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Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis and Whit Gibson. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners John Cooley and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman

At 7 p.m. Chairman McCook called the meeting to order. Commissioner Alford delivered the invocation. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the July 8, 2014 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Commissioner Gibson introduced Matthew Bourne, who will represent Scotland County at the 4-H Youth Summit. Matthew Bourne attended the meeting with his father, James. No one else spoke, and Public Forum was closed.

Public Hearing: Planning and Zoning

Chairman McCook opened the Public Hearing on the following: Rezoning Application Number 478-14 – Star E. Elton, III Request to rezone 8.04 acres in accordance with Scotland County Zoning Ordinance Article IV from OS(Open Space) to RA(Residential Agriculture). The property is located Carpenter Road and better known as Scotland County Tax Map Number 436 Block 01 Parcel 03602.

Mr. Johnston gave the Board a brief overview of the application. Mr. Johnston said the application is in conformity with all requirements of the zoning ordinance, and the Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

No one came forward to speak in favor of or against the application, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve rezoning application 478-14. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR) closeout and new 2014 SFR report

LRCOG Housing Coordinator Adrian Lowery updated the Board on the 2011 SFR and 2014 SFR. There were 11 participants in the program. Total cost and administration for the 2011 SFR was \$548,480. Mr. Lowery said the County originally was awarded \$170,000, which would have been of benefit to three participants. Mr. Lowery said the State awarded additional funds to those groups who satisfactorily completed the program, and Scotland County was among them. Mr. Lowery said the closeout process for 2011 is underway.

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Mr. William Christian and Mr. James Singletary, two SFR participants, delivered personal testimonials on the benefits of being a participant in SFR. Mr. Lowery said the testimonials put faces with the project. Mr. Lowery said the 2014 FSR has been awarded and applications will be sent out before the end of the year. Mr. Lowery said ideal candidates live in homes that are moderately deteriorated. Mr. Lowery said participants see the real savings in utility bills.

Request endorsement on data for Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)

NCDOT Project Engineer Michael Abuya discussed the Transportation Plan (CTP), which is designed to meet existing demands of a community. The plan includes multi modes of movement and identifies areas where new facilities are needed and those areas where improvement is needed. Mr. Abuya discussed the benefits of a CTP, which is a method to identify needs over 25 to 30 years. Mr. Abuya asked the Commissioners to endorse the data, which he reviewed and includes population and employment projections for Scotland County through 2040.

There was general discussion about the population growth, estimated by CTP at one percent, which is considered a basic growth rate. County Manager Patterson explained it's easier to scale back from the data even if there is expectation of negative growth since CTP is for transportation purposes only. Mr. Patterson pointed out that the County is importing more labor, and there would be transportation issues in the labor pool that would increase transportation needs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to endorse the data of the Scotland County CTP population and employment projection totals. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda:

- a) **Approve minutes of the May 27, 2014, reconvened meeting/budget work session; May 30, 2014 reconvened/budget work session; June 2, 2014, Water Districts Board; June 2, 2014, regular meeting; June 16, 2014, Public Hearing; and June 23, 2014 reconvened meeting and June 26, 2014 mediation.**
- b) **Approve 2015 Holiday Schedule**
- c) **Approve transition of a position from a contracted Social Worker in the Health Department to a full-time Social Worker funded 100 percent by Medicaid effective in FY 2014-2015.**
- d) **Authorize the Tax Collector to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Scotland County Tax Department.**
- e) **Approve Tax Department request for June 2014 release of funds in the amount of \$40.26 and \$29,124.32 and discoveries in the amount of \$1,861.67. (*incorporated by reference*)**
- f) **Approve request by Parks and Recreation to surplus a 2000 Dodge center-aisle van VIN# 2B6LB31ZOYK181167.**
- g) **Budget Amendments:**
 - 1) **Scotland County Schools: Approve \$275,000 increase in school current expense for FY 2015, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**

- 2) **Scotland County Schools: Approve \$110,230 increase in local school capital for FY 2015, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**

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

Library 2013-2014 cost benefit analysis

Library Director Leon Gyles gave a presentation on the value of the library to the community. Using a library calculator Mr. Gyles discussed services where a dollar value can be placed on such services that range from checking out a book to use of the meeting room. Mr. Gyles said the value of the library is \$32,700 a week. The annual benefit calculated is for every dollar spent in tax money the community received \$4 in benefit.

Appointments to Board and Committees

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Mr. Leon Butler, Mr. Jimmy Bennett and Mr. Danny Coulter to four-year terms on the Historic Properties Commission. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Mr. Guy McCook as the Commissioner-representative on the DSS Board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Update from the County Manager

County Manager Patterson reaffirmed the budget amendment for school funding, which resulted from the mediation process. He reviewed the mediation agreement with the Board, which included funding for FY 15 and FY 16 and that both boards agreed to liaison group meetings beginning in July. According to the mediation agreement, neither board would seek a unilateral act before March 1, 2015. Mr. Patterson said the liaison board would work on a funding resolution or funding replacement plan in the next nine months.

Chairman McCook appointed Vice Chair McCall and Commissioners Gibson and Davis to serve on the liaison committee. It was agreed that Chairman McCook would serve as alternate. Chairman McCook asked the County Manager to schedule a meeting with Ms. Kara Millonzi from SOG to speak with the group as a way to help it begin the dialogue and discuss options.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to nominate Commissioner Davis as NCACC voting delegate. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

County Manager Patterson said WLNC applied for an FM broadcasting license, which would allow WLNC to broadcast 24 hours a day. WLNC has asked to put an antenna on the tower behind EMS. Mr. Patterson said this would allow the station to broadcast emergency notifications after normal hours. Mr. Patterson asked the Board to permit the County to enter

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into an agreement with WLNC so it could place an antenna on the County tower. Mr. Patterson said the agreement would be similar to the one the County has with Z.V. Pate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the concept and move ahead with the agreement with WLNC. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall 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.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman