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Commissioners in attendance: Chair Carol McCall, Vice Chair Whit Gibson and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis, Betty Blue Gholston, Guy McCook and 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. Commissioner Davis delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the May 2, 2016 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Chair McCall opened the Public Forum. No one came forward to speak.

Chair McCall then read the following proclamations:

EMS Week Proclamation for Scotland County

WHEREAS, each year residents and visitors to Scotland County may require emergency medical care for traumatic injuries, burns, poisonings, spinal cord injuries, cardiac events, strokes, and other critical medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, emergency care personnel, including Emergency Medical Dispatchers, First Responders, Rescue Technicians, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Nurses, and Physicians, whether volunteers or paid personnel, give selflessly of themselves for the welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Scotland County benefit from the knowledge, skills and dedication of emergency medical services specialists as they work together to ensure prompt and appropriate treatment at the scene, in route to the hospital, and in the emergency department; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a wide range of emergency medical providers, including local first responder units, first aid and rescue squads, ambulance services, mobile intensive care programs, an EMS/Hospital helicopter response program, specialty burn care, a poison information and education center, designated trauma centers, rapid cardiac care protocol, and other vital services that have the potential to save lives and reduce disabilities of the critically ill or injured in our community; and

WHEREAS, advances in emergency medical care have increased the number of lives saved every year in North Carolina and in Scotland County; and

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WHEREAS, it is important for citizens to know about the Scotland County emergency medical services system, including what to do in a medical emergency and whom to call, and to benefit from reminders about ways to prevent emergencies from happening; and

WHEREAS, Scotland County desires to continue to improve upon its emergency medical services system in order to assure all citizens the highest standards of emergency medical care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carol McCall, Chairman of the Board of Commissioner of Scotland County do hereby proclaim May15 to 21, 2016 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

In Scotland County, in recognition of all those engaged in emergency medical services activities and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

OLDER AMERICANS AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Scotland County joins the nation in recognizing Older Americans Awareness Month in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, Scotland County includes a community of more than eight thousand older adults who deserve recognition for their contributions to our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, Scotland County recognizes that older adults are trailblazers advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities, and are paving the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Scotland County is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, Scotland County appreciates the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

WHEREAS, Scotland County can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by, promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement; emphasizing home and community based services that support independent living; and ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chair Carol McCall, on behalf of the Scotland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Older Americans Awareness Month in May 2016 and encourage all citizens to join with us and take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

May Proclaimed as Mental Health Month

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WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental illnesses can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental illnesses and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

THEREFORE, I, Chair Carol McCall, on behalf of the Scotland County Boards of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as Mental Health Month

As the Board Chair, I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in our community to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses at all stages

Economic Development Director Mark Ward was invited to introduce himself.

U.S. Motto Action Committee

USMA Vice Chair Rick Lanier asked the Commissioners to consider displaying the national motto ‘In God We Trust’ on a governmental building, which gives ceremonial honor to public occasions and expresses confidence in society. 100 percent of the cost comes from private donations, and in most cases from local citizens. 42 counties and 31 town halls in the State now display the national motto. The proposed building for the motto in anodized gold aluminum would be the courthouse. Mr. Lanier said USMA also sends out decals to Sheriff’s Departments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gholston and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson to approve the placement of ‘In God We Trust’ on the Scotland County Courthouse. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Report from the schools

Chief Financial Officer Jay Toland discussed the current capital outlay budget and adjustments that were made in order to accomplish some capital projects, including the high school chiller.

Update: Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Scotland County

NCDOT Engineer Michael Abuya presented an update on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Scotland County that started in 2014. CTP identifies all transportation needs for the County. It does not promise to build roads, but identifying the needs is an important first step. Mr. Abuya identified several County highways that were near capacity for vehicle traffic such as US 15-401. Currently no roads are over capacity. Church Street, X-Way/West Boulevard and Lauchwood Drive among others would be above capacity by 2040.

Safety and crashes were also reviewed. Mr. Abuya discussed them as well as recommendations for widening roads. There are no recommendation on public transportation. Mr. Abuya discussed bicycle and pedestrian recommendations. Mr. Abuya said CTP is a recommended plan but it is not ready for adoption. Expansion of 401 is going through a feasibility study, which is ongoing.

Policy Committee report

The Policy Committee at an April 11 meeting reviewed Disposing of Personal Property Valued at less than \$5,000 and presented it to the full board for action.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve Procedures for Disposing of Personal Property Valued at Less than \$5,000. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

The Policy Committee also presented the draft Standard of Professionalism for review.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson to review the Standard of Professionalism and bring it back for action at the June 6 meeting. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approve minutes of the April 4, 2016, regular meeting.
- b) Approve Tax Office request for March 2016 release of funds in the amount of \$126.18 and in the amount of \$1,633.25, refunds in the amount of \$97.05 and in the amount of \$130.12 and discoveries in the amount of \$9,059.35. (*incorporated by reference*)
- c) Approve Public Works request to surplus a 1995 Chevrolet one-ton truck VIN 1GBH34K9SE225583. Budget amendments.
- d) Budget Amendments:
 1. **Home and Community Care Block Grant:** Approve reallocation of \$2,000 in HCCBG funds in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,800 of which is HCCBG funds and \$200 as the local match, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.

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

Capital and Facilities Committee update

Commissioner Davis said there were numerous capital needs presented at the April 11 committee meeting. Mr. Patterson said he would have all the requests summed up for the May 4 budget work session. Commissioner McCook cited the communications system as a high priority.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Vice Chair Gibson said Commissioners Alford and Gholston agreed to replace him on boards on which he serves.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to appoint Mr. John Alford as the Commissioner-representative on the Partnership for Children and Families. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to appoint Ms. Betty Blue Gholston as the Commissioner-representative on the Juvenile Crime and Prevention Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Update from the County Manager

Mr. Patterson reminded the Commissioners of several upcoming meetings and events.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to go into Closed Session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body and Closed Session 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 Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to recess to 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, at the Emergency Operations Center. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Carol McCall
Chair