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October 5, 2015, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC*

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve the October 5, 2015 agenda with the modification on Item 8. that Commissioners will go into Closed Session held in accordance with N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult an attorney. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Chairman McCook read and signed a proclamation for National 4-H Week October 4 to 10.

No one else spoke and Public Forum was closed.

Scotland Correctional Institution report

Administrator Katy Poole and Program Coordinator Charlie Locklear updated Commissioners on activities at the facility where there are 522 on staff, 140 of whom live in Scotland County. Inmates have opportunity to receive instruction in electric wiring, braille, Meineke car repair and sewing. GED courses are offered. Work programs provide eight inmates to the County and 10 to City of Laurinburg with the ability to increase that number in the future. Ms. Poole said the prison is proud of training inmates for reentry into the community through rehabilitation and a hand up to be a productive part of society.

Ms. Poole discussed some application requirements if anyone is interested in applying for a job at Scotland Correctional, which now houses more than 1,600 inmates at its close, medium and minimum facilities.

Update from Scotland County Schools

Ms. Lolita Hargrave, Beginning Teacher Coordinator, said the program provides initially licensed teachers guidance and support in their first three years of teaching. Ms. Hargrave discussed the level of support teachers receive and the types of training they are involved in as a way to retain quality teachers. Ms. Hargrave said if the school system keeps teachers through the second year there is an 80 percent chance they will stay in the profession. Ms. Hargrave said the program also works to make teachers feel they are part of the community through the scheduling of a variety of activities.

Policy Committee report

Vice Chair Carol McCall said the Return-to-Work Policy would replace the Transitional Duty Policy and the committee recommends that it be implemented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve the Return-to-Work Policy. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Vice Chair McCall said the committee will review a policy on department head vehicles and how they are assigned. A draft Fund Balance Policy was received and will be sent to the entire Board so it might be reviewed in a special-called meeting between now and the first of the year.

Consent Agenda

- a) **Approve minutes of the September 10, 2015 regular meeting.**
- b) **Approve DSS request for an additional Child Support II position, which will be funded by administrative reimbursement and incentive monies.**
- c) **Approve release of funds in the amount of \$30.68, release of funds in the amount of \$49,456.52, refunds in the amount of \$946 and discoveries in the amount of \$12,861.34. (*incorporated by reference*)**
- d) **Approve disposal of assorted computer and electronic equipment currently housed in Gibson Gym.**
- e) **Approve updated Emergency Operations Plan to reflect the new location of the Emergency Operations Center and the change on how 911 functions in Scotland County. The complete EOP is available online at <http://www.scotlandcounty.org/Data/Sites/1/media/departments/publicsafety/em/eop/scotland-county-eop-2014.pdf>**
- f) **Approve \$70,000, which are the revenues from ABC Store sales, to be allocated to the ABC Store remodeling project, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies. No County dollars.**
- g) **Approve Health Department request to add FluMist administration fee, Gardasil (9), Sputum Specimen Collection, STD Patient Pay Services to the fee schedule and to approve the fee schedule.**
- h) **Budget Amendments:**
 1. **Drug Fund: Approve rollover of remaining funds from FY 2015 in the amount of \$25,454, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to expend the monies.**
 2. **DSS: Approve receipt of funds for the Crisis Intervention Program in the amount of \$172,054, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies. No County dollars.**

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

Capital and Facilities Committee report

Commissioner Davis said the Sheriff's Department would purchase five new vehicles rather than six used vehicles because the used vehicles would be two-years-old mileage wise.

Commissioner Davis said the Capital and Facilities Committee reviewed three bids for the Courthouse chiller and recommends issuing the contract to Simmons, the low bidder, in amount of \$59,900.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve awarding the contract for the Courthouse chiller to Simmons at \$59,900. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Davis said the committee discussed proposed plans for the Morgan Center but it wants more information on what it would cost to renovate the building.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Ms. Juliet McMillan to a two-year term on the Jury Commission. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to appoint Ms. Ms. Mary Jo Adams to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Update from the County Manager

County Manager Patterson presented the 2016 meeting schedule. All dates have been reserved for the A.B. Gibson Center and the EOC meeting room. Commissioner Gibson suggested the Tuesday, July 5 meeting be changed to Monday, July 11.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the 2016 meeting schedule with the revised July date. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said the Animal Control Ordinance will be affected by recent changes in State law that affect livestock, which includes horses. Mr. Patterson said the ordinance will be reviewed so it will not conflict with State law.

Mr. Patterson said Robin Sage training took place last week at the old golf ball factory where LME received a conditional use permit, which prohibited military training. Mr. Patterson said the activity was questioned but federal supremacy is at issue since it was the U.S. Army. The County could not stop them from training there. Mr. Patterson said he did provide the Army with alternate sites that comply with zoning. Commissioner Gibson suggested the County Manager send a list of alternate sites in writing along with an explanation.

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Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair McCall provided a brief update on Eastpointe. Medicaid reform continues toward privatization. There is no urgency for MCOs to merge. Vice Chair McCall said Nash County withdrew from Eastpointe and chose to align itself with Cardinal.

Commissioner Davis invited the Board to visit the ABC store because its renovation is the first since the 1960s.

Commissioner Gibson asked the Board to read the Humane Society letter regarding Animal Control, which was included in the agenda package.

Chairman McCook read a letter from Steve Yost, President of Southeastern Partnership, who thanked the County Manager for his economic development efforts in the interim.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to go into Closed Session held in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman