

**MINUTES**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting**

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

At 7 p.m. Chairman Bob Davis called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Davis, Vice Chair Joyce McDow and Commissioners John Alford, John Cooley, Carol McCall, Guy McCook 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 Davis delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Davis said the Lumbee Community Resource Connections report would not be presented.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to approve the October 1, 2012 agenda with Item 1. Lumbee Community Resource Connections removed from the agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Chairman Davis asked if anyone wished to speak at Public Forum.

**Mr. Charles Parker** asked when the Commissioners would meet with the Board of Education to discuss the budget and the school floor so concessions might be made.

*Chairman Davis said he and County Manager Patterson met with Board of Education Chairman Charles Brown and School staff people. Chairman Davis said he asked Mr. Brown whether the Board would consider putting the school floor question to referendum in 2014, but Mr. Brown did not answer the question. Chairman Davis said the Board of Commissioners has asked for a joint meeting of the full boards, but the Board of Education has not yet responded.*

No one else spoke, and Public Forum was closed.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a) **Approve minutes of the Board of Commissioners September 4, 2012 regular meeting and August 22, 2012, reconvened meeting.**
- b) **Approve 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule**
- c) **Budget Amendments:**
  - 1) **Health: Approve receipt of funds in the amount of \$500 for WIC (Women, Infants and Children), and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**
  - 2) **Health: Approve receipt of funds in the amount of \$1,525 for Diabetes Capacity Building, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**
  - 3) **Health: Approve receipt of funds in the amount of \$39,820 for**

**Preparedness and Response, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.**

**d) Approve Department of Public Health fee schedule for VaxCare flu vaccines**

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

#### **Appointments to Boards and Committees**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to reappoint Ms. Margaret Herring to a three-year term on the LRCOG Scotland County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner McCall to reappoint Mr. Jeff Maidment and Ms. Beatrice Sams to three-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to reappoint Mr. Smith Hersman, Mr. William Foland and Mr. Don Norton and to appoint Ms. Nicole Robinson to three-year terms on the Scotland County Zoning Board of Adjustment and to appoint Mr. Bob Davis as an alternate for a three-year term to the Scotland County Zoning Board of Adjustment. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

#### **Report from the County Manager**

Mr. Patterson said the State changed the rules for Medicaid non-emergency transportation, a service provided by SCATS. DSS would receive the funding and pay the vendor, which is SCATS. Now providers will contract directly with the State Medicaid office and bill Medicaid for eligible services. Mr. Patterson said the contract with Medicaid is a recent change, and counties and NCACC requested an extension of the October 1 required deadline. EMS Director Roylin Hammond and DSS Director Robby Hall are working on the contract.

The energy savings company Johnson Controls originally estimated savings to the County of approximately \$1.2 million. The current independent energy audit indicates savings coming in at under \$900,000. A final report has not yet been received. With the \$900,000 estimate, Johnson Controls believes the County would not be able to renovate entire buildings but instead make targeted improvements in each building. Mr. Patterson said lighting, the costliest item, could be replaced but replacement of heat and air equipment might be stalled. Mr. Patterson asked that the Capital Committee meet to discuss the next steps.

Mr. Patterson said Historic Properties is asking to be removed from the County Major Events Policy because Historic Properties developed its own policy that addresses major events and, it believes, would generate additional events and revenue opportunities. Mr. Patterson said although the County provides liability insurance and some annual operational funds and appoints

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committee members. Historic Properties legally owns the John Blue grounds. Commissioner McCook suggested that it could be an issue for the County if it insures property it doesn't own.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Patterson and County Attorney Johnston to review both policies and to invite Historic Properties Committee Chairman Phillip McRae to make a presentation at the November meeting.

Mr. Patterson said the informational brochure on the one-quarter percent sales tax would be mailed to approximately 16,500 Scotland County households where there are registered voters. Cost is an estimated \$7,600, about \$5,775 of which mailing cost.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to appropriate funds for the printing and mailing of the one-quarter percent informational brochure not to exceed \$7,600. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

County Manager Patterson said a purchase order was made in the amount of \$21,000 for a radio console in the Sheriff's Department. The equipment would be paid for from 911 funds. The console could be moved to the EOC when the facility is built.

Below is the celebratory resolution honoring Craven County the Commissioners authorized and approved at the September 2012 meeting.

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, the year 2012 marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Craven County, NC; and

**WHEREAS**, Craven County was named in honor of William, Earl of Craven, who lived from 1606-1697; and

**WHEREAS**, Craven County, originally included as a precinct of Bath County, was established in its present form in 1712 with New Bern becoming its county seat in 1722, and was the capital of the colony and first state capital until 1794; and

**WHEREAS**, because of its location situated between the Albemarle and Cape Fear, Craven County grew in size and importance during the mid-18th century due to the significance of its county seat as a river port and continued to flourish into the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the developing railroad system served to further the commercial dominance, wealth and cultural sophistication of New Bern.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland recognizes that Craven County, North Carolina, is viewed as a desirable and exciting place to live and visit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland extends celebratory 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary wishes to Craven County, North Carolina, and extends its wishes to Craven County, North Carolina, for a prosperous future and many more centennial celebrations to come.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012.

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**Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford 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 McCook and duly seconded by Vice Chair McDow to approve the incentive agreement with the recommended changes. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Commissioner Cooley moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Bob Davis  
Chairman