

**MINUTES
Scotland County Board of Commissioners
January 7, 2013 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, Whit Gibson and Clarence McPhatter. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner John Alford (*excused*). Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston, Finance Officer Charles Nichols and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Commissioner Davis delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to approve the January 7, 2013 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Ms. Constance Adams read a petition signed by parents regarding I.E. Johnson School. Ms. Adams and petitioners are concerned about protection of children, teachers and staff at the school. It requested that the walkway at the back of the school where children move from one building to another be enclosed. The petition also requests that school doors be locked at all times while children and teachers are present. Ms. Adams gave the petition to Chairman McCook.

Public Hearing: Community Transportation Program application for FY 2014

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said a public hearing is required for the planned 2014 Community Transportation Program (CTP) budget.

Chairman McCook called 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 Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson that the CTP application and resolution be approved. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

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WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, (*Legal Name of Applicant*) Scotland County hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (*Authorized Official's Title*)* County Manager of (*Name of Applicant's Governing Body*) Scotland County is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

Four County Community Services CSBG application and programs report

Four County Community Services representative Gail McRae reviewed the agency activities for the seven-county area in 2011/2012. Ms. McRae explained the CSBG funds and how they are used for Family-Empowerment Self Sufficiency (FESS). She said the agency requested \$1.2 million for the seven counties but it is not known at this time what the agency will actually receive. Ms. McRae discussed FESS data and income guidelines.

Commissioner Davis asked about the weatherization program. He said there is a family whose home lacks an adequate roof and Four County rejected them for service. Ms. McRae said that the weatherization program does not cover homes that need major work, that the agency cannot replace a roof, it can only patch it under weatherization guidelines. It cannot assist on homes with severe structural issues. Ms. McRae said the agency used to administer an urgent repair program. She said that the program is based on a point system and, as a result, smaller counties cannot compete with larger counties that have more resources. She asked the Commissioners to address the issue with State/federal officials on behalf of those smaller counties who wish to conduct urgent repairs.

Item 3. Consent Agenda:

a) Approve minutes of the Board of Commissioners December 3, 2012 regular meeting and December 20, 2012 special meeting.

b) Budget Amendments:

- 1) EMS: Approve receipt of State funds in the amount of \$3,282 for training reimbursement, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**
- 2) General Fund: Approve additional funds in the amount of \$12,055 for closing of the Wagram Recreation Center capital project, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to expend the money.**

- 3) **Humane Society**: Approve receipt of additional pass-through funds in the amount of \$12,000 for the spay/neuter program, 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 Commissioner Gibson to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to appoint Mr. Whit Gibson as the Commissioner-representative to a two-year term on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to appoint Commissioner Bob Davis to the Capital and Facilities Committee to replace former Commissioner Joyce McDow. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Chairman McCook said he would like to relinquish his seat on the Policy Committee if another Commissioner would like to serve.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to appoint Commissioner Whit Gibson to the Policy Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Update from the County Manager

County Manager Patterson said Sean Moore, Community Access Channel Coordinator, received a telephone request from an individual who wished to air a show. The show content is not known. Current channel content includes City Council, County Board of Commissioners and School Board meetings, informational programs, worship services and scrolling bulletin board.

Mr. Patterson said the Community Access is funded equally by the City, County and Schools. The Community Access Channel had an advisory board that met quarterly, but it disbanded some time in 2009 due to lack of a quorum.

Mr. Patterson said the rules and regulations were last updated in 2006. He recommended that the County Policy Committee meet to update the rules and regulations and extend an invitation to City and School officials who might wish to attend and provide input. Any changes to the rules would require approval by the City Council, the County and the School Board.

Chairman McCook directed the Clerk to the Board to schedule a meeting for all parties.

Mr. Patterson said the City of Laurinburg will consider whether to continue the Drug and Crime Committee at a January 15 meeting. The committee has had difficulty establishing a quorum.

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The City sent a letter to all members inquiring about their interest in continuing to serve. Mr. Patterson said the responses are included in his report.

Mr. Patterson said Johnson Controls significantly revised its latest report on the Energy Savings Contract, which is again feasible. As part of the revision Johnson Controls will absorb \$100,000 in labor costs. With these changes the projected 15-year cash flow yields a positive \$400.

The County Manager said Johnson Controls would like to start the project soon so current interest rates can be locked in and construction can begin in the spring when the weather is cool. For that reason Johnson Controls would like to go to the LGC Board in February. This means the Commissioners would have to approve the package in January.

Mr. Patterson suggested the Capital and Facilities Committee meet the week of the January 15 to discuss the Energy Savings Contract (ESCo) so a recommendation could be brought to the Board of Commissioners at the January 22 reconvened meeting.

Chairman McCook directed the Clerk to the Board to schedule a meeting for the week of January 15.

County Manager Patterson said staff is studying a means to improve the landfill financial operations. Mr. Patterson provided Commissioners with a breakdown of tonnage and revenue for over the last five years.

The largest contributor to the reduction in C&D material is the economy. In 2008 there were two modular home manufacturers. Currently there is one operating at a reduced level. The County lost 4,000 tons in MSW when Campbell Soup started hauling to Robeson County. The largest decrease since 2011 can be attributed to Waste Industries (primarily commercial) and All Points (residential) hauling out of county. Since All Points acquired the Gibson waste contract, that MSW is being taken to Charlotte. When All Points finalizes its purchase of the collection service from Wagram Paper Stock, they intend to transport that MSW to Fayetteville. The destinations are built on other established routes.

Mr. Patterson said staff is working on alternative methods to improve the financial condition of the landfill. A restructuring plan will be submitted to the Board for consideration.

Chairman McCook directed the County Manager to provide the Commissioners with more information at the February meeting.

Mr. Patterson said a voting delegate is needed for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference. Vice Chair McCall will attend and wishes to serve as the County delegate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to designate Vice Chair McCall as the legislative goals voting delegate. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

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Mr. Patterson said NCDOT submitted its annual statement of expenditures for Scotland County Secondary Construction Funds for 2012 calendar year.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley 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. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to recess to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 22 at Scotland Place. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman