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**Stanly County
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2026 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Efirm called the meeting to order at 06:01 PM with Commissioner Mills giving the invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Chairman T. Scott Efirm
Vice Chairman Bill Lawhon
Commissioner Paul Michael Barbee
County Commissioner Patty Crump
County Commissioner Trent Hatley
Commissioner Brandon King
County Commissioner Billy Mills

2. Approval / Adjustments to the Agenda

Chair Efirm noted the revised budget calendar submitted by County Manager Lucas regarding agenda item # 6(B) and requested that the agenda be amended to include this item.

Commissioner Hatley moved to approve the amended agenda, and the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Lawhon. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Scheduled Agenda Items

A. VUJ Apron and Taxilane Rehabilitation

Presenter: Randy Shank, Airport Director

The Stanly County Airport requested a local match to support an FAA/DOA-funded Apron and Taxilane Pavement Rehabilitation project. Pending approval of County funding, the contract will be awarded to the low bidder, J.T. Russell & Sons.

The project will be funded through three (3) separate grants which cover the total project cost of \$1,251,291. This grant also requires a County match of \$122,201, which will be funded through the Airport Enterprise Fund using retained earnings. It was requested that the Board approve this match to allow the project to proceed.

Following the presentation, Director Shank addressed questions regarding the project start date, pavement materials and thickness, the grant procurement process, and if a final FAA inspection would be required once complete.

With no further questions, Commissioner Mills moved to approve budget amendments #2026-62 and 2026-63 as presented for the County match. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed with a 7-0 vote.

B. FY 2026-2027 Budget Development Calendar

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

For Board consideration and approval, County Manager Lucas presented the revised FY 2026-2027 budget development process calendar. He noted that the budget public hearing will be held on June 8, 2026, rather than June 1, 2026, as previously shown, to coincide with the Board's regular meeting.

Vice Chair Lawhon moved to approve the revised FY 2026-2027 budget calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crump and carried by unanimous vote.

5. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Lawhon moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mills and carried by a 7 -0 vote.

A. Minutes

B. February 2026 DMV Refunds

C. January 2026 Monthly Finance Report

D. Calendar Expense

E. Memorandum of Understanding with Stanly Community College for NCETC Burn Buildings

F. Richfield Town Duty Contract

6. Board Comments, Announcements & Committee Reports

Commissioner Mills encouraged everyone who has not yet cast their ballot to vote today, Tuesday, March 3rd. Vice Chair Lawhon also stressed the importance of voting, noting that polls will open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Additionally, Vice Chair Lawhon shared that 38 new building permits were issued in January 2026. This represents a 46% increase—or 12 more permits—compared to the same period last year.

Chair Efird spoke on the patriotic duty of voting and recognized the members of the military currently defending our freedom, asking that everyone keep them in their prayers. He then noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Monday, March 16th.

7. Adjourn

Commissioner Hatley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Lawhon and passed unanimously at 6:11 p.m.

T. Scott Efird, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk