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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Lawhon	Chairman	Remote	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Present	
Tommy Jordan	Vice Chairman	Remote	
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, October 4, 2021 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. County Manager Lucas called the meeting to order due to the physical absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Almond nominated Commissioner Efird to serve as temporary Chair for the meeting. With no other names presented, the nominations were closed and Commissioner Efird was appointed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Furr then gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments requested, Commissioner Almond moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. Stanly Soil & Water Conservation District Position Request

Presenter: Curtis Furr, Chair of the Stanly Soil & Water Conservation District

Chester Lowder, Vice Chair of the Stanly Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), was in attendance to request the part-time office position currently at 30 hours per week be increased to a full-time position at 37.5 hours per week and reclassified to a higher grade due to it having more technical duties versus strictly administrative functions. The SWCD board believes that enhancing the requirements and hours of this position will allow the office to better serve the farmers and citizens in the county. Based on staff's assessment of the request, the increased cost to the county will be \$12,960 annually in salary and benefits going forward with a financial impact of \$10,470 for the remainder of FY 2021-22.

Following a brief period of questions, Commissioner Almond moved that the part-time position be increased to full-time at 37.5 hours per week and reclassified to a higher grade at the discretion of the County Manager in consultation with Human Resources. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

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

3. Library Board of Trustees Appointment

Presenter: Melanie Holles, Library Director

Due to the resignation of Cynthia Fish, it was requested the Board appoint a new member to serve her unexpired term ending June 30, 2023. The Library Board of Trustees recently met and reviewed the current volunteer applications on file for the board and recommended Ted Kalamatas fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to appoint Mr. Kalamatas as recommended, 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

4. Authorizing Resolution - NC Commerce Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

For Board consideration and approval, County Manager Lucas presented the resolution which authorizes staff to execute all of the documents required by the NC Department of Commerce for an Industrial Development Fund grant. The funds will be used to make the needed road and water improvements at Riverstone Industrial Park to meet the needs of American Racing Headers which plans to relocate to Stanfield.

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

**See Exhibit A
Resolution**

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

5. Authorizing Resolution - NC Commerce Building Reuse Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

County Manager Lucas presented the resolution authorizing staff to execute all documents required for a Building Reuse grant through the NC Department of Commerce for Project Drive.

With no questions from the Board, Commissioner Almond moved to approve the resolution as requested, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

**See Exhibit B
Authorizing Resolution by Stanly County
for the
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Building Reuse Program
"Project Drive Building Reuse Project"**

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Lane Furr, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, Barbee, Jordan, Furr, Efird, Almond
RECUSED:	Asciutto

6. ZA 21-03 Text Amendment - Section 423 Short Term Rentals

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

Mr. Remsburg provided a brief overview of ZA 21-03 concerning Section 423 - Short Term Rentals which was originally presented and a public hearing conducted by the Board at their September 7, 2021 meeting. He noted the specific changes made to the amendment at the Board's request then entertained additional questions.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Almond moved to approve ZA 21-03 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and passed by unanimous vote.

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

7. COVID-19 Update

Presenter: David Jenkins, Health & Human Services Director

As information, HHS Director Jenkins provided updated statistics on the COVID-19 pandemic in Stanly County. The presentation included the number of daily cases, number of deaths, the percentage of the county's population that are partially and fully vaccinated and noted the current positivity rate of 12.6% which is a slight decline based on previous weeks. He also provided information related to the Pfizer and Moderna booster doses which are now available to those 65 years of age and older and/or have compromised immune systems. Following the presentation, Mr. Jenkins entertained questions from the Board with no action being taken.

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

8. Consolidated Human Services Board Appointments

Presenter: Dave Jenkins, Health & Human Services Director

During the September 2, 2021 Consolidated Health & Human Services Board meeting, the expiring terms of the Pharmacist, Dentist, Optometrist, Veterinarian and Registered Nurse members were discussed. Mr. Eric Cain (Pharmacist), Dr. Tom Norwood (Dentist), Dr. James Marshall (Optometrist) and Dr. Amy Jordan (Veterinarian) have each served one term and agreed to serve again if re-appointed. Ms. Shirley Lowder (Registered Nurse) is not seeking reappointment.

The HHS Board recommended that Mr. Cain, Dr. Norwood, Dr. Marshall and Dr. Jordan each be re-appointed to their respective positions for another 4 year term. Additionally, it was requested that Dr. Joan Eudy be moved from the General Public seat to the Registered Nurse position being vacated by Shirley Lowder.

After a review of the volunteer applications on file, Ms. Sherry Poplin was recommended to fill the General Public seat being vacated by Dr. Eudy and serve her unexpired term ending November 6, 2023.

Recusal of Vice Chair Jordan

Prior to any action, Vice Chair Jordan asked to be recused from the Veterinarian vote due to Dr. Amy Jordan being his wife. Commissioner Asciutto moved to do so, seconded by Commissioner Almond and passed by unanimous vote.

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Commissioner Asciutto then moved to approve the reappointment of Dr. Amy Jordan (Veterinarian) for a 4 year term ending November 6, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by a 6 - 0 vote (Vice Chair Jordan was recused.)

Commissioner Asciutto then moved to approve the remaining appointments: Dr. Eric Cain (Pharmacist), Dr. Tom Norwood (Dentist), Dr. James Marshall (Optometrist), and Dr. Joan Eudy (Registered Nurse) with each serving a 4 year term ending November 6, 2025, and that Ms. Sherry Poplin be appointed to the General Public seat to serve the unexpired term ending November 6, 2023. Commissioner Almond seconded the motion which passed by 7-0 vote.

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

9. Initial Draft ARP Funds Proposal

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

As information, County Manager Lucas' presentation outlined the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) program including the guidelines for utilization of the grant funds and an initial draft proposal for encumbering those funds by December 31, 2024. Stanly County will receive a total of \$12.199 million in funding which will be received in two (2) distributions of \$6.1 million, one in May 2021 and the second in May 2022 or later. All funds must be fully encumbered by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Eligible uses of the funds include investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, health crisis response and/or to mitigate the negative impacts of COVID, premium pay to eligible workers, and/or replacement of revenue due to COVID-19 related reduction. County Manager Lucas noted that the basis for the proposal is to make investments in the county that will have long term impacts, stimulate further growth and increase tax base and improve overall quality of life for residents now and in the future.

Below is a framework for use of the funds:

- Broadband - Invest \$1.65 million into the expansion of services via the State's GREAT grant program,
- Water - Invest \$3.5 million in the expansion of water lines into unserved areas with \$1.75 million expended in FY 2021-22 and \$1.75 million in FY 2022-23 and utilize \$500,000 to extend water service for corporate hangars at the Stanly County Airport.
- Sewer - Utilize \$500,000 to expand sewer collection for corporate hangars at the Airport, and invest \$5.974 million into the 2.5 million MGD West Stanly Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion.
- Invest in Government - Add HVAC enhancements for the jail facility to help limit the spread of COVID at a cost of \$75,000.

Following the presentation, County Manager Lucas entertained questions from the Board. No further action was taken.

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

10. Jury Commission Appointment

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Mr. Tate Daniels' first term as the County's Jury Commission appointment expired October 1, 2021. He has agreed to serve again if reappointed for another two (2) year term ending October 1, 2023.

By motion, Commissioner Barbee moved to approve the reappointment of Mr. Daniels as requested, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

A. Minutes- Regular meeting of September 7, 2021

B. EMS - Budget amendment # 2022-12 - Cannon Grants Funds

C. Dental Health - Budget Amendment #2022-23 - Duke Endowment

E. DSS - Supplemental LINKS Funding--Consolidated Appropriations Act

F. Sheriff's Office - Stanly County Detention Center Medical Plan annual review

G. Sheriff's Office - Budget amendment # 2022-24 - SRO

H. Sheriff's Office - Budget amendment # 2022-22 -Duty Pistols

I. Library - Declare Withdrawn Books Surplus

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Lawhon and Vice Chair Jordan both thanked Commissioner Efird for chairing the meeting in their absence.

Commissioner Ascutto noted that the County's Parks & Recreation Grant Program is now accepting applications and that he looks forward to reviewing the proposals submitted for potential funding from the municipalities.

Commissioner Almond stated that he, Commissioner Furr and County Manager Lucas recently toured GHA's new Morrow Valley facility. He also requested prayers for the J. P. Pickler family due to his recent passing.

Commissioner Efird noted that he attended his first Partners in Health meeting on September 16th and was very impressed with the organization. For awareness, he noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that Hospice is celebrating their 40th anniversary this month. Also, Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey was in town earlier today to present grant checks from the state to several local fire departments.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Commissioner Furr moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and passed by unanimous vote at 7:01 p.m.

W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk