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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Efird called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Crump giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Lawhon	Commissioner	Present	
Brandon King	Commissioner	Present	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Present	
Patty Crump	Commissioner	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Trent Hatley	Commissioner	Present	

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no changes requested, Commissioner Crump moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Martha Ingold addressed the Board regarding her rezoning request which will be presented during the December 4th meeting. Because of recent changes to the County's Zoning Ordinance, she is unable to subdivide her property located in the Porter area as planned and asked the Board to allow her to do so.
- Gina Smith, Ms. Ingold's niece, spoke in support of her aunt's request.
- Stanly County Schools' Board of Education member, Bill Sorenson, addressed the Board stating that as county leaders, the Board has an ethical and moral duty to fund our schools and feels that at the current level of funding being provided, we are failing our children. He

implored the Board to be more dedicated in finding a solution to this in order to provide the funding needed.

2. Appointment to Register of Deeds

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Due to the recent retirement of Register of Deeds Suzanne Lowder, the Executive Committee of the Republican Party recommended Assistant Register of Deeds, Jennifer Hayes Helms be appointed to serve Mrs. Lowder's unexpired term ending December 2, 2024. Additionally, it was requested the Board approve Mrs. Helms public official bond in the amount of \$50,000 until December 2, 2024 as well.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to appoint Jennifer Hayes Helms and approve her public official bond as requested, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried with a 7 - 0 vote.

Following Board action to appoint Mrs. Helms, Clerk to the Board, Tyler Brummitt administered her oath of office.

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

3. Stanly County Schools Presentation

Presenter: Dr. Jarrod Dennis, Superintendent; Director of Testing & Accountability, Tim Hatley; Lynn Plummer, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Sandra Carter, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources and Dr. Eric Johnson, Principal, Central Elementary School

Dr. Jarrod Dennis and staff members presented the results of the student assessments for the 2022-23 school year which are administered to students in grades 3 - 8 and in certain high school grades to measure student achievement in reading, mathematics and science based on the state accountability model.

In addition to presenting the results, the presentation outlined where there are opportunities for improvements to be made and the programs and initiatives being put in place to address those weaknesses. Several of the academic improvement initiatives noted include enhanced curriculum guides, a NCDPI Early Literacy Specialist funded by the state to work within the elementary schools to support literacy and increased compensation to recruit and retain employees.

Following the presentation, school staff responded to Board questions with no action being taken.

4. Department Head Presentation - EMS

Presenter: Dale Chandler, EMS Chief

EMS Chief Chandler provided an overview of the Department of Emergency Services which consists of Emergency Medical Transport, Non-Emergency Transport and Community Paramedicine. The presentation included the history of EMS in Stanly County, data related to annual call volume, average response times, the number of staff in each division and each department's responsibilities which are carried out on a daily basis to provide the best possible care for citizens.

Throughout the three (3) divisions, some of the tasks that are part of daily operations include providing highly skilled, state certified Emergency Medical Technicians, Advanced EMT's and Paramedics who provide treatment and stabilization for illnesses and injuries, provide emergency and non-emergency transport of persons to medical appointments, healthcare facilities and hospitals. Stanly County EMS operates on a 24/72 schedule, responding out of four (4) bases which are located in Albemarle, Red Cross, New London and just north of Norwood, with six (6) full-time ambulances and a shift supervisor in a quick response vehicle.

Following the presentation, Chief Chandler entertained a brief period of questions from the Board with no action being taken.

Recess

Chair Efird called for a short recess at 7:30 p.m. with the meeting being reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

5. ABC Board Appointment

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

James McSwain, who currently serves as the County Commissioner appointment on the ABC Board, has a term expiring December 31, 2023. Due to moving out of county he is no longer eligible for reappointment. It was requested the Board appoint a replacement to serve a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026.

Chair Efird opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Lawhon nominated Derek Lambert followed by Commissioner Asciutto nominating Michael P. Hatley. With no other names presented, the nominations were closed.

Following are the votes as recorded:

- Derek Lambert - Chair Efird, Vice Chair Barbee, Commissioner Crump, Commissioner Hatley, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhon
- Michael Hatley - Commissioner Asciutto

Mr. Derek Lambert was appointed to the ABC Board by majority vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Mike Barbee, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Efird, Hatley
NAYS:	Asciutto

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approved the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by unanimous vote.

A. Minutes- November 6th work session & regular meeting

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley

B. Airport Replacement Shed- Budget Ammendment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley

C. E-911 - Budget Amendment # 2024-42

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley

D. Senior Services - Budget Amendment # 2024-41

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley

E. Utilities - Capital Ordinance and Budget Amendment for Badin Asset Management Grant

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley

F. Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment # 2024-43 - Other Equipment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley

G. Daymark Lease Extension

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Barbee, Crump, Asciutto, Efird, Hatley

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Asciutto reported on several of the road projects discussed at the recent RRRPO meeting. He congratulated Gray Stone Day School men's soccer team and Coach Brad Harrington on winning the state championship. He also noted that he recently visited the Albemarle Main Library as part of his goal to visit each library branch.

Commissioner Crump also congratulated the Gray Stone men's soccer team as well adding that she has known the Harrington kids for years and how talented they are. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Lawhon wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Chair Efird and Vice Chair Barbee for their leadership over the past year.

Vice Chair Barbee expressed his appreciation to EMS Chief Dale Chandler for his presentation.

Chair Efird wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a belated happy birthday to Commissioner Lawhon.

Adjourn

Commissioner Lawhon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote at 7:39 p.m.

Chair

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk