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STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 – 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
The Stanly County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. The County Manager, acting as temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of reorganization of the Board.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
The County Manager opened the floor for nominations for Chairman pursuant to NCGS 153A-39. Commissioner Hatley nominated Commissioner Lawhon followed by Commissioner King nominating Commissioner Barbee. With no other names presented, the nominations were closed.
Following ar the votes as recorded:
-Commissioner Lawhon - Commissioner Asciutto, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hatley, Commissioner Lawhon
-Commissioner Barbee - Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Crump, Commissioner King
County Manager Lucas congratulated Chairman Lawhon and turned the proceedings over to him.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
Chairman Lawhon opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman pursuant to NCGS 153A-39. Commissioner King nominated Commissioner Barbee followed by Commissioner Asciutto nominating Commissioner Efird. With no other names presented, Chair Lawhon closed the nominations.
Following are the votes for Vice Chair as recorded:

- Commissioner Barbee - Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Crump, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hatley, Commissioner King
- Commissioner Efird - Chairman Lawhon, Commissioner Asciutto

Commissioner Barbee was elected Vice Chair by majority vote.

APPROVAL OF BONDS

By motion, Commissioner Efird moved to approve the following public official bonds, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by unanimous vote.

Bond Type	Amount	Expiration Date
Finance Officer (Toby Hinson)	$1,000,000	June 30, 2024
Sheriff (Jeff Crisco)	$ 5,000	December 2, 2024

2024 COUNTY COMMISSIONER BOARD & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner King presented the following slate of nominees:

Economic Development Commission, 2 Commissioners -	Commissioner Scott Efird, Commissioner Peter Asciutto
Health & Human Services Board, 2 Commissioners -	Commissioner Patty Crump, Commissioner Brandon King
Member, Library Board of Trustees -	Commissioner Brandon King
Airport Authority, 2 Commissioners -	Chair Bill Lawhon, Commissioner Trent Hatley
Chairman, Fire District Commission -	Commissioner Brandon King
Member, Senior Services Board -	Vice Chair Mike Barbee
Member, Rural Planning Organization (RPO) -	Commissioner Peter Asciutto
Alternate, Rural Planning Organization (RPO) -	Commissioner Scott Efird
Member, Stanly Water & Sewer Authority -	Vice Chair Mike Barbee
Alternate, Stanly Water & Sewer Authority -	Commissioner Trent Hatley
Member, Centralina Council of Governments -	Commissioner Patty Crump
Alternate, Centralina Council of Governments -	Chair Bill Lawhon
Partners Behavioral Health Board-	Commissioner Scott Efird
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)-	Commissioner Trent Hatley

Commissioner King moved to approve the assignments as presented, seconded by Commissioner Crump and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

2024 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Lawhon presented the following meeting dates for Board consideration:

Tuesday, January 2nd and Tuesday, January 16th*
Monday, February 5th and Monday, February 19th
Monday, March 4th and Monday, March 18th
Monday, April 1st and Monday, April 15th
Monday, May 13th
Monday, June 3rd
Monday, July 8th
Monday, August 5th
Tuesday, September 3rd**
Monday, October 7th and Monday, October 21st
Monday, November 4th and Monday, November 18th
Monday, December 2nd

* Rescheduled due to New Year's Day being observed on Monday, January 1st and Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 15th
**Rescheduled due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 2nd.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the meeting dates as presented, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Lawhon announced that during any regular meeting of the Board, the County Commissioners in order to act in their capacity as Board of Governors for the Greater Badin Water & Sewer District or for the Piney Point Water District, may at their discretion, recess the Commissioners' regular meeting and reconvene as the Board of Governors of either of the above two (2) entities in order to conduct business matters related to that entity. This concluded the matters related to the Board's reorganization.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Crump gave the opening invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With no amendments requested, Commissioner King moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. ZA23-10 Martha Ingold, Harmony Road

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

The Planning Department received a request from Martha Ingold to rezone her 4.2 acre parcel located on Harmony Road from County, RA (Residential Agricultural) to County, R20 (Residential). Parcels that are zoned RA and lie within the Rural Preservation Area per the county land-use plan are required to be at least three (3) acres or larger when subdivided unless it is an exempt subdivision. The subject parcel lies within both of these areas and as a result, Mr. Ingold is unable to further subdivide her 4.2 acre unless she transfers it to an immediate family member. In 1994, Mrs. Ingold subdivided the tract on the north side of Harmony Road into eight (8) lots and still owns some of them. She indicated to staff when applying for the rezoning that she wished to do the same thing to the 4.2 acre tract.

During the Planning Board meeting, Mrs. Ingold stated that instead of eight (8) lots as originally noted on her application, she wanted to create three (3) lots. With no access to public utilities, the parcels would require both well and septic systems with no environmental health assessments having been completed thus far. Harmony Road is served by a 30 foot wide easement. All of the surrounding parcels are also zoned County, RA with the subject parcel located 1.15 miles from the secondary growth area and 1.95 miles from the primary growth area per the current land-use plan. The R20 zoning does not allow for manufactured homes, but only site built or modular with a minimum lot size requirement of 20,000 square feet if R20 is approved. Lots on the north side of Harmony Road are approximately 21,000 square feet which met the minimum lot size requirements when created in 1994.

The Planning Board heard concerns from two (2) adjoining property owners who do not want to see additional homes in the area for various reasons. Following discussion, the Planning Board unanimously denied the request due to the parcel being located in a Rural Preservation Area and having no access to public utilities to allow for smaller lots.

Following the presentation, Director Remsburg responded to Board questions concerning whether or not the Planning Board would be more favorable to subdividing the property into three (3) lots versus eight (8), if Mrs. Ingold had immediate family members still living could she subdivide the parcel into eight (8) lots per her original request, and at what point in time would two (2) vacant lots that are located side-by-side and considered substandard lots revert back to one (1) lot.

With no further questions, Chair Lawhon declared the public hearing open.

- Petitioner Martha Ingold spoke in support of the rezoning stating that she would like to subdivide the property into three (3) lots instead of eight (8) and requested the Board allow her to do so.
- Gina Smith, Mrs. Ingold's sister-in-law, stated that she understands that the county's land-use plan was adopted last September, but due to her aunt being in the hospital during that time, they were unaware of the proposed changes to the land-use plan. If they had known, they would have helped her with having the parcel subdivided prior to these changes taking place. Mrs. Smith then requested the Board allow her to rezone the property in order to use it as she sees fit.

- Tommy Curlee, who owns the property across the road, noted that in recent weeks the water table has been down and he has had trouble with his well. He is concerned that if more houses are added, he will not have enough water for his animals and requested the Board deny Mrs. Ingold's request.
- Charlotte Barringer, who owns the property at the corner of Mrs. Ingold's property, noted issues with their septic system and having brown water due to the homes on the north side of Harmony Road and expressed concerns if more are added it will only get worse.
- Shane Almond of Millingport, reminded the Board of their commitment to uphold the minimum three (3) acre lot size in order to preserve farm areas as part of the land-use plan adopted earlier this year and to not set a precedent for similar rezoning requests in the future.

With no one else coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

For clarification on Commissioner King's earlier question, Director Remsburg noted that the parcel can be divided into three (3) , 60,000 square foot parcels and either sold or gifted to family members since she does not live on the parent tract. Since this would be considered a significant change from what was originally requested and advertised, it would be best to return the case to the Planning Board who would then reconsider it as a continuation of the original case but with changed parameters.

In response to additional questions from the Board, Director Remsburg added that theparcel is divided into three (3) lots, there is a three (3) year period before the lots can be sold to someone outside of the family. After this period of time, the buyer can build a home on the lot subject to all the required permits and perk tests even though the lot when created is a non-conforming lot.

As information, Mrs. Ingold noted that her sister-in-law, Gina and husband, Tony Smith being her only close relatives, they have her will and understand that upon her death, the property will be given to charity.

Commissioner Efird added that if the Board takes no action tonight, the property can still be subdivided upon her dearth if her will states this to which Director Remsburg stated yes.

Commissioner Asciutto expressed concerns that the county's current land-use plan was adopted too quickly and didn't take into consideratiion the overall effect it would have on rezoning cases such as Mrs. Ingold's and hopes the Board can come up with a compromise for her.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to refer the case back to the Planning Board in order to reconsider subdividing the lot into three (3) acres instead of eight (8) as originally requested.

Vice Chair Barbee noted that he had spoken with Mrs. Ingold last year prior to the adoption of the new land-use plan and she stated her intentions to contact Director Remsburg the next day to discuss subdividing the lots. Director Remsburg did not recall speaking with her during that time.

With no further discussion, Chair Lawhon called for a vote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner King and passed by a 6 - 1 vote. (Vice Chair Barbee voting against.)

RESULT:	**REFERRED [5 TO 1] Next: 1/2/2024 6:00 PM**
MOVER:	Peter Asciutto, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Brandon King, Commissioner
AYES:	Lawhon, King, Crump, Asciutto, Hatley
NAYS:	Barbee

3. CR23-03 Randy Mauldin, US52 and Carter Road

Presenter: Bob Remsburg, Planning Director

Mr. Mauldin requested to rezone a 1.73 acre parcel located on Carter Road, Albemarle, NC from R20 to Carter Road Conditional Zoning District in order to construct and operate a 48 unit mini-storage facility with access from Carter Road. The parcel is currently vacant and is owned by Cheryl P. Davies Revocable Trust which Mr. Mauldin has contracted to purchase. The request for a Conditional Zoning would limit the uses of the property to only allow for mini-storage units instead of a traditional rezoning which would allow for many other types of commercial uses. Included with the agenda item was a list of the proposed conditions agreed upon by the Planning Board and Mr. Mauldin. Mr. Remsburg noted that additional conditions may be added by the Board as long as Mr. Mauldin is in agreement.

The parcel is located in a Primary Growth Area per the County's land-use ordinance and lies approximately 340 feet from the Albemarle city limits. There are commercial and industrial zoned properties nearby including County, M2 (Heavy Industrial), County GB (General Business), County HB (Highway Business) and Albemarle GHBD (General Highway Business District) and Albemarle LID (Light Industrial District). Mr. Mauldin previously stated that there will be no outside storage of motor vehicles, boats, RVs or campers allowed. There will be a vegetative or opaque fence buffer along the property lines of any residential zoned property unless the adjoining property owner were to waive this requirement.

The Planinng Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Conditional District after clarifying that a vegetative buffer would be installed along Carter Road and all other conditions listed would be met. Mr. Remsburg added that the conditions run with the property with only a storage facility being allowed.

With no questions from the Board, Chair Lawhon declared the public hearing open. Petitioner, Randy Mauldin spoke in support of the Conditional Zoning request stating that his family operates several other mini-storage facilities in the county and feels this fits into the neighborhood with various other businesses being located at the intersections along Highway 52 North as well. Mr. Mauldin responded to a brief period of questions concerning the number of storage units to be constructed, the amount of traffic generated by such facilities and the type of buffer that will be constructed between the storage facility and residential home located to the south.

With no one else coming forward to speak for or against, the hearing was closed.

By motion, Commissioner King moved to approve map amendment CR23-03 to rezone the 0.73 acre parcel at the corner of US52 and Carter Road from R20 Residential to Carter Road Conditional District. The parcel is located in a primary growth area with other commercial and industrial zoned parcels nearby and Mr. Mauldin has also agreed to follow the required conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hatley.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Efird expressed concerns with condition # 2 which states "a vegetative or opaque fence buffer will separate any adjoining residential lots unless waived by the adjoining property owner" and noted that he would prefer a buffer be required to the south between the subject property and the house as noted on the map. Following discussion, Director Remsburg suggested that condition # 2 be revised to read "A vegetative or opaque fence buffer will separate any occupied, adjoining residential lots." Both Commissioner Efird and Mr. Mauldin agreed to this change.

Commissioner King withdrew his original motion due to the requested change. Commissioner Efird then moved to approve map amendment CR23-03 to rezone a 0.73 acre parcel at the corner of US52 and Carter Road from R20 Residential to Carter Road Conditional District to include the proposed conditions with the exception of # 2 which will now read "A vegetative or opaque fence buffer will separate any adjoining occupied residential lots." The parcel is located in a primary growth area with other commercial and industrial zoned parcels nearby. Commissioner Hatley seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

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

4. Board of Equalization & Review Appointments

Presenter: Clinton Swaringen, Tax Administrator

Two (2) current board members, Amanda Cody and Shannon Maynard, have terms expiring December 31, 2023 with both being eligible to serve another term. Mrs. Cody has re-applied for another four (4) year term, but Mr. Maynard has not. It was requested the Board appoint two (2) members to the Board of Equalization & Review for four (4) year terms expiring December 31, 2027 and to also designate a Chairman of the Board.

Following the presentation, Mr. Swaringen responded to a brief period of questions. Commissioner King then moved to reappoint Amanda Cody and appoint Michael P. Hatley as requested, seconded by Commissioner Crump and passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Efird moved to designate Amanda Cody as Chair of the Board, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

5. Enhanced & Voluntary Agricultural District Program Applications

Presenter: Amanda Kirby, District Director

For consideration, Directory Kirby presented the following Enhanced Voluntary Ag-District (EVAD) application for Board consideration and approval:
- Stephen & Amy Irish- 2111 Quiet Cove Lane, Stanfield, NC (15.26 acres; Parcel # 555201495387; FSA Farm # 8393/Tract # 12735)

Following the presentation, Vice Chair Barbee moved to approve the EVAD application as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hatley and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

6. Riverstone Industrial Park Covenants

Presenter: Candice Lowder, EDC Director

For Board review and approval, EDC Director Candice Lowder presented the proposed covenants for the remaining acreage in the Riverstone Industrial Park. The purpose for the covenants in to ensure the public investment in the business park is recovered through investment that will provide quality jobs for citizens.

By motion, Commissioner King moved to approve the covenants as presented, seconed by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by unanimous vote.

See Exhibit A
Declaration of Restrictive Covenants

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

7. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council--Building Blocks Budget Revision

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, JCPC Chair

The City of Albemarle's Parks & Recreation Building Blocks program decided to close out their programs and services on October 31, 2023. As a result, $18,845 in unspent funds needs to be reallocated to the remaining programs.

It was requested the Board approve the revised funding plan for JCPC for FY 2023-24 and allow JCPC to request proposals from the remaining programs for these funds.

Commissioner Hatley moved to accept the revised funding plan as presented, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

On a separate motion, Commissioner Crump moved to allow JCPC to request proposals from the currently funded programs to reallocate the available funds in the amount of $18,845, seconded by Commissioner Asciutto and passed by unanimous vote.

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

8. Sheriff's Office - Vehicle Purchase Request

Presenter: Sheriff Jeff Crisco

In preparation for the FY 2024-25 budget request, the Sheriff's Office has found it difficult to gather information or receive any commitments for new vehicles until 2025. The Sheriff's Office via the NC Sheriff's Association has been in contact with Lake Norman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Cornelius, NC which has approximately 100 of the 2023 Dodge Chargers at a cost of $37,080 per vehicle. He noted that after 2023, Dodge Chargers will no longer be manufactured and instead will be replaced by the Ford Explorer, Dodge Durango and Chevy Tahoe.

Sheriff Jeff Crisco presented the request seeking Board approval to purchase eight (8) replacement vehicles for a total of $296,640 on a pay-as-you-go basis in FY 2023-24 instead of FY 2024-25. If allowed to do so, the County would save an estimated $55,000 - $150,000 in total due to the cost difference associated with the Dodge Charger compared to the other models. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office does not anticipate needing any more vehicles as part of the FY 2024-25 budget process and will not place any of the new vehicles into service until July 1, 2024. Following the presentation, Sheriff Crisco entertained questions from the Board.

By motion, Commissioner King moved to approve the request to purchase FY 2024-25 replacement vehicles in FY 2023-24 to ensure delivery and authorize the associated budget amendment # 2024-50, seconded by Commissioner Hatley a passed by unanimous vote.

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

9. Opioid Settlement Funding Appropriation Resolution - Community Paramedic Program

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The EMS- Community Paramedic division sought an allocation of $110,188.50 beginning January 1, 2024-June 30, 2024 to continue its post-overdose response efforts and to expand the number of staff to add a Division Chief position. Per EMS, this position would allow for enhanced communication with community partners, foster relationships with community partners and allow for increased time with difficult patients.

It was recommended the scope of services currently provided by the EMS-CP division related to opioid use disorder remain the same for the next six (6) months and fund one (1) full-time peer support specialist via the County's Community Paramedic division effective January 1, 2024-June 30, 2024.

By motion, Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the Opioid Settlement Funding resolution to allocate $69,386 to the Community Paramedic division from January 1, 2024-June 30, 2024, seconded by Commissioner King and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

Exhibit B
A Resolution by the County of Stanly
To Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds

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

10. Opioid Settlement Funding Appropriation Resolution - Open Hands (DBA- Uwharrie Harm Reduction)

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The Uwharrie Harm Reduction Initiative (Grace Place/Open Hands) has assisted with peer support and other Opioid Use Disorder recovery support services for the past four (4) years and played an important role in the County's efforts to mitigate opioid misuse and improve outcomes. Their request for continued funding is supported by members of the County's Health, DSS and EMS staff.

Uwharrie Harm Reduction (UHRI) sought $39,527.50 in funding for the period of January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024 in order to continue its current peer support efforts and add one (1) additional part-time peer support specialist. With the County's launch of a strategic planning process to better facilitate recommendations for the use of Opioid Settlement Funds in the future, the task force will assess gaps and prioritize needs so a formal request for proposals can be issued in late winter/early spring of 2024. The responses received will be vetted and recommendations made for the allocation of FY 2024-25 Opioid Settlement Funds which will be included into the County's annual budget process.

County staff recommended the services currently provided by UHRI related to Opioid Use Disorder remain the same for the next six (6) months with the County supporting one (1) full-time peer support specialist and also one (1) part-time peer support specialist effective January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024. Board action was requested to approve the Opioid Settlement funding resolution seeking to allocate $31,395 to Open Hands (DBA Uwharrie Harm Reduction Initiative) from January 1, 2024- June 30, 2024.

Following the presentation, County Manager Lucas noted that UHRI Director Bob Harmon was present to respond to Board questions if needed.

Commissioner Asciutto moved to approve the Opioid Settlement funding resolution to allocate $31,395 to Open Hands from January 1, 2024- June 30, 2024 as requested, seconded by Commissioner Efird for discussion.

The Board discussed the request at length with Director Harmon responding to questions concerning the needle exchange program and what UHRI is doing to address concerns with needles being discarded in the community. In addition to patrolling these areas to collect the discarded needles, Mr. Harmon explained that UHRI provides direct services to people who use drugs and are at high risk for chronic health conditions in order to prevent the spread of infectious disease and overdose fatalities by offering lifesaving supplies to them. Additionally, they provide services and support to patients and friends/family who experience and/or witness an opiate overdose. These services include harm reduction services, referral services, support services, and knowledge of payer sources and systems. PEER Support Specialists assist in placing individuals in recovery based programs such as detox facilities, in patient treatment facilities, outpatient treatment facilities, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) options and/or syringe exchange programs instead of sending them to the hospital which is expensive.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Crump noted that local county dollars are not being used to purchase needles, but to staff positions and provide matching grant funds via opioid settlement funds for the purchase of needles.

With a first and second motion made, Chair Lawhon called for the vote. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

See Exhibit C

A Resolution by the County of Stanly
To Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds

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

11. Strategic Planning Retreat

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

County Manager Lucas requested the Board consider holding a one-day planning retreat to be facilitated by Centralina with the proposed dates of February 2nd, 9th, 16th or 23rd.

Based on the Board members' availability, Friday, February 16th at 9:00 a.m. was selected as the date with the Board authorizing staff to contact Juneberry Ridge to reserve their conference center as the location for the retreat to be facilitated by Centralina.

Commissioner King moved to approve the planning retreat as discussed, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

A. Minutes - Work Session & Regular Meeting of November 20, 2023

B. Finance - Vehicle tax refunds for November 2023

C. Utilities - Capital Ordinance and Budget Amendment for the Locust Sewer Collection System Merger

D. Utilities - Capital Ordinance and Budget Amendment for the Town of Norwood Sewer System Merger

E. Utilities - Capital Ordinance and Budget Amendment for the Town of Norwood Water System Merger

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair Barbee congratulated Commissioner Lawhon on being elected Chairman for next year.

Commissioner Efird stated that he looks forward to serving on the EDC board and thanked Chair Lawhon and Commissioner Asciutto for their support for Vice Chair. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner King thanked Commissioner Efird for serving as Chairman of the Board this past year.

Commissioner Asciutto stated that he enjoyed participating in several of the Christmas parades throughout the county over the past few weeks and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Chair Lawhon stated he will do his best while serving as Chair next year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Efird moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner King and passed with a 7 - 0 vote at 7:54 p.m.

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