

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 2, 2015**

Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the presence of Mayor Kevin Barbee, Mayor Pro-tem Greg Lucas, Commissioners Jerry Williams and Jason Smith.

Greg Lucas made a motion to excuse Larry Sides and James Griffin. All were in favor, motion carried.

Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Barbee called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Jerry Williams made a motion to accept the agenda as written. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Greg Lucas made a motion to accept the minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Commissioner Greg Lucas made a motion to pay the bills. All were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner James Griffin arrived and joined the meeting at this time.

Public Comment Session:

Stanly County Sherriff- George Burris came and spoke to the board. He wanted to introduce himself and stated he want to keep the communication open between Stanly County and Stanfield Police Department. He requested we contact him if we have any concerns. He also wanted to make sure his deputies were out in the Stanfield area being seen. He explained that the Sherriff's department has received a few grants for equipment.

Public Comment closed at this time.

Finance

Budget Fiscal Status Report was handed out and discussed. We are well on target.

Personnel Policy- the current policy states – Vacation Leave: Maximum Accumulation: only 30 days of leave can be carried over to the new year, anything above the 30 days- half is lost, and the other half is converted to sick time. After some research we have learned that the sick time is no liability to the town at retirement time. Converting all excess vacation hours over 240 to sick, on January 1st annually, would allow an employee to retire earlier and start drawing under the retirement system guidelines.

Greg Lucas made a motion to accept “all excess accumulation shall be converted to sick leave and added to the employees sick leave balance”. All were in favor, motion carried.

Public Safety

February and March Police Report was handed out.

Mutual Aid Agreement has been signed with Corie Faggart as Interim Police Chief. This has been sent to the state and is current.

The Police Department has an old 357 Magnum. This gun has been around a long time and the gun is of no use to the police department. It can't be used as a service weapon.

James Griffin made a motion to sell this 357 magnum to Charles Connell for \$1.00. All were in favor, motion carried.

Transportation

Commissioner Jason Smith wanted to discuss paving Outfield Circle. He has gotten some quotes for different streets. Paving Water Oak will cost more than paving Outfield Circle and the end of Love Chapel where it meets Hwy 200. There is not enough funds at this time to pave Water Oak. As streets were being discussed, Mayor Kevin Barbee said we need to look at Oak St and Willow Creek as these roads needs some attention. Bridgette Helms and Jason Smith will work together and come up with a list of what we can afford to pave now.

Parks & Recreation

The bleachers for the ball field have come in and are installed. The benches we got with Keep Stanly Beautiful Grant are being installed at this time.

Water & Sewer

Jerry Williams said he would like to continue installing Radio Read Water Meters in all areas. The sewer grinder pumps have been cleaned and repaired. We will be looking at getting the pump repaired at the pump station on Hwy 200 this budget year. It was also mentioned that the maintenance guys need to wear safety vests when they are on main roads.

Planning and Zoning

Bridgette Helms stated that Leigh Summerour has resigned her position of regular member on the Planning and Zoning Board,

Jason Smith made a motion to accept Rich Macco as an inside alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Board, and Daron Webb and James Castonguay move from inside alternate to inside regular members, and Lorrie Castonguay will move from inside regular to inside alternate member. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Kevin Barbee acknowledged the "Thank You" card from the 3rd grade class at Stanfield Elementary who the Council had visited and the class participated in the February board meeting.

Vickie Long has agreed to serve on the Convention and Visitors Bureau board representing the Stanfield area.

Jason Smith made a motion for Vickie Long to serve on the CVB board. All were in favor, motion carried.

The election for 2015 is coming up and we need to set a filing fee for commissioners.

Jason Smith made a motion to set the commissioners filing fee at \$20.00. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Kevin Barbee stated that all Commissioners had input in the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Kevin Barbee stated that we have been looking at reducing the tax rate over the last couple of years. The proposed budget is based on a 6 cent property tax reduction moving the rate from 38 cents to 32 cents per \$100 valuation.

James Griffin made a motion that we send the 2015-2016 budget with a 6 cent reduction in property taxes to public hearing on May 7. All were in favor, motion carried.

The board of commissioners went into closed session at this time.

The board of commissioners came out of closed session.

Greg Lucas made a motion to promote Corie Faggart to Chief of Police. All were in favor, motion carried.

Greg Lucas made a motion to promote Bridgette Helms to Town Administrator. All were in favor, motion carried.

Jason Smith made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor, motion carried.

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