

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
January 4, 2012, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg*

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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 and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Chairman Davis delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the January 4, 2012 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Chairman Davis asked if anyone wished to speak at Public Forum. No one came forward to speak.

Chairman Davis then asked the Fighting Scots football team and coaches to come forward to receive a special Proclamation in honor of their championship season. Chairman Davis read the Proclamation, which was signed by all Commissioners.

A Proclamation Honoring the Scotland High School Fighting Scots State Champions

WHEREAS, 2011 was a landmark year for the Scotland High School Fighting Scots football team, and

WHEREAS, the Fighting Scots will now and forever be remembered as 2011 4-A State Champions, a first in the history of Scotland High School, and

WHEREAS, the Fighting Scots demonstrated unwavering determination, agility on the field and competitive excellence, and

WHEREAS, the Fighting Scots worked their magic and won the State Championship, December 3, 2011 defeating the Porter Ridge Pirates 42-16, and

WHEREAS, the Scotland County Board of Commissioners applauds and expresses its sincere appreciation to the Scotland High School head football coach and assistant coaches for nurturing the Fighting Scots football team and paving the way for its stellar performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Commissioners commends Fighting Scots and their coaches for their pursuit of excellence and for the prestige they brought the students of Scotland High School and the citizens of Scotland County as a State Championship Team.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board expresses its congratulations and best wishes to each member of the 2011 Scotland High School Fighting Scots Team in all future endeavors.

Presented this 4th day of January 2012.

Item 1. Public Hearing: 2011 Community Development Block Grant Scattered-Site Housing Program application

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LRCOG Housing Administrator Adrian Lowery said the County is eligible to apply for 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$400,000. The application is due to the State by March 31. All citizens who applied in the past and all citizens who contacted Mr. Lowery for assistance this year will have opportunity to apply to the program. As part of the application process, Mr. Lowery said, the County is required to hold two Public Hearings, and the one tonight is the first of the two Public Hearings.

Chairman Davis opened the floor for Public Hearing and asked if there were any citizens who would like to comment or had questions for Mr. Lowery.

Mr. Charles Parker of Scotland County asked what is done to check the finances of people who are in need of housing repair or replacement. Mr. Lowery explained the criteria set by the State to ensure the funds are spent on eligible families include verification of income and ownership of property.

Mr. Parker said income is one thing but assets are another thing, and the government should look at assets before using taxpayer money.

Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Parker for his input.

Commissioner Alford said a minimum of 135 families qualify for the grants yet only four homes can be provided. Commissioner Alford assured that no one who received a grant to date had any money. Commissioner Alford said he wished it was not the case.

No one else spoke, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Item 2. Public Hearing: 2013 Community Transportation Program application

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said each year the County applies for a Community Transportation Program funds. The Community Transportation Program document was made available to the public.

Chairman Davis opened the floor for a Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the 2013 Community Transportation Program application. No one came forward, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to move forward with the 2013 Community Transportation Program application. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 3. Report: Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

LRCOG Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Twilla Allen presented information on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee and the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. Ms. Allen said citizens on the committees serve three nursing homes, two adult care homes and three family care homes by visiting and talking to residents and inquiring about their level of care. The inquiries raise issues, which are resolved to the satisfaction of the customer. The committees meet on a quarterly basis and each member volunteers five hours a month in transportation to the facility and in completing their reports. About 15 hours of training is provided to those who serve on the committees. Ms. Allen reported that currently the Nursing Home Committee is full while two vacancies exist on the Adult Care Home Committee.

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Item 4. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approve minutes of the Board of Commissioners December 5, 2011 regular meeting and December 12, 2011 strategic planning meeting.
- b) Approve in accordance with NC General Statute 20-187.2, the awarding to Captain Lloyd Goins, who retired January 1, 2012, his service revolver, a Smith & Wesson M&P 40 #DUZ5549, in exchange for consideration of \$1.00.
- c) Approve in accordance with NC General Statute 20-187.2, the awarding to Lieutenant Ricky Taylor, who retired January 1, 2012, his service revolver a Smith & Wesson M&P 40 #DUZ5553, in exchange for consideration of \$1.00.
- d) Approve as surplus EMS equipment that is out of date and/or damaged by lightning.
- e) Budget Amendments:
 - 1) **Health:** Approve the appropriation of funds received in June 2011 in the amount of \$61,045.91 for Care Coordination for Children and Pregnancy Management programs, 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 Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair McDow to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 5. Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Vice Chair McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to reappoint Dr. Kelvin Raybon to a three-year term on the Board of Health. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to reappoint Mr. Hal Jernigan and Mr. Charles Parker to three-year terms on the Laurinburg/Scotland County Planning and Zoning Board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Vice Chair McDow said she resigned as a member of the Richmond Community College Board of Trustees so she could accept the State appointment as a member of the Richmond Community College Board of Trustees. Vice Chair McDow said she would continue to serve as Vice Chair of the RCC Board of Trustees. Vice Chair McDow said Chairman Davis said he would be interested in serving her unexpired term.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to appoint Mr. Bob Davis to the unexpired term on the Richmond Community College Board of Trustees. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 6. Update from the County Manager

Before Mr. Patterson presented his report, Chairman Davis recognized Laurinburg City Mayor Tommy Parker and former City of Laurinburg Clerk Dee Hammond, who were in attendance.

County Manager Patterson reminded the Commissioners of the January 12 joint meeting with the City of Laurinburg. Agenda items include potential consolidation of IT, tax billing, tax mapping and planning and zoning, water programs and lighting the 74 exits on Main Street and 401 Bypass.

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Mr. Patterson noted that Parks and Recreation assisted 113 citizens make changes to Medicare part D during open enrollment in November and December. Mr. Patterson praised Parks and Recreation staff for assisting with this complicated issue.

Mr. Patterson reported the Discount Prescription Drug cards, which are available for free, saved \$17,887 for users.

The County Manager said with the new calendar year people will soon file NC State income tax returns. Scotland County has in excess of \$538,000 in debt setoff liens against State refunds and lottery winnings.

The Commissioners scheduled a Board Retreat for 9 a.m. Monday, February 13.

Mr. Patterson said two bids for the energy savings contract have been received.

The Policy Committee will host a public forum on the change in concealed carry laws that give Commissioners limited authority to prohibit concealed handguns in playgrounds, athletic fields and swimming pools.

Mr. Patterson said the Board of Elections must send notice of reassignments to new voting districts by January 31.

Item 7. Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley 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 Cooley and duly seconded by Vice Chair McDow to recess to 6 p.m. Thursday, January 12, at City Council Chamber. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Bob Davis
Chairman