budget Amendment - AvGas Purchase for Resale

G. Fire Marshal - June & July Fireworks Approval

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Efird thanked Chair Lawhon for his earlier comments concerning the observance of Memorial Day and D-Day noting that those who serve and have served in the military are true heroes.

Commissioner Asciutto encouraged those who haven't received their COVID-19 vaccinations to do so. He also noted various events taking place throughout the county and encouraged everyone to participate.

Chair Lawhon noted that the number of residential building permits issued in May 2021 compared to the same time period last year has increased by 58%. Also the total number of permits issued year-to-date in 2021 versus last year has increased by 98%.

RECESS

Vice Chair Jordan moved to recess the meeting until Monday, June 14, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Manager's Conference Room for a budget workshop, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by unanimous vote at 7:23 p.m.

W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk