

MINUTES
Scotland County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting, November 2, 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 Alford delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item 1. Applicant Report: Single Family Rehabilitation Program

LRCOG Housing Coordinator Adrian Lowery said 27 applicants met all Single Family Rehabilitation Program (SFR) requirements while 33 applicants did not meet all the requirements. Mr. Lowery distributed a list of all applicants. A rehabilitation inspector will review the homes of the top 20 applicants and present a final list of 10 slated for SFR, according to Mr. Lowery.

The Commissioners discussed the living situations of some applicants and also asked for a status on individuals who will receive CDBG assistance. Mr. Lowery reviewed necessary criteria to qualify for SFR and CDBG.

Mr. Lowery gave a brief PowerPoint presentation focused on two homes that qualify for CDBG, not SFR. He recommended the Commissioners hold a public hearing in December for a CDBG amendment that would allow the two applicant homes to be added to the CDBG program. If approved, work on the homes could be completed in the first quarter of 2010, Mr. Lowery said.

Item 2. Update: State's Mental Health System and Local Management Entity

(Postponed to the December meeting)

Vice Chair Gholston said the County will get a walk-in clinic, which Ms. Sharen Prevatte will address at the December meeting.

Item 3. Four County Community Services: Weatherization Assistance Program report

Ms. Kim Clark, Operations Manager of Four-County Community Services, Inc., provided the following report:

During the 2008-2009 program year the Weatherization contract totaled \$805,629 and required the completion of 230 units. The average cost per unit for this contract period was \$2,966. 23 homes were to be completed in Scotland County. 33 homes were weatherized. The Heating Air Repair and Replacement Program contract totaled \$219,025 and required completion of nine units in Scotland County. Services were provided to 15 families.

The 2009-2010 contract for the regular Weatherization Program totals \$669,916, requiring the completion of 134 units with an average cost per unit of \$4,000. 12 units in Scotland County have been completed to date. The Heating Air Repair and Replacement Program contract totals \$288,921, requiring the completion of 115 units, 12 of which will be families who reside in Scotland County.

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Weatherization Assistance Program will receive a grant for \$4,412,401. This represents the first 50 percent of the funding and requires the weatherization of 975 homes. 98 of the homes will be located in Scotland County. Units must be completed by December 31, 2010. Release of the remaining 50 percent of funding is anticipated after that time. All funds must be expended by March 2012. Based on preliminary figures received from the NC Weatherization office, Four County anticipates the weatherization of 1,928 homes through the ARRA Weatherization project.

Four County received a contract from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to operate the Urgent Repair Program for Columbus and Scotland Counties last year. The grant totaled \$145,000. Based on the allocation received from the state, 60 percent of the units were to be completed in Columbus County and 40 percent in Scotland County. The contract required the completion of 29 homes. Four County served 32 families, 14 of which were from Scotland County. The goal for Scotland County was 12.

A grant for \$150,000 was received for the operation of this program for 2009-2010 for Columbus and Scotland counties, requiring the completion of services to 30 families, 12 of which must reside in Scotland County. Ms. Clark discussed criteria to qualify for Urgent Repair.

Vice Chair Gholston asked Ms. Clark to forward reports to the Board as frequently as possible.

Item 4. Consent Agenda:

- a) **Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners September 30, 2009 special meeting and October 5, 2009 regular meeting.**
- b) **Acknowledge that Deputy Finance Officer Charles Nichols attended the September 15, 2009, Rural Center Workshop on Clean Water Infrastructure Partners Program and Water and Sewer Infrastructure Program.**
- c) **Approve Tax Department request release funds in the amount of \$170.75 and in the amount of \$10,591.21 and make refunds in the amount of \$226.73 and in the amount of \$4,229.30.**
- d) **Approve Health Department request for new CPT codes for H1N1, Flu, Pneumococcal and Hepatitis B and request an increase in charges for the administration fee in Flu, Pneumococcal and Hepatitis B.**
- e) **Budget Amendments:**
 - 1) **Health: Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$7,000 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.**
 - 2) **Health: Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$9,283 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive**

- and expend the money. No County dollars.
- 3) **Health:** Approve additional funding in the amount of \$18,920 and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.
 - 4) **Health:** Approve receipt of additional funding in the amount of \$78,678 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 \$11,014.52 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 5. Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to reappoint Ms. Kirsten Dean to a second two-year term on the Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to appoint Ms. Giyvan Jackson, Mr. Jeff Maidment and Mr. Mitchell McIver to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to appoint Ms. LaVerne McDougald and Mr. William Matthews to second three-year terms on the Aging Advisory Council and to appoint Ms. Cordella Walker and Ms. Ophelia Maultsby to their first three-year terms on the Aging Advisory Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 6. Update from the County Manager

County Manager Patterson said the County received a \$650,000 federal earmark for the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Patterson said there are several possibilities for the use of the funds and for County space needs. Concepts and alternatives will be presented to the Board for future consideration.

Funds in Solid Waste for the purchase of a used compactor for the C and D landfill were put in the budget. The equipment costs approximately \$250,000. Informal bids will be taken in time for the December meeting.

Bids for the Wagram Recreation Center were put out October 30. The bid will be held open for 30 days.

The Board of Elections requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding that states the Elections Director is appointed by the State Board of Elections. It also states the Elections

Director is subject to the County personnel plan. The agreement mirrors the structure established by statute.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Elections and the Board of Commissioners. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson reported on the NACo Discount Prescription Card program, now in its third year. Mr. Patterson said a total of \$94,377 was saved over three years when citizens used the card, and a total of \$3,300 was saved monthly.

Mr. Patterson said the Fiscal Monitoring Report from Southeastern MH/DD/SAS for the first quarter of FY 2010 is in the agenda for review.

A resolution asking the NC General Assembly to pass laws that would prohibit admission of illegal immigrants to State community colleges was received from Rutherford County.

Information/Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners

Vice Chair Gholston invited the Commissioners to attend the November 5 open house at the new Wagram Municipal building.

Vice Chair Gholston said with unemployment high, this would be the time for Commissioners to hold a public meeting and address the issue.

Chairman Willis said the County Manager, Economic Developer, the ESC and Chamber could give a public presentation at the Courthouse on projects in the works and plans for the future. Chairman Willis said this would be a good thing to do, but he does not believe conditions in the County are all gloom and doom.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis
Chairman