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

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2026 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Efirm called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM with Vice Chair Lawon 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

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

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Scheduled Agenda Items

A. Proclamation Declaring April 26 - May 2, 2026 as National Apprenticeship

Week

Presenter: Candice Lowder, Associate VP, Career Connections

Stanly Community College and its partners requested Board adoption of a proclamation declaring April 26 – May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week in Stanly County. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the apprenticeship program and its benefits to our community.

Following the presentation, Mrs. Lowder responded to specific questions regarding the apprenticeship program and the intern selection process.

Commissioner Crump moved to approve the proclamation as presented. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

See Exhibit A
County of Stanly, North Carolina
National Apprenticeship Week 2026 Proclamation

B. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Elizabeth Kazimir, EDC Director

The purpose of the public hearing was to invite comment on a proposed economic development incentive for Project NORRAD, an existing company located in Norwood.

The company plans to invest a total of \$28.164 million in real property improvements, machinery, and equipment. This project is expected to create thirty (30) new jobs with an average annual salary of \$50,083 over the next three (3) years.

Following brief discussion, Chair Efird declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner King moved to approve the economic incentive grant equal to 75% of new taxes for a period of ten (10) years. This approval is subject to the company meeting the minimum investment of \$28.164 million and the creation of thirty (3) new jobs over the next three (3) years. Commissioner Crump seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Authorizing Resolution for Project NORRAD Building Reuse Project

Presenter: Elizabeth Kazimir, EDC Director

Following the public hearing and approval of the economic incentive grant, it was requested the Board approve the authorizing resolution for Project NORRAD.

This resolution demonstrates the Board's support for the company's application for a Building Reuse Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. If approved, it will authorize staff to execute all necessary application and reporting documents required for the grant.

Following brief discussion, Vice Chair Lawhon moved to approve the authorizing resolution in support of Project NORRAD's application, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by 7-0 vote.

Exhibit B
Authorizing Resolution By Stanly County
for the
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Building Reuse Program
"Project NORRAD Building Reuse Project"

D. Stanly Water & Sewer Authority Member Appointments

Presenter: Clinton Hinson, Utilities Director

The terms for two (2) members of the Stanly Water & Sewer Authority (SWSA) , Mr. Curtis Furr and Mr. Stan Leggett, expired on January 3, 2026. Both have expressed their willingness to continue serving if reappointed and have submitted updated applications.

All eligible applications were included in the agenda packet for Board review.

Commissioner Hatley moved to reappoint Mr. Curtis Furr and Mr. Stan Leggett, for three (3) year terms ending January 3, 2029. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Lawhon and carried by unanimous vote.

E. Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2026

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, Human Services Director

For Board consideration, Director Clayton presented a proclamation declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Following the presentation, Director Clayton addressed questions regarding the current number of children in foster care within the county. She also provided information on the programs and support systems available for foster children who reach the age of 18 and age out of the system.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Crump commended Director Clayton on being recently chosen by the Sheriff's Office as a local Hometown Hero.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proclamation, noting how unfortunate it is when such a proclamation is needed and encouraged the community to get involved. Commissioner Hatley seconded the motion, and it passed with a 7-0 vote.

Exhibit C
Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2026
Proclamation

5. Consent Agenda

Commissioner King moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vice Chair Lawhon seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

- A. Minutes**
- B. February 2026 Monthly Financial Report**
- C. Budget Amendment- Emergency Communications: 2026-68**
- D. Budget Amendment 2026-69 Library NCDIT Grant**
- E. Budget Amendment-Airport Emergency Training Center Burn Buildings: 2026-71**
- F. March 2026 DMV Refunds**

6. Board Comments, Announcements & Committee Reports

Vice Chair Lawhon reported that 55 new residential building permits were issued in March 2026. This represents an increase of 21 permits over last year, or a 62% increase. Additionally, both the average permit value and home value have increased compared to the previous year.

Commissioner Mills acknowledged the ongoing conflict in Iran and noted that several of his former students are currently deployed to the Middle East. He requested that everyone keep them in their thoughts and prayers for their safety and protection.

Chair Efird announced that the NCACC Annual Conference will be held in Durham County this August and to notify the Clerk if you are interested in attending.

7. Recess

At 6:25 p.m., Chair Efird recessed the meeting until Thursday, April 16th, for a joint meeting with the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees in the Dennis Community Room on the Stanly Community College campus.

T. Scott Efird, Chairman

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk