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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Vice Chair King called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that Chair Barbee was not feeling well and would be participating by phone. Commissioner Crump gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mike Barbee	Chairman	Remote	
Brandon King	Vice Chairman	Present	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Trent Hatley	Commissioner	Present	
Bill Lawhon	Commissioner	Present	
Billy Mills	Commissioner	Present	

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Renee Parah, a member of Gateway of Hope's Board of Directors, shared that as the mother of a former addict, she understands how someone feels who has an addiction. She spoke in support of Gateway and encouraged the Board to continue to support them in the great work they are doing. ions.
- Terry Hobgood, a client of Gateway of Hope, expressed his appreciation of the treatment center and how they have helped to turn his life around. He also noted the importance of

having such resources available for others and encouraged the County to continue their support of them as well.

2. Christian Recovery Center, Inc. (CRC, Inc.) Presentation

Presenter: Wayne Sasser & Paul Wilkins

With the pending acquisition of Gateway of Hope by Christian Recovery Center, Inc. in Brunswick County, CRC asked to make a presentation to introduce themselves to the community.

Prior to the presentation, Wayne Sasser thanked the Board for allowing CRC to speak tonight. He acknowledged his support of their efforts and all they have accomplished over the past three (3) years, so much so that he helped to secure \$1 million in Opioid Settlement funds for the organization while serving in the NC House of Representatives.

Paul Wilkins, Chairman of Gateway's Board of Directors, thanked the Board for their financial support as well adding that it has made an immeasurable difference in what they have been able to accomplish. He shared that earlier that day, Gateway's Board of Directors voted to move forward with the acquisition by CRC. He then introduced Josh Torbich, Executive Director for CRC, Inc. who led the presentation.

Mr. Torbich introduced himself and thanked the Board for allowing them to come and speak. The presentation included an overview of CRC's four (4) residential locations in Brunswick County and now the one (1) in Stanly County, the programs offered, timelines for each phase of the programs and the company's three (3) year plan for Stanly County. He added that with the acquisition Gateway of Hope, plans are to continue and enhance the treatment center's current recovery housing and support service operations in the county.

Following the presentation, Mr. Torbich responded to a brief period of questions with no action being taken.

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

3. Planning Board Appointments

Presenter: Bailey Cline, Planning Director

The Stanly County Planning Board consists of seven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners in staggered, 3 year terms. The terms for John Eckman, Kevin Brickman and Joel Mauldin will expire February 28, 2025. Michael Williams was appointed to the Board of Adjustment previously, however his term on the Planning Board does not expire until February of 2027. Therefore, a replacement is needed to serve the remainder of his term.

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Kevin Brickman has expressed his interest in remaining on the Planning Board. This would be Mr. Brickman's second term if reappointed. Joel Mauldin and Jay Eckman have indicated that they do not wish to be reappointed.

It was requested the Board take action to appoint 4 members to the Planning Board: 3 members for 3 year terms expiring February 29, 2028 and 1 member for a 3 year term expiring in February 28, 2027.

By motion, Commissioner Crump moved to appoint Patricia Blaney, Kelly Hart and William Gollehon for three (3) year terms ending February 29, 2028 and appoint Terry Page to serve Michael Williams unexpired term ending February 28, 2027, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patty Crump, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
AYES:	King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills
ABSENT:	Barbee

4. Resolution Opposing Down Zoning Provisions of SB 382

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

At the Board's request, County Manager Lucas presented a resolution opposing the down zoning provisions of SB 382. Further, the resolution seeks to have the aforementioned provisions expeditiously repealed by our local legislative delegation during the 2025-2026 legislative session.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

Exhibit A

A Resolution Opposing the No Local Government Initiated Down Zoning Provision in Subpart III K Local Government, Section 3K.1.(a-c) in Senate Bill 382

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Trent Hatley, Commissioner
AYES:	King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills
ABSENT:	Barbee

5. Bridge to Recovery - FY 24-25 Supplemental Opioid Settlement Funding Request

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Bridge to Recovery has requested supplemental Opioid Settlement funding in the amount of \$35,000 for the remainder of FY 24-25 due to having exhausted the majority of their previous

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\$50,000 allocation. County Manager Lucas also noted Bridge to Recovery's intent to reapply for Opioid Settlement funding for fiscal year 2025-26 as well.

It was requested the Board review and consider approving the supplemental Opioid Settlement funding in the amount of \$35,000 for Bridge to Recovery through June 30, 2025 via the authorizing resolution.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the funding request for \$35,000, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed with a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit B
A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF STANLY
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Patty Crump, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

A. Minutes- January 6, 2025 work session & regular meeting

B. Finance - Vehicle Tax Refunds for December 2024

C. DSS - Budget Amendment 2025-51: Temporary Staffing

D. DSS - Budget Amendment 2025-52: Donation

E. Senior Services-Northern Nutrition Site

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Mills shared that several people have contacted him with questions regarding the upcoming property tax revaluation and property tax rates. In response, he encouraged them to go to the county's website to print their current property tax card and then again once the new values are added in March in order to compare the values.

Commissioner Efird wished happy birthday to his wife, Tracey, Commissioner King's wife, Carla and County Manager Lucas, all of whom celebrated birthdays recently.

Commissioner Crump thanked everyone who came out in support of Gateway of Hope adding that she is excited to see what happens next year with Christian Recovery Center acquiring them.

Commissioner Hatley thanked Wayne Sasser, Robin Hayes and Paul Wilkins for all of their help and the work they do.

Chair Barbee thanked Vice Chair King for leading the meeting in his absence.

Vice Chair King thanked those in the audience for coming and expressed his appreciation to Wayne Sasser and Paul Wilkins for their leadership. He also wished a happy birthday to Commissioner Efird's wife, Tracey, who was in the audience.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Crump moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed by a 7 - 0 vote at 6:53 p.m.

Paul M. Barbee, Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk