

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting  
October 5, 2009, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES  
Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting, October 5, 2009  
Scotland County Complex, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg NC**

At 7 p.m. Chairman J. D. Willis called the regular meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Willis, Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis, Guy McCook, Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Commissioner McDow delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum**

**Mr. Bob Wagner, Mr. Charlie Fipps, Mr. Larnell Shaw, Ms. Connie Coleman**, all LaurelFest executive committee members, discussed the growing popularity of the festival and asked Commissioners for their financial support. They said the Festival is free to the public and promotes Scotland County and the Laurel Hill community. Because the event is nonprofit, the expense involved in holding LaurelFest depletes the bank account. All expenditures, which pay for services needed to hold the event, are spent in Scotland County.

**Item 1. Public Hearing: Local Incentives Agreement**

County Attorney Johnston called the Public Hearing to order and discussed the incentives agreement offered to Pilkington based on the company's \$25 million capital investment in equipment and its assurance to maintain employment at the current level.

Mr. Johnston asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the incentives agreement. No one came forward, and the Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to approve the incentives agreement between the County and Pilkington. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 2. FY 2008-2009 Health Department Annual Report**

Health Director Ron Sapp presented the agency's FY 2008-2009 annual report. He distributed a brochure with numbers at a glance and compared the numbers to FY 2007-2008. Mr. Sapp noted that applications, permits, visits and existing inspections and renewals are down for on-site wastewater and water areas in Environmental Health. He attributed the decrease to the impact the economy has had. There has not been much construction.

Mr. Sapp responded to questions about mosquitoes. He said there is no spraying program but there is a larvacide program employed in response to targeted complaints. Mr. Sapp said a spraying program is cost prohibitive and its effectiveness questioned. He said the best preventive and cost-effective measure is for citizens to purchase cans of insect repellents and use them.

Vice Chair Gholston complimented Healthy Carolinians and its work as an educational and preventive program.

**Item 3. Braveheart Medical Transport Proposed Fee Increase**

EMS director Roylin Hammond asked the Commissioners to consider approval of a fee increase for Braveheart Medical Transport. Mr. Hammond said Braveheart provides non-emergent and basic emergency transport for EMS. He added that Braveheart recently increased the level of care it provides from Basic Life Support (BLS) to

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Advanced Life Support (ALS).

Mr. Hammond asked the Commissioners to consider the following Braveheart fee increases for BLS: from \$200 to \$250 for non-emergent transport, from \$300 to \$375 for emergent transport, and from \$9 per loaded mile to \$12 per loaded mile.

Additionally, Mr. Hammond asked the Commissioners to consider new ALS fees for Braveheart to include \$300 for non-emergent transport, \$450 for ALS 1 emergent transport and \$650 for ALS 2 emergent transport.

Mr. Hammond said the increased fee structure would be consistent with what other services charge and with what Medicaid allows the services to charge.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the Braveheart fee increase for BLS transport and new fees for ALS transport service as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 4. Emergency Services STEMI Patient (RACE) Program Request**

EMS Director Roylin Hammond asked the Commissioners to approve the RACE program for STEMI patients. Mr. Hammond said the implementation of a STEMI program would allow for the transport of patients experiencing certain cardiac events directly to a medical facility operating a heart catheterization lab such as Moore Regional and Cape Fear hospitals.

Mr. Hammond said that with few exceptions patients transported by the County's EMS ambulances and staff are transported to Scotland Memorial Hospital, the nearest medical facility.

Mr. Hammond explained the following: *The RACE program is designed to get patients who are experiencing a myocardial infarction (heart attack), requiring heart catheterization to remove a blockage, to a facility that can provide that treatment in under 90-minutes. To accomplish this goal in rural counties without the presence of a cath lab in the local hospitals, rural EMS services will need to bypass the local hospital and transport patients, meeting the criteria, directly to a facility with that capability. In our case, Scotland County EMS would need to get patients to either Moore Regional Hospital or Cape Fear Valley Hospital in the 90-minute window.*

*Scotland County Emergency Services has met with representatives from Scotland Memorial Hospital, Moore Regional Hospital, our Scotland County EMS Medical Director, local cardiologists, First Health of the Carolinas EMS, Carolina Air Care, Braveheart Medical Transport and the Scotland County Rescue Squad to devise a plan to accomplish this task while still meeting the numerous other medical response and transport needs of the citizens of Scotland County.*

Mr. Hammond asked the Commissioners to allow EMS to move forward with the RACE program and transport STEMI patients meeting the appropriate criteria to facilities other than Scotland Memorial Hospital to receive the definitive cardiac care they require. He added that of the 450 calls a year EMS responds to, about six to eight of those individuals would be STEMI patients.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve EMS moving forward with the RACE program for transport of STEMI patients. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 5. Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners August 31, 2009 joint session and**

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September 1, 2009 regular meeting.

b) Approve Tax Department request release funds in the amount of \$250.98 and in the amount of \$12,918.04 and make refunds in the amount of \$164.28 and in the amount of \$10,404.17.

c) Approve surplus of the following vehicles from the Sheriff's Office: 1996 Chevrolet SS VIN# 1G1BL52P5TR144210, 1999 Chevrolet Malibu VIN# 1G1NE52M4X6257795, 1999 Ford VIN# 2FAFP74W5YX117508, 2003 Ford 2FAFP71W13X129717 and 2003 Ford VIN# 2FAFP71W63X129714.

d) Budget Amendments:

- 1) **Health:** Approve carry forward of funds in the amount of \$5,047.
- 2) **Health:** Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$54,200 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.
- 3) **Health:** Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$5,800 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.
- 4) **Health:** Approve additional funding in the amount of \$18,604.11 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.
- 5) **Health:** Approve receipt of additional funding in the amount of \$30,820 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.
- 6) **DSS:** Approve receipt of additional funding in the amount of \$260,717 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.
- 7) **DSS:** Approve receipt of additional funding in the amount of \$8,602 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

#### **Item 6. Water Line Extension Grant Application**

County Engineer Jim Blackwell said the Intent to Apply Form would be sponsored by the County with application made by the Lumber River Council of Governments. The application is a request for funding to extend a County water line from 501 and Old Wire Road to Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church and residences due to groundwater contamination of their wells. The match, if the application is approved, would be paid for by Old Laurel Hill Church, said Mr. Blackwell. No County funds would be used for the project.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the Intent to Apply. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

#### **Item 7. Bookmobile Contract Recommendation**

Library Director Leon Gyles said an invitation to bid was sent to 13 bookmobile manufacturers and five proposals were received from four different vendors.

Mr. Gyles said following review and comparison, he determined the best proposal was submitted by Matthews Specialty Vehicle (MSV) of Greensboro, NC. He said MSV did not submit the lowest price, but the company offered the best option for maintainability and serviceability for a 20-year life cycle.

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Mr. Gyles asked the Commissioners to consider approval of a piggy-back onto the Transylvania County Library's contract with MSV to purchase a 2009 Freightliner (Series 2000) bookmobile for \$147,310.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve a piggy-back onto the Transylvania County Library's contract with MSV to purchase a 2009 Freightliner (Series 2000) bookmobile for \$147,310. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 8. Update from the County Manager**

County Manager Patterson asked the Commissioners to consider approval of an agreement between the County and the Town of Wagram regarding the Wagram Recreation Center. According to the agreement, Wagram would approve and execute all contracts and approve all invoices before payment. The County would pay invoices and receive reimbursement for 50 percent of the PARTF grant.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to approve the Agreement between Scotland County and the Town of Wagram for Management of the PARTF Funds to be Used to Build the Wagram Recreation Center. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said a model ethics policy/resolution is being developed by the NCACC and the School of Government. Mr. Patterson recommended the Commissioners take no action on an ethics policy or resolution until it can review the models created by NCACC and SOG.

Mr. Patterson said that the County currently must advertise in the local newspaper for the purchase of personal property above \$90,000. He said there occasionally there are no local or regional suppliers in the region for the property, and advertising locally only serves to satisfy legal requirements. Mr. Patterson said the County could advertise electronically for bids of personal property by adding a section on its webpage to publish bids. Mr. Patterson said the County would continue to advertise in the local newspaper when there are local and regional suppliers.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve advertising for bids electronically. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Commissioner McCook said he would like to review this further at a retreat to see if the County could transition completely to an electronic advertisement for bids.

County Manager Patterson said DSS is scheduled to begin the LIEAP program October 19 and the agency would like to recruit a temporary person for the program. The position is funded entirely out of federal funds.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve recruitment for the temporary LIEAP position. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said the County is expecting a \$92,000 shortfall in revenues due to State budget cuts. The affect in the 2010 budget year is \$69,000. Mr. Patterson said unbudgeted lapsed salaries might cover most of the lost revenues, and he plans to further restrict travel in the second half of the year.

Mr. Patterson said the County has received the Governor's Highway Safety Program grant in the amount of \$101,360. He said the County is responsible for a 15 percent match. The creation and recruitment of a new position also is part of the grant program.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve**

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**receipt of \$101,360 in funding for Governor's Highway Safety Program and to create and recruit a new position for the grant program. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

The NCACC is seeking Commissioner volunteers to serve on screening committees for the NC Public School Forum. Anyone wishing to serve is asked to contact the County Manager or Clerk to the Board.

Additional items received by the County Manager include a Fiscal Fourth Year Monitoring Report and 2010 Fiscal Monitoring Report from Southeastern Regional Mental Health and a resolution from Guilford County that supports the continuation of the emergency food assistance program for nonprofit agencies.

County Manager Patterson said he recently received a State-required Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the relationship between the County and the Board of Elections. Chairman Willis asked the County Attorney to review the document before the Commissioners take action.

Mr. Patterson said more than \$18 million in stimulus funding has come into the County. He provided a breakout on what services and agencies in the County were receiving stimulus funds. Commissioner McCook questioned the more than \$1 million in weatherization. The Commissioners discussed housing improvement and weatherization programs in general. Vice Chair Gholston asked that a Four County Community Services representative attend the next meeting to explain the application process and how the monies are spent.

*Information/Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners*

Vice Chair Gholston commended Rev. J.C McLean and Hazel and other agencies for being proactive in coordinating food programs for the community.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis  
Chairman