

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
July 11, 2016, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC*

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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. Chair McCall delivered the invocation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to approve the July 11, 2016, agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Commissioner McCook, who serves on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, introduced Mr. Bryan Graham, new Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Graham was previously Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Pembroke. Mr. Graham said he plans to conduct a SWOT analysis as part of a Parks and Recreation team building exercise. Mr. Graham said he won't be satisfied with Parks and Recreation being average, and he would want to get everyone in the community involved with programs.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Liaison Committee update

Mr. Patterson said he and school officials participated in a conference call last week with First Tryon.

Consent Agenda

a) Approve minutes of the June 6, 2016 Water Board meeting; June 6, 2016 regular meeting; June 22, 2016 budget work session; June 27, 2016 continued public hearing; June 29, 2016 reconvened meeting.

b) Authorize the Tax Collector to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Scotland County Tax Department.

c) Approve Tax Office request for May 2016 release of funds in the amount of \$33.76 and in the amount of \$12,330.77, and discoveries in the amount of \$2,872.76. (Incorporated by reference)

d) Approve SCATS request to surplus a 2008 Ford Conversion van VIN: 1FT2S34L28DA60567.

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

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to reappoint Mr. Bob Davis to the Richmond Community College Board of Trustees; appoint Mr. John Ferguson to the DSS Board; reappoint Mr. David McLamb and Mr. Dan Smith to the Tourism Development Authority and appoint Mr. Glenn Batten and Mr. Jerry Riggins to the Tourism Development Authority. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to reappoint Mr. Jim Blue, Mr. Marcus Norton and Mr. John F. Stewart to the Historic Properties Commission.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis said he would like to nominate Mr. J.P. Locklear for consideration because of his leadership skills and support of Historic Properties efforts. Commissioner McPhatter commented that there are three applications submitted, yet the three who might get appointed did not submit applications even though there is a policy about filling out applications.

Vice Chair Gibson said he would like to accept the amended motion to appoint Mr. Locklear to Historic Properties.

After some discussion the Commissioners agreed to vote on the Historic Properties vacancies one by one.

Commissioner Alford said the current members up for reappointment work hard as volunteers.

Commissioner McPhatter suggested the Historic Properties appointments be tabled to the August meeting pending the submission of applications.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to modify the motion to table Historic Properties Commission appointments to the August meeting.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis asked if the Board would vote on Mr. Locklear's appointment since he submitted an application. Commissioner McCook said if the Board acted on an appointment for Mr. Locklear, then the Board would have to decide who would be replaced.

The vote was unanimous to table Historic Properties appointments to the August meeting.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to reappoint Ms. Mary Jo Adams as the municipal elected official representative and Mr. Guy McCook as the County elected official representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Update from the County Manager

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to appoint Commissioner Bob Davis as voting delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said updated bylaws from the Drug and Crime Committee reduce the voting board members to 10 — five City appointees and five County appointees. The updated bylaws designate a recording secretary and change the meeting schedule.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson to approve the updated Crime and Drug Committee bylaws. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson discussed strategic planning and asked how the Commissioners might want to proceed. The Commissioners discussed in general what they would expect to get out of it, the level of community involvement, input from County departments and the length of the strategic planning process.

The Commissioners by consensus agreed to invite a consultant from the School of Government to provide the Board with information and options on the process.

Comments from Commissioners/Chair

Commissioner Alford gave an update on the seven scattered housing program complaints. He, a representative from Raleigh and Mr. Adrian Lowery from the LRCOG checked the residences and determined that none of the complaints could be substantiated. Mr. Patterson said LRCOG would report on the scattered housing issue at the August meeting.

Commissioner Davis said he received numerous calls from people in the County where the mail person won't come to the home anymore because of the condition of the roads. He asked if the County could fill some of the holes so the mail could be delivered. Commissioner Gholston agreed that it is a bad situation but said the County doesn't repair roads.

Commissioner Gholston suggested ethics training for department heads. Mr. Patterson said ethics training is tied in with the soon-to-be-launched customer service training and also is part of the supervisor training.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Carol McCall
Chair