STANLY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2025 in the Gene McIntyre Meeting Room, Stanly Commons. Chair Barbee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. then gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL / ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. Consolidated Health & Human Services Board appointment

Presenter: Dolly Clayton, Health & Human Services Director

During their meeting on March 6th, the Consolidated Health & Human Services (CH&HS) Board discussed Wendell Drye's term as the Engineer member which will expire on March 31, 2025. Mr. Drye expressed interest in serving a second four (4) year term and submitted an updated application.

The CH&HS Board requested that Mr. Drye be reappointed to another term four (4) year term, which would end on April 1, 2029.

Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve Mr. Drye's reappointment as requested , seconded by Commissioner Crump and passed by unanimous vote.

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

3. Airport Authority Board Appointments March 2025

Presenter: Randy Shank, Airport Director

Two (2) current Airport Authority Board members, Mr. James Faust and Ms. Jacqueline Plumley, have terms expiring March 31, 2025. Mr. Faust is currently serving in the seat previously held by Mr. David Rudisill, who resigned on September 6, 2023. Because this is a partial term, Mr. Faust is eligible for his first full term of service. Ms. Jacqueline Plumley is completing her first full term and is eligible to serve a second term.

It was requested the Board appoint two (2) members to the Airport Authority for four (4) year terms, starting April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2029.

Chair Barbee opened the floor for nominations, and the nominations were as follows:
- Commissioner Lawhon nominated James Faust and Jacqueline Plumley
- Commissioner Crump nominated Jacqueline Plumley and Christina Brown
- Chair Mike Barbee nominated Gerald Efird

With no additional names presented, the nominations were closed.

Following are the votes as recorded:
- James Faust - Commissioner Lawhon, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hatley, Commissioner Mills
- Jacqueline Plumley - Chair Barbee, Vice Chair King, Commissioner Crump, Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hatley, Commissioner Lawhon, Commissioner Mills
- Christina Brown - Vice Chair King, Commissioner Crump
- Gerald Efird - Chair Barbee

Mr. James Faust and Ms. Jacqueline Plumley were appointed by majority vote.

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

4. Utilities - Budget Amendment 2025-64: 3rd Party Utility Damage

Presenter: Duane Wingo, Utilities Director

Stanly County Utilities requested approval of budget amendment 2025-64 to facilitate the transfer of revenue funds from 3rd Party Utility Damage (641.3710.880.46) to the Utilities Sewer Repairs Expense Account (641.7120.355).

Revenues in the amount of $10,087 were received as payment from an industrial user following an accidental discharge from their machine wastewater tanks. This discharge entered the County's sewer collection system, which caused damage to two (2) grinder pumps. As a result, temporary pump and haul operations were implemented until new grinder pumps were installed.

After the presentation, Director Wingo addressed questions about the company responsible for the discharge and whether the county incurred any costs due to the incident.

By motion, Commissioner Crump moved to approve budget amendment 2025-64 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mills and carried by unanimous vote.

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

5. 2025 Sewer Master Plan and Authorization to Utilize SDF Funds for a New Sewer SDF Analysis

Presenter: Duane Wingo, Utilities Director

Stanly County Utilities, in partnership with Chambers Engineering, has completed a comprehensive Sewer Master Plan (2025) designed to strategically guide wastewater infrastructure investments across the county. This plan provides a detailed road map for addressing current system conditions, future growth demands, and prioritizing capital improvements over the next 20+ years. The plan was initially presented to the Board at their planning retreat on February 21, 2025.

Following the presentation, Director Wingo requested Board approval of the 2025 Sewer Master Plan. Additionally, it was requested the Board authorize the use of existing System Development Fees (SDF) funds to begin an updated Sewer SDF Analysis and a financial forecast evaluation for the upcoming five (5) year CIP projects included in the Sewer Master Plan.

Following the presentation, Director Wingo responded to questions concerning the total dollar amount of projects at the time of the prior SDF analysis in 2022, and how SDFs in some states differ based on development size.

By motion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve the 2025 Sewer Master Plan as presented, authorize staff to utilize existing System Development Fee funds to initiate an updated Sewer SDF Analysis and a financial forecast evaluation for the upcoming 5-year CIP projects included in the Sewer Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Efird and passed by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

6. 911/EOC/EM & Warehouse Facility Update

Presenter: Andy Lucas, County Manager

The County has received the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) amounts for constructing the 911/EOC/EM facility and the associated shared warehouse space with the State of North Carolina (Office of State Fire Marshal). Given that the State is covering their share of the warehouse facility with cash, staff recommended the County use general fund reserves (cash) for its portion of the warehouse.

Additionally, it is recommended the County consider securing a loan for the remaining $8,444,990 needed to complete the 911/EOC/EM facility. County Manager Lucas noted that once financing bids for the 911/EOC/EM facility are received, County staff will bring this item back for the Board's approval of the Local Government Commission financing resolution. It is anticipated this will occur in April 2025.

Below is a breakdown of the cost details.

<u>Warehouse Facility (27,310 sq. ft) GMP = $4,777,361</u>

State's 50% share = $2,388,681

County's 50% share = $2,388,680

<u>911/EOC/EM Facility (16,950 sq. ft) GMP = $11,859,414</u>

OSBM 911 Grant = ($1,000,000)

911 Board Grant = ($2,414, 424)

Net Loan Balance = $8,444,990

Board approval of budget amendments 2025-66 & 2025-67 for the Project Fund were requested in order to recognize, receive and appropriate the funding needed to fully cover the County's portion of the warehouse facility.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Lawhon moved to approve budget amendments 2025-66 & 2025-67 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Efird and carried by 7-0 vote.

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair King moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Crump and carried by a 7 - 0 vote.

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

A. Minutes- February 21st recessed meeting and March 3rd work session & regular meeting

B. Finance - Vehicle Tax Refunds for February 2025

C. Town of Norwood Arbor Day Festival Fireworks Display

D. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Appointments

BOARD COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Mills shared that residents have recently contacted him with concerns regarding new construction near creeks and the potential runoff that may occur during periods of heavy rain. Commissioner Mills spoke in favor of the County putting preventative measures in place to address these concerns.

Chair Lawhon reported that residential housing permits decreased by 57% in February 2025 compared to February 2024. He also noted that the total number of housing permits issued in 2025 have decreased by 50% compared to the same period last year.

Commissioner Efird shared that during last week's meeting of the Library Board of Trustees, the board highlighted many of the activities offered by the library. He encouraged everyone to visit the library to learn and take part in these activities.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Chair Barbee adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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