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Commissioners in attendance: Chair Carol McCall, Vice Chair Whit Gibson and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis, Betty Blue Gholston and Guy McCook. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston, Finance Officer Beth Hobbs and Clerk to the Board Ann Kurtzman.

At 7 p.m. Chair McCall called the meeting to order. Chair McCall delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to approve the January 4, 2016, agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Mr. Walter Rogers asked the Commissioners to permit a \$30 reduction in availability fees for County residents who can provide a legitimate contract with a hauler so County residents would have opportunity to pay the same amount as people who live in municipalities.

Public Hearing: FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program

LRCOG Business Services Coordinator Adrian Lowery said CDBG/Scattered Site Housing concluded, and close out is part of process. Mr. Lowery said there are no longer monies to support the program, and funds were reallocated to infrastructure.

Mr. Lowery said all work for the 2011 CDBG program has been completed and is awaiting signatures from the State. The Public Hearing is part of the administrative process.

Chair McCall opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to make comment on the CDBG program.

Mr. James Patterson, 811 Cary Street, Laurinburg, said he received a new unit through the CDBG program, which he described as a good program. Mr. Patterson said he enjoys his home, and there is no way he could have done that on his own.

No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the close out of the FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Lowery said there is \$170,000 for the Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR), which is the only housing program administered by LRCOG. With SFR, units that are moderately deteriorated might be eligible for rehabilitation. Mr. Lowery said the \$170,000 will rehab three units in Scotland County. Mr. Lowery discussed the application process and how eligible units will be reviewed for final approval.

Policy Committee: Substance Abuse and Fund Balance policies

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County Attorney Johnston said there is some discussion about expanding the list of those in safety sensitive positions in the draft Substance Abuse policy. Mr. Johnston asked that the policy be postponed to the February retreat for further discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson to postpone the draft Substance Abuse Policy to the February retreat for further discussion. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Gibson said the Policy Committee felt good about the wording of the draft Fund Balance policy but suggested percentages might need further discussion by the Board as a whole.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to postpone the draft Fund Balance policy to the February retreat for further discussion. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

- a) **Approve minutes of the December 7, 2015, regular meeting.**
- b) **Approve Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for the Sheriff's Office.**
- c) **Approve DSS request to reclassify a Social Worker II position to Social Worker III.**
- d) **Approve request by Health Department to add Sickle Cell testing to Maternal and Child Health Programs.**
- e) **Budget amendments**
 - 1) **Health: Approve receipt of funds in the amount of \$20,000 for Child Health and Maternal Health Enhancement Programs, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to withdrawal item b. Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for the Sheriff's Office pending review by the District Attorney and approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Commissioner Davis, who serves as Health Board Chairman, said he has contacted some physicians who might be interested in serving as the physician representative on the Health Board. Commissioner Davis asked that the appointment of a public citizen to temporarily fill the vacancy be delayed until there is physician response.

Update from the County Manager

The Commissioners scheduled the midyear retreat for 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, at the Emergency Operations Center meeting room.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Carol McCall
Chair