

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners reconvened meeting  
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**MINUTES  
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At 6 p.m. Chairman Guy McCook reconvened the meeting with a prayer. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Cooley, Bob Davis and Whit Gibson. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners John Alford and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman.

**Approve Beth Hobbs as Deputy Finance Officer**

County Manager Patterson introduced Business Officer Beth Hobbs. Mr. Patterson discussed the certifications Ms. Hobbs would need in order to become Finance Officer. Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners to appoint Ms. Hobbs as Deputy Finance Officer.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to appoint Ms. Beth Hobbs as Deputy Finance Officer. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Award contract for construction of EOC/911 Call Center**

County Manager Patterson said Monteith submitted the low bid of all qualified bidders at \$1,909,000 with an alternate additional amount of \$14,000 for construction of the EOC/911 Call Center. Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners to consider awarding the EOC/911 contract to Monteith for a total of \$1,923,000.

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said 12 bidders pre-qualified while eight submitted bids. Mr. Hammond said he expects construction to begin as early as September and be completed in a year if there are no unforeseen complications. Mr. Hammond said because the bids came in under budget it is hoped expenditure of the grant funds will be maximized.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to award the contract for the EOC/911 Call Center to Monteith in the amount of \$1,923,000. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Tax Department request to transition from GovPay to Value Payment Systems**

County Manager Patterson said the Tax Department is considering changing credit card companies, which would reflect a slight step down in fee structure. Tax Administrator Mary Helen Norton said the current company the department uses has not fully developed its software. Ms. Norton said the new company would allow customers more flexibility in use of credit/debit cards. Mr. Patterson said the new company would allow other departments to utilize the service.

Mr. Patterson said the County also has been contacted by Bill Me Later where the County would receive immediate payment, and customers would have six months to pay Bill Me Later before a 20 percent interest is assessed. Mr. Patterson said he did not expect action on Bill Me Later but he wanted the Commissioners to be made aware of the proposal.

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Chairman McCook said Bill Me Later should be reviewed by the Policy Committee because a more thorough study would be necessary.

Vice Chair McCall asked Ms. Norton to provide the Commissioners with the percentage of taxpayers who use credit/debit cards.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to change the credit card provider to Value Payment Systems. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said he just learned that Judge (William) McIlwain scheduled animal control court for the last Wednesday of every month. Judge McIlwain agreed to animal control court as the result of a request by representatives of the animal control policy committee, which is made up of animal control officers, law enforcement and representatives from the City, County, Humane Society and Department of Public Health.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook  
Chairman