STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mike Barbee	Chairman	Present	
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	

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2025 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Barbee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Efird giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. 2024 Delinquent Tax Report

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

According to GS 105-369(a), the Tax Collector must report to the Governing Body the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. Upon receipt of the report, the Governing Body must order the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens. Once approved, these liens will be advertised in the local newspaper during March 2025.

Mr. Swaringen noted that as of January 27, 2025, the total amount of unpaid taxes for FY 2024-25 was $2,196,026.28 which will continue to decrease as the Collections Office receives payments.

Following a brief period of questions, Vice Chair King moved to approve the order to advertise the tax liens as requested, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Trent Hatley, Commissioner
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills

3. Centralina Workforce Development Board Appointment

Presenter: Elizabeth Underwood, EDC Director

With Daryl Smith no longer being employed with Michelin USA, it was requested that a replacement be appointed to serve his unexpired term on the CWDB ending June 30, 2026. It was recommended that Carmen Davenport, Development Partner for Human Resources at Michelin USA, be named as his replacement.

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to appoint Ms. Davenport as Stanly County's Private Sector representative on the Centralina Workforce Development Board to complete Daryl Smith's unexpired term ending June 30, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

4. West Stanly VFD Financing Acknowledgement Amendment

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

At the August 5, 2024 meeting, the Board approved a financing acknowledgement letter for the West Stanly VFD. Since that time, the department elected to roll a previous loan into this new financing which has increased the loan amount with the term remaining the same. The department now plans to borrow $3,072,779.27 via a tax exempt loan with a fixed interest rate of 5.03% over a 15 year term. This rate is lower than the 5.30% rate proposed in August 2024.

As information, West Stanly VFD's most recent balance sheet, a rendering of the facility addition/improvements and floor plan were included in the Board's agenda packet.

Following brief discussion, Vice Chair King moved to approve the acknowledgement letter amendment for West Stanly VFD's proposed facility financing in the amount of $3,072,779.27, seconded by Commissioner Crump and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A

Acknowledgement Letter Amendment

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**	
MOVER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman	
SECONDER:	Patty Crump, Commissioner	
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills	

5. Gaston Community Action Board of Directors Appointment

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

This item was tabled due to there being no applications on file for this board.

RESULT:	**TABLED [UNANIMOUS]**	**Next: 5/12/2025 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	Brandon King, Vice Chairman	
SECONDER:	Trent Hatley, Commissioner	
AYES:	Barbee, King, Crump, Efird, Hatley, Lawhon, Mills	

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes - January 14th recessed meeting & January 21st work session and regular meeting

B. Finance - Monthly Financial Report for November 2024

C. NC Probation - Courthouse Lease Renewal (See Exhibit B)

D. Sheriff's Office - Vehicle Repairs & Uniform Supplies

E. Sheriff's Office - Lease Agreement with the Town of Red Cross (See Exhibit C)

F. Utilities - Resolution to Approve Treyus Controls for Richfield Sewer Improvements Grant (See Exhibit D)

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lawhon stated that he was pleased with the discussion on growth and development that took place during the joint meeting with the City of Albemarle on January 14th. He added that although he wants to see growth continue, he hopes it will be better planned and not "cookie cutter" developments. He also acknowledged the Board of Education's invitation to tour several of the schools next week and noted that a special meeting was held by the Board of Education earlier in the day to discuss the potential redistricting to help address overcrowding in the western Stanly County schools.

Chair Barbee acknowledged those in the audience and thanked them for attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Vice Chair King moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mills and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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Paul M. Barbee, Chair **Tyler Brummitt, Clerk**