

MINUTES
Scotland County Board of Commissioners Joint Session
December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting
Small Business Innovation Center, Laurinburg NC

At 5:15 p.m. Chairman McCook reconvened the meeting. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman McCook and Commissioners John Cooley, Bob Davis and Whit Gibson. Commissioners not in attendance: Vice Chair Carol McCall (*excused*) and Commissioners John Alford and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman.

The Laurinburg City Council meeting was called to order. Present were Mayor Tommy Parker and Council Members Mary Jo Adams, Curtis Leak, Drew Williamson and J.D. Willis. City Council Member-elect Dee Hammond, City Manager Charles Nichols and City Clerk Jenny Tippett also were in attendance.

The Town of Wagram Commissioners reconvened their meeting. In attendance were Mayor Milton Farmer and Commissioners Hyder Massey, Jackie Laviner and Robert McLaughlin and Wagram Town Clerk Phyllis Lowery.

Commissioner Davis delivered the invocation.

County Manager Patterson asked for approval to sell a used, surplused bulldozer to the City of Laurinburg for \$8,500.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to sell the surplused bulldozer to the City of Laurinburg for \$8,500. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

County Manager Patterson said an advisory group comprised of the City and County Managers, Fire Chief, EMS Director, City Police Chief and County Sheriff, with support from County and City human resources and finance staff, have been meeting to plan logistics and operational procedures regarding the consolidated EOC/911 Call Center.

L.R. Kimball Project Manager Sherri Bush discussed her credentials and those of L.R. Kimball and how that qualifies the company to help with plans for the EOC/911 Center. Ms. Bush outlined the expertise they apply to communications design, development of 911 call centers and the assistance they provide in the consolidation effort. L.R. Kimball is a subcontractor to facility architect Becker Morgan Group.

Ms. Bush said the State is encouraging 911 call centers consolidation and providing funds for those centers to do so. The initiative is to improve standards and practices and to ensure there is more than one person manning 911 call centers.

Ms. Bush said an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the County and the City would be necessary to the operations of a consolidated 911 call center.

Mr. Patterson recommended the EOC/911 Call Center be a County facility under the supervision of the County Manager. He said the County secured the grants to build the facility and is the recipient of the 911 funds and other related revenues. Mr. Patterson said a 911 director would be hired to handle the day to day operations. Mr. Patterson said a consolidated 911 Call Center would ensure local governments and citizens see a direct benefit from the entire operation, and it would be a service improvement.

City Council Member Leak said he is concerned there are no elected officials on the advisory group since it is elected officials who are ultimately accountable to the citizens. Ms. Bush said the composition of the advisory group is decided by the governing boards and could include representation by elected officials. Ms. Bush said that information should be incorporated in an IGA, which must be approved by the City Council and the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Bush said it's important to have the IGA in place before the operational transition of the consolidated 911 center, within 90 days of that transition if not sooner. Ms. Bush listed the activities and tasks that need to be defined in the IGA. Ms. Bush indicated the consolidated center could be fully operational by the first quarter of 2015.

EMS Director Roylin Hammond showed photographs of the current PSAPs at the Sheriff's Department, EMS, North and South Fire Stations, Laurinburg Police Department and County communications building. Mr. Hammond pointed out some of the antiquated equipment located at the PSAPs and their shortcomings pose negative security implications.

Mr. Hammond then showed the Becker Morgan rendering of the new facility and its floor plan for the EOC and secured space where 911 would be housed.

The County Commissioners and City Council agreed the advisory group should put together a draft intergovernmental agreement by February 1, 2014, so both governing boards can review the document and meet again in joint session to hammer out the differences.

The City Council and Town of Wagram adjourned.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman