

**MINUTES**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting**

**A.B. Gibson Education Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg NC**

At 7 p.m. Chairman Guy McCook called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Cooley, Bob Davis and Clarence McPhatter. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners John Alford and Whit Gibson (*excused*). Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Chairman McCook offered a word of prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to remove Conditional Use Application 476-13 from the agenda for lack of information and approve the remaining January 6, 2014 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

No one spoke at Public Forum.

**Item 1. Public Hearing: Planning and Zoning**

Planning and Zoning Chairman Henry McLeod presented the following conditional use application.

**Conditional Use Application Number 475-13 –Keith Almond–** Request for a conditional use permit to place a custodial home at the Cypress Creek Golf Course. The property is located at 19400 Andrew Jackson Highway, Laurinburg, NC. The property is better known as Scotland County Tax Map Number 257 Block 01 Parcel 0006 and is owned by Cypress Creek Golf Links, Inc.

Mr. McLeod said the property owner wishes to place a doublewide on the golf course behind the range. The doublewide would blend with the existing club house. Mr. McLeod said the Planning and Zoning Board recommends approval of the application.

Chairman McCook opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or against the application. No one came forward, and the Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Conditional Use Application 475-13. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 2. Quarterly Financial Report**

Deputy Finance Officer Beth Hobbs discussed the preliminary Fund Balance report in which there was a general fund balance of \$13.8 million as of November 30, 2013. County Manager Patterson said next month another financial report would be presented, which would include

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property and sales tax collections for the first seven months of the year compared to the previous year.

Ms. Hobbs also presented for information purposes the fund balance report as of June 30, 2013 for the ABC Board and Historic Properties Commission and the preliminary net assets report for Solid Waste as of November 30, 2013.

**Item 3. Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approve minutes of the Board of Commissioners December 2, 2013 regular meeting and December 10, 2013 joint meeting.**
- b) **Approve Tax Department request for November 2013 release of funds in the amount of \$56.57 and \$3,603.75 and discoveries in the amount of \$2,402.39.**
- c) **Approve in accordance with NC General Statute 20-187.2 the awarding to Lieutenant Marion Locklear, who retired December 1, 2013, his service revolver, a Smith & Wesson M&P 40 #DUZ5604, in exchange for consideration of \$1.00.**
- d) **Acknowledge receipt of December 2013 Monthly Performance Status Report for the Community Development Block Grant.**
- e) **Budget Amendments:**
  - 1) **DSS: Approve receipt of additional LIEAP funds in the amount of \$489, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**
  - 2) **DSS: Approve receipt of federal funds in the amount of \$70,000 for Medicaid transportation, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**
  - 3) **Landfill: Approve receipt of \$8,500 from the City of Laurinburg for the purchase of a bulldozer surplus by the Board of Commissioners, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve Consent Agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 4. Policies for tax exemption and past due real and personal property payment plan**

Vice Chair McCall said the policy for tax exemptions and the installment plan for real personal property taxes were reviewed by the Policy Committee and presented to the Commissioners in December for further review and discussion.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the policy for tax exemption requests. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to approve the policy for the installment plan for past due real and personal property taxes. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 5. Update from the County Manager**

Mr. Patterson said the County is in line to receive a comprehensive transportation planning grant, which will help the County develop a growth plan for its transportation system. A requirement of the grant is that the County's land use plan be less than five years old. The current plan, which is the original plan from 1977, is being updated through a contract with the Lumber River Council of Governments.

Mr. Patterson said the City of Laurinburg requests an easement from the County on property at the corner of Main and Gill streets. The property was foreclosed on by the County, and the City would like the property for a utility easement.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve the request for the easement by the City of Laurinburg. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said Scotland County Schools received a grant for two additional resource officers, one of which will be provided through the City of Laurinburg while the other will be provided through the County. Mr. Patterson said the \$42,000 grant for the County would cover salary, fringe and \$3,000 for equipment. Mr. Patterson said the resource officers would be assigned to the elementary schools. Mr. Patterson said if the grant ends, the County would not be responsible for picking up the position.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the creation of a new deputy position and to approve a budget amendment for the grant to pay for salary, fringe and equipment. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

The County Manager said that with the frigid weather conditions County facilities that will serve as warming centers will be Wagram Recreation Center, Scotland Place and Scotland County Memorial Library.

Mr. Patterson said there is a vacancy on the LRCOG Transportation Coordinating Committee. It should be filled by an administrative position.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to appoint City Manager Charles Nichols to the Transportation Coordinating Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said there would be a Civil Affairs training in March that would focus on public health — infectious diseases and public safety 911 cross training.

***Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners***

Commissioner Davis asked if the prison through a work release program could clean up the roadways. Mr. Patterson said he currently is talking with the prison about the possibility of a supervised road clean-up crew on Fridays. Mr. Patterson said the talks are a slow process.

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Commissioner Cooley suggested the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer make recommendations on what could be done and where the problem areas are.

**Mr. Charles Parker**, given permission to speak, said the litter problem has been building up for years and nothing would be accomplished until someone puts on their shoes and gets out and does it. Mr. Parker suggested a joint effort could be accomplished with the County, 01 City and the handful of groups interested in cleaning up the County.

**Item 6. Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis 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. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

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

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook  
Chairman