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STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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, October 18, 2021 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Lawhon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and took a moment to introduce Ms. Molly Alexi as the County's new Co-operative Extension Agent. Chair Lawhon then gave the opening invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

For consideration, Commissioner Asciutto requested that a presentation from a county department head be added to the agenda on a monthly basis as a means to inform the public of each department's purpose and/or function. Following a brief discussion, Board consensus was to add the presentation as a recurring agenda item on the first regular meeting of each month with departments heads participating on a rotating basis.

With no changes requested to the current meeting agenda, Commissioner Efird moved to approve it as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Coburn addressed the Board in support of his grandparents, Ron and Nancy Bryant's previous request for the County to create a Climate Resiliency Task Force to address the effects of extreme weather now and in the future. Following Mr. Coburn's comments, both Ron and Nancy Bryant noted their continued support of the request.

2. Public Safety Radio Replacement/Upgrade Financing

Presenter: Toby Hinson, Finance Director

As part of the FY 2021-22 budget adoption, the Board approved financing for the replacement of the County's public safety radios. The current radios were initially purchased in 2014 and are no longer supported by the vendor. Additionally, the County still has many radios that are more than seven (7) years old that were given to the County by the City of Charlotte in 2013-2014.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent to six (6) different lenders with a total of three (3) financing bids received from First Bank, Uwharrie Bank and Pinnacle Bank. Finance Director Hinson summarized each of the proposals then he and County Manager Lucas responded to questions concerning the $7,500 lender's counsel fee, the option to lease versus purchase the radios, and the potential to sell the current radios and apply the funds raised towards the cost of the new radios.

Following discussion, it was requested the Board take action to approve a bank bid and authorize the Finance Director to submit the application and associated information to the Local Government Commission (LGC) via resolution.

By motion, Commissioner Barbee moved to approve Pinnacle Bank's bid, seconded by Commissioner Furr and passed by unanimous vote.

Vice Chair Jordan moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Finance Director to submit the application and associated information to the Local Government Commission, seconded by Commissioner Barbee and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. Minutes- Work session & regular meeting on October 18, 2021

B. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds

C. Finance - Monthly Financial Reports for August & September 2021

D. DSS - Supplemental Chafee (LINKS) Funding

E. Facilities - Request to sell surplus

F. Ag Center - Budget Amendment # 2022-27

G. Sheriff's Office - Vehicle Transfer

H. Sheriff's Office - Weapon Surplus

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Furr noted the Sheriff's Office trunk or treat that will be held on Friday, October 29th from 6 - 8 p.m.

Commissioner Almond noted the Town of New London's trunk or treat event at the New London Memorial Park on Saturday, October 30th with lots of local churches and groups participating.

Chair Lawhon shared the monthly and year-to-date statistics related to the number of residential building permits issued in 2021 compared to the previous year.

Commissioner Barbee wished everyone a safe and Happy Halloween.

Commissioner Efird noted his plans to attend the Partners in Health Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, October 21st. Also the City of Locust End of Summer Concert Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 30th at 6 p.m. at the Locust City Hall, and the Locust Fall Festival will be on October 31st from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Locust Ball Park.

Commissioner Asciutto stated he has received several questions from citizens concerning the NCDOT's Bethany Road Bridge replacement which was not completed by September as anticipated. He noted that 40% of the county's population is now vaccinated for Covid-19 and asked that everyone keep Larry Jenkins in their thoughts and prayers as he continues to battle Covid. He noted various community events including the Albemarle Downtown Development's Fall Festival on Thursday, October 28th from 5 - 7 p.m. and the Talent Company's production of The Little Mermaid which concludes this weekend.

ADJOURN

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote at 6:33 p.m.

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W. D. Lawhon, Jr., Chair **Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**