

MINUTES

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners
January 22, 2013 Reconvened Meeting/Joint Session with Board of Health
Scotland Place, Turnpike Road, Laurinburg NC**

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman Guy McCook reconvened the meeting. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Cooley (*arrived at 6:35 p.m.*), Bob Davis and Whit Gibson. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners John Alford (*excused*) and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston, Finance Officer Charles Nichols and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Chairman McCook delivered the invocation.

Budget Amendments:

- a) **DSS: Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$148,064 for crisis intervention, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**
- b) **Health: Approve additional funds in the amount of \$14,296 for Healthy Mothers/Healthy Children, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve the budget amendments as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Johnson Controls ESCO contract

Finance Officer Charles Nichols said the Capital and Facilities Committee met to review the Johnson Controls project and recommended that it move forward in the contract process. Mr. Nichols said prior to the Committee meeting, all questions and concerns by a third party engineer were answered. The buildings to be fitted with energy saving heat, light and air units are the Administration building, the West Boulevard complex and the Courthouse.

(Commissioner Cooley arrived)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to move forward with the contract process. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Office of the Sheriff vehicles contract

County Manager Patterson said Bobby Jones Ford, Augusta, GA, delivered eight fully equipped vehicles to the Sheriff's Department, but no contract was received. All eight vehicles also were equipped with dash-mounted cameras. Mr. Patterson said the vendor would finance the vehicles at 4.75 percent. Mr. Patterson said he received a more competitive rate of 1.44 percent from Sun Trust. Mr. Patterson said the County could pull back to seven vehicles in order to keep the dash-mounted cameras and stay within budget.

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Commissioner Davis said he has a problem with eight fully equipped vehicles just showing up with no previous conversation about it. Commissioner Davis said it was not a good way to do business. Commissioner Davis said he has no issue with the price, just the method by which the business was conducted.

Sheriff Shep Jones discussed the necessity for vehicles that are equipped with cameras because it protects the department in the event of lawsuits. Sheriff Jones said he would prefer seven vehicles with cameras rather than eight without them.

Mr. Patterson said the price quoted is equivalent to the State contract price, which allows the County to meet its bid requirement.

Commissioners Davis and Gibson suggested that since eight vehicles were already delivered, the County might be able to negotiate with the vendor for a better price on the eighth vehicle.

Chairman McCook asked the Sheriff if his department intended to replace seven older vehicles with the new ones in order to cut down on the cost of maintenance.

Sheriff Jones said he would like to use the best of the vehicles rotated out of his fleet for transport purposes.

Chairman McCook asked Sheriff Jones to present a vehicle fleet plan and instructions on vehicle use at the February 4 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve the purchase of seven vehicles, equipped with cameras, and instruct the County Manager, Sheriff and Finance Officer to follow up on negotiations for the eighth vehicle.

Discussion: Commissioner Gibson said negotiations for the eighth vehicle would be weaker if the other seven vehicles are already approved for purchase.

Commissioner Davis withdrew the motion and Vice Chair McCall withdrew the second to the motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to table the vehicle purchase discussion to the February 4, 2013 meeting. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Joint meeting with the Board of Health

Chairman Bob Davis reconvened the Board of Health meeting. Board of Health members in attendance were Chairman Davis, Vice Chair Jane Murray, Dr. Kelvin Raybon, Mr. Charles Todd, Mr. William Matthews, Mr. David Bridgeman and Dr. Ray Chavis.

DSS Director Robby Hall and Interim Health Director Wayne Raynor gave a PowerPoint presentation on the four options on the provision of health and human services. The options

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include creation of a public health district, consolidation of public health and human services, regionalization and contracting of services.

Mr. Raynor and Mr. Hall discussed the benefits and negatives of each plan, the initial expenditure and potential savings. They also discussed current methods employed to save revenue for the County through contracting and consolidation of some services.

Vice Chair Murray and moved and Board Member Matthews seconded to move forward with the recommendation of the Board of Health to recruit a full-time health director and to continue to consider various options for organizing and governing health department services.

Discussion: Vice Chair Murray said there is no indication the Richmond County Board of Commissioners would want to consider a consolidation of services since the Board of Health has only discussed the possibility with the Richmond County Health Department director.

Chairman McCook, who also serves on the DSS Board, said the DSS Board would like the two agencies to continue to evaluate consolidation of services, increase contracted services to improve delivery and reduce costs and also hold joint meetings with appropriate agencies.

The Board of Commissioners, by consensus, agreed that full-time leadership at the Health Department would be necessary to move the agency forward with a goal toward improving services and increasing efficiencies.

The motion to hire a full-time Health Director was unanimously approved by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health adjourned at 8:30 and the Commissioners meeting continued.

NACo conference March 2 to 6 discussion

Chairman McCook asked Commissioners for comment on whether scheduled visits with congressmen in Washington, D.C., should coincide with the March 2 to 6 NACo conference. Chairman McCook said the NACo conference conflicts with the March 4 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Cooley said he could not justify the expense of a Washington, D.C., trip and questioned whether it would be of value locally. Chairman McCook said the value is there, and meetings with elected officials in D.C. resulted in two big grants for Scotland County over the past five years. Chairman McCook said making the extra effort proved effective.

Vice Chair McCall suggested it might be better to meet with congressmen in D.C. without incurring the additional expense of attending the conference. Chairman McCook said the conference is beneficial and there is a great deal to be learned.

Commissioner Davis said a board member who attends a conference should share a report on what was learned. Chairman McCook said the Policy Committee could address that subject.

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Chairman McCook agreed to leave the regular meeting schedule as it is.

Commissioner Cooley questioned whether the County should keep its membership with NACo. Chairman McCook said membership could be discussed at an upcoming planning retreat.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman