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**STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tommy Jordan	Chairman	Present	
Zach Almond	Vice Chairman	Present	
Peter Asciutto	Commissioner	Present	
Mike Barbee	Commissioner	Present	
Scott Efird	Commissioner	Present	
Lane Furr	Commissioner	Present	
Bill Lawhon	Commissioner	Present	

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2022 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Furr giving the invocation and leading the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Efird moved to pull item # 6 - Stanly County Water & Sewer Authority Appointments, and add approval of the Sheriff's bond and the revised opioid settlement resolutions for Will's Place and Legacy House to the consent agenda as items # 9(I) and 9(J). Commissioner Asciutto seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. Fiscal Year 21-22 Audit Presentation

Presenter: Stuart Hill, Auditor

Mr. Hill expressed his appreciation of the Finance Department staff in collecting the information needed and responding to questions in order to complete the audit. The presentation included a summary of the audit results which included an analysis of the General

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Fund Balance for the past five years as well as a breakdown of the Cash & Fund Balances by category, collection percentages, debt analysis as well as General Fund revenue and expenditures by category. Two (2) minor findings were noted with one related to a budget violation that occurred following the adoption of GASB 87 and an error made in the calculation and recording of a prior period adjustment for a large commercial sewer account. Mr. Hill noted that no significant findings or questioned costs were found with the County receiving a good audit. Following the presentation, it was requested the Board take action to accept the audit report was requested.

With no questions from the Board, Commissioner Asciutto moved to accept the audit as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote.

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

3. New Land-Use Plan

Presenter: Michelle Nance & Reagan Murphy, Centralina Regional Council

With a vote on the revised land-use plan tabled during the November 21, 2022 meeting, Ms. Nance and Ms. Murphy were in attendance to address any additional questions from the Board. Ms. Murphy stated that based on the feedback received from the Board since the plan's initial presentation, some small changes were made with the most significant change being made to the community types sections on page 71. Minor modifications were made to the rural living and single-family neighborhood section descriptions to better clarify and distinguish the difference between the two (2) with no major changes to the content.

Following a brief period of questions, Commissioner Barbee moved to approve the new Stanly County Land-Use Plan as presented, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit A Stanly County 2040 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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

4. Public Hearing - Economic Development Incentive Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

For Board consideration, EDC Director Lowder presented a proposed economic development incentive that will result in a five (5) year, 60% business development grant agreement between the County and an existing powder and e-coating provider located in Norwood. The company

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plans to invest a minimum of \$3.5 million in real property, machinery and equipment which will result in the creation of twenty (20) new jobs over the next five (5) years. Following the presentation, it was requested the Board conduct the required public hearing and approve the agreement as presented.

Following a brief period of questions, Chair Jordan declared the public hearing open. With no one coming forward to speak for or against, the hearing was closed.

Vice Chair Almond moved to approve an economic incentive equal to 60% of new taxes for a five (5) year term based on a minimum investment of \$3.5 million and the creation of twenty (20) new jobs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawhon and passed by unanimous vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Ascitutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

5. Authorizing Resolution - NC Commerce Building Reuse Grant

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

EDC Director Lowder presented the resolution which will authorize staff to execute all application and reporting documents for Project Powder which are required for a Building Reuse grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

With no questions from the Board, Vice Chair Almond moved to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit B
Authorizing Resolution by Stanly County
for the
NC Department of Commerce
Building Reuse Program
"Project Powder Building Reuse Project"

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Scott Efird, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Ascitutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

6. Stanly County Water and Sewer Authority Member Appointments

Presenter: Duane Wingo, Utilities Director

This item was pulled from the agenda.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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7. Opioid Settlement Funding Appropriation Resolution - Community Paramedic Program

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

County Manager Lucas stated that one of the key initiatives the County Health Department has deployed to help mitigate the impacts of opioid misuse disorder is with the provision of a team of community paramedics (CPs) paired with a designated peer support specialist. The team assists individuals by connecting them with community resources that provide recovery options for those suffering from opioid use disorder, mental health disorders and other chronic conditions. Additionally, the specially trained CPs work to address acute withdrawal symptoms through a connection to resources that promote recovery and reduce repeat ER utilization. Since its inception, the program has been funded via the Federal HRSA grant for the past three (3) years which will expire December 31, 2022. As such, it was recommended the County continue to fund one (1) full-time community paramedic and one (1) full-time peer support specialist via the County's Community Paramedic division effective January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

It was requested the Board review and consider approval of the opioid settlement funding resolution which sought to allocate \$137,629 to the County's Community Paramedic division, and authorize the creation of one (1) full-time community paramedic positions (EMS pay scale grade 250) and one (1) full-time peer support specialist position (County pay scale grade 65).

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the resolution to allocate these funds as requested, seconded by Vice Chair Almond and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

See Exhibit C

Opioid Settlement Funding Budget Appropriation Resolution

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

8. Opioid Settlement Funding Appropriation Resolution - Uwharrie Harm Reduction

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

Another program which has been instrumental in the mitigation of opioid misuse disorder is through the use of peer support services via Open Hands of North Carolina dba Uwharrie Harm Reduction Initiative. This program has also been funded by the Federal HRSA grant funds for the past three (3) years which expires December 31, 2022. As such, it was recommended the County contract with Uwharrie Harm Reduction Initiative effective January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 for peer support services. Board approval of the opioid settlement funding appropriation resolution was requested to allocate \$59,405 for these services via Open Hands of North Carolina dba Uwharrie Harm Reduction Initiative.

See Exhibit D
Opioid Settlement Funding Budget Appropriation Resolution

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Lane Furr, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

- A. Minutes - November 7th Work session & regular meeting**
- B. Finance - Monthly Financial Reports for September & October 2022**
- C. CHHS - Budget Amendment # 2023-48**
- D. Legal Dept. - Duke Energy Easement**
- E. Sheriff's Office- Budget Amendment # 2023-51**
- F. Airport - DOI Project Ordinance and Budget Amendments # 2023-52 & 53**
- G. Senior Services - Budget Amendment # 2023-50**
 Presenter: Pamela Sullivan

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Asciutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

- H. ROD - "Thank You For Your Service" Day Proclamation**
 Presenter: Tyler Brummitt

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Zach Almond, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Bill Lawhon, Commissioner
AYES:	Jordan, Almond, Ascitutto, Barbee, Efird, Furr, Lawhon

I. SHERIFF'S BOND APPROVAL

J. Revised Opioid Settlement Resolutions for Will's Place and Legacy House (See Exhibit E)

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Jordan expressed his gratitude in being able to serve as a County Commissioner and noted the various accomplishments and challenges the Board has faced during that time. He congratulated Sheriff Crisco on his re-election and incoming commissioners Patty Crump, Trent Hatley and Brandon King on their election as well and noted his appreciation of County staff.

Commissioner Furr expressed his appreciation in serving on the Board as well and County staff. He also invited everyone to visit his home in Stanfield to see the Christmas decorations with hot chocolate being provided as well.

Vice Chair Almond thanked God for the opportunity to serve as County Commissioner and the support he received from his family, wife and the voters of the county to do so. He also acknowledged his grandfather, Jerry Almond and former County Commissioners Josh Morton and Gene McIntyre who served as his mentors. He also acknowledged the County staff, noted his appreciation of fellow board members and wished the incoming board members the best of luck.

Commissioner Efird thanked Chair Jordan, Vice Chair Almond and Commissioner Furr for their service to the county and wished them the best of luck in the future. He also congratulated the incoming County Commissioners adding that he looks forward to working with them as well and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Barbee expressed his appreciation in working with Commissioner Furr, Chair Jordan and Vice Chair Almond and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Ascitutto thanked those who helped in preparing the land-use plan as well as the audit noting the amount of work that went into each. Also with Stanly County being 1 of 7 counties in the state that does not have a Parks & Recreation department, he hopes the Board will continue to fund the parks & recreation grant program again next fiscal year. He noted his recent participation in a 5K run at Franke Liske Park to raise money for Stanly Christian Ministries and Uwharrie Running Club's Turkey Trot on Thursday to raise funds for them as well. He noted his appreciation of the current Board members and looks forward to working with the new Board members in the future.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Lawhon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Furr and carried by unanimous vote at 7:08 p.m.

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Tyler Brummitt, Clerk