

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting  
October 1, 2007, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES  
Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting, October 1, 2007  
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, Leon Butler, Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner Guy McCook. Staff in attendance: Interim County Manager/Finance Officer Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Edward Johnston, Interim Assistant County Manager/County Engineer Jim Blackwell and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Commissioner Butler delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Willis asked if anyone wished to speak at Public Forum. No one came forward.

**Item 1. Scotland County Rural General Public Transportation Route expansion plan**

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said an NCDOT grant in the amount of \$62,000 could be used toward the addition of another rural transportation route and the hiring of an additional driver. Mr. Hammond said the current transportation route services about 900 people a month. Mr. Hammond added that there have been requests for a second route from citizens who use the transportation service.

Mr. Hammond said the expansion would enhance ridership and provide transportation for a population that does not have any other means of transportation.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to support the proposed Rural General Public transportation expansion and the hiring of one additional full-time driver. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 2. Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners September 10, 2007 regular meeting.**
- b) **Approve the 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule as follows: January 7, February 4, March 10, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1.**
- c) **Budget amendments:**
  - 1) **DSS: Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$124,190 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. Requires 10 percent County match.**
  - 2) **Health: Approve the receipt of funds for Family Planning in the amount of \$9,283 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**
  - 3) **Health: Approve increase in Women's Health Services funds by \$4,903 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**
  - 4) **Health: Approve increase in State supported funding by \$35,000 and authorize**

**the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**

**d) Approve Health Department Medicaid adjustments in the amount of \$107,731.71 for FY 2006-2007.**

**e) Approve Health Department Insurance and Private Pay Adjustments in the amount of \$67,919.71**

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

### **Item 3. County Engineer: Courthouse Roof Contract update**

Interim Assistant County Manager/County Engineer Jim Blackwell said RTD Associates submitted a proposal for the engineering and design of the Courthouse roof in the amount of \$44,690. Mr. Blackwell recommended that the Commissioners hire RTD to perform the engineering and design service for the Courthouse roof.

Mr. Blackwell said work on the roof is expected to begin some time in November.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to accept the proposal by RTD Associates, P.A. in the amount of \$44,690. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

### **Item 4. Update from the Interim County Manager/Finance Officer**

Interim County Manager/Finance Officer Kevin Patterson discussed the following points of interest:

The County has not yet heard whether it received a Clean Water Grant for the Springfield Village water/wastewater treatment project.

The County did not receive the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant. No reason was given as to why the County was not selected.

The shell building financing will be interest-only payments for two years followed by interest and principal payments for three years. Construction was slowed by the extreme heat and is about two weeks behind schedule.

A furniture representative that has done business previously with the County is expected to submit a conceptual layout for Social Services offices during the DSS retreat October 4.

Department Heads will submit Capital Improvement Program requests, which will be presented to the Commissioners at their mid-year retreat.

Cash and investments on hand are approximately \$15.7 million.

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A Job Fair, hosted by the Department of Commerce, will be Friday, October 5, at the National Guard Armory.

A Military Construction Summit, hosted by the NC Business Center, will be November 5 at the Airborne Special Operations Museum.

More than \$18,000 has been saved over the past year by citizens using the Prescription Discount Card at local pharmacies. The County continues to increase the number of people using the card through broad distribution. Commissioner Alford said some area pharmacies agreed to distribute the card if there is a holder for them.

East Laurinburg has been using a County dump truck for the past six months. The County no longer uses the truck for its solid waste operations.

Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners to consider transferring the vehicle – a 1990 International VIN #1HTSCNEMXMH353011 – to the Town of East Laurinburg.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to transfer the dump truck to the Town of East Laurinburg. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said a staff customer service committee will soon be organized. He said Cooperative Extension staff and a number of supervisors and department heads will take customer service training soon.

Mr. Patterson said he was in receipt of the Fair Housing Policy, which should be approved by the Commissioners as part of the CDBG grant for the shell building. Mr. Patterson said he would get copies of the policy to the Commissioners at the October 3 reconvened meeting so it could be reviewed and acted on.

Mr. Patterson said BRAC RTF is asking that Commissioner Butler be reaffirmed as the County representative to BRAC RTF and that an alternate be appointed.

**Motion was made by Chairman Willis and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to appoint Commissioner Leon Butler as the County representative to BRAC RTF and to appoint Interim County Manager/Finance Officer Kevin Patterson as alternate County representative to BRAC RTF. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said BRAC RTF will host an official development kickoff meeting October 19.

**Item 5. Appointments to Boards and Committees**

Commissioner Butler distributed a list of upcoming vacancies on Board and Committees that would occur between now and January 2008.

***Other Information/Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners***

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Commissioner McDow asked what the project status was for remodeling the Commissioners Chamber.

Mr. Patterson said the project is still being reviewed and would include the redevelopment of the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and a plan for a Commissioners Chamber that would be suitable for large gatherings.

Chairman Willis said there would be no more casual dress for Commissioners meeting effective with the November 5, 2007 monthly meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to recess until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 3, at 507 West Covington Street. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis  
Chairman