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Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall, 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, Finance Officer Beth Hobbs, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann Kurtzman

At 7 p.m. Chairman McCook called the meeting to order. Chairman McCook offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the November 2, 2015 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

No one spoke, and Public Forum was closed.

Public Hearing: 2017 Community Transportation Grant

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said the Community Transportation Program requires a Public Hearing annually as part of the application process, which occurs the fall of year preceding the funding request. Mr. Hammond said the County provides a 10 percent match.

Chairman McCook opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment for or against the application. No one came forward, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve the resolution authorizing application to the Community Transportation Program. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Hearing: FY 2015-2016 Rural Operating Assistance Program

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said the Rural Operating Assistance Program provides funding for operating costs for passenger trips. Mr. Hammond said a Public Hearing is required as part of the application process.

Chairman McCook opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the ROAP application. No one came forward, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve the Rural Operating Assistance Program application process. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Southeastern Community & Family Services update

CEO Ericka Whitaker and Director of Programs Kim Clark discussed how SCFS serves the community. Six of the agency's board members are Scotland County residents. Updates were provided on Head Start, Community Services Block Grant and Section 8 Housing. Ms. Whitaker said although the agency had troubles, it is now stabilized. Ms. Whitaker said the agency is here to partner and collaborate with Scotland County. She invited the Commissioners to contact her to suggest programs that fit in the scope of what SCFS does.

Community Report: Historic Properties Commission

Chairman Lee Gaunt praised the members of the Historic Properties Commission for the enormous amount of work they put into the grounds and structures. The Commission now meets twice a month. Mr. Gaunt said two recent major projects included the acquisition of the Museum of the Carolinas, which housed a collection of more than 250,000 artifacts, and construction of restrooms on the John Blue grounds.

Mr. Gaunt thanked Mr. Mike McGirt and the Public Buildings and Grounds staff for keeping the grounds maintained. Several significant gifts made to the museum came from Morgan Mills, the donation of a John Blue sprayer and Anita Stanton artwork of Scotland County scenes.

A long-range plan is developed that sets priorities and estimated costs. The Commissioners and Mr. Gaunt discussed the possibility of developing a list of historic properties countywide.

Consent Agenda

- a) **Approve minutes of the October 5, 2015 regular meeting.**
- b) **Approve release of funds in the amount of \$740.57, release of funds in the amount of \$11,482.26, and discoveries in the amount of \$42,089.31 (*incorporated by reference*).**
- c) **EMS requests that 1996 Navistar International ambulance, VIN #1HTSLAAM3VH46524, equipped with a 1984 model remounted Wheel Coach ambulance-box, be declared surplus and approve donation of the ambulance to the Gibson Fire Department for use as an equipment truck.**
- d) **Approve Health Department request for new LabCorp test HSV1 and 2 1gM (herpes test) at a cost of \$96.50.**
- e) **Budget Amendments:**
 1. **Health: Approve increase in State funding for STD prevention in the amount of \$2,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies. No County dollars.**
 2. **Health: Approve \$2,402 (1.8 percent) decrease in funds for Family Planning.**
 3. **Health: Approve receipt of Medicaid Cost Settlement for FY 2011 in the amount of \$60,592, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies. No County dollars.**

4. **DSS**: Approve receipt of additional State funds in the amount of \$5,550 for Crisis Intervention, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies. No County dollars.
5. **Landfill**: Increase revenues by \$100,000 for heavy equipment line item from solid waste availability fees collections.

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

Financial report: revenues and expenditures

Finance Officer Beth Hobbs provided information on revenues and expenditures as of October 21. Ms. Hobbs said 31 percent of budget has been expended while revenues are 32 percent. Ms. Hobbs also discussed property tax collection and fund balance totals.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and **duly seconded** by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Ms. Beatrice Sams and Mr. William Graves to three-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. **Vote**: Motion unanimously approved.

Update from the County Manager

Mr. Patterson said the bid sheet from Deep South Fire Trucks for the North Laurinburg pumper is \$299,875, which is just under what was budgeted. The pumper would not be received in this fiscal year. The vehicle the pumper replaces would be relocated to the South Scotland substation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and **duly seconded** by Commissioner Gholston to approve the purchase of a pumper for North Laurinburg Fire Station for \$299,875. **Vote**: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said the Southeast Partnership is working on a FAM Tour in the region, which is a site selection tour of top industrial sites. Consultants will tour counties in May to look at top industrial prospects in Anson, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties.

Mr. Patterson said the Sheriff's Department conducted a Relay for Life fundraiser and raised \$990 in cash or checks. The \$990 was deposited in an agency fund. Mr. Patterson said he wanted to make the board aware that a \$990 check would be cut for Relay for Life and American Cancer Society.

Mr. Patterson said trust funds for Scotland Cemetery were received in the amount of \$96,223.68. The County Manager said the funds in that amount should be transferred to the current owner or agent of the cemetery.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to approve the transfer of a trust fund in the amount of \$96,223.68 to the owner or agent of Scotland Cemetery. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Comments

Chairman McCook announced that Mr. Roger Johnson is the new Economic Development Director, effective December 2. Chairman McCook briefly discussed Mr. Johnson's experience and background.

Commissioner Gibson congratulated Commissioner Alford for receiving the L.E. McLaughlin, Jr., and Bob Gentry Award for Regional Leadership from the LRCOG and Parks and Recreation Athletic Director Al Blades for receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the from the North Carolina Recreation & Park Association.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman