

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
September 7, 2010, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES
Scotland County Board of Commissioners
September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting
1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg NC**

At 7 p.m. Chairman J. D. Willis called the regular meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Willis, Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis, Guy McCook and Joyce McDow. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Edward Johnston, Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Commissioner McDow delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Willis welcomed Board of Education Chairman Jimmy Bennett and Laurinburg City Mayor Matthew Block and City Council Member Joy Ellison to the meeting.

Public Forum

Humane Society Director Karla Milholland was introduced to the Commissioners by Humane Society Chair Kathy Murphy. Ms. Milholland discussed her background and the Humane Society's mission to decrease euthanasia and increase adoptions.

Legion Post Commander Dan Skamperle showed before and after images of the renovation projects at Legion Field over a two-year period. Mr. Skamperle thanked the governing board for its initial donation, which resulted in the donation of funds, time and in-kind services from other sectors of the community.

Ms. Desiree Block, concerned about the property tax rate, asked the Commissioners to take advantage of the quarter-cent sales tax referendum. Ms. Block said a quarter-cent sales tax increase could bring in about \$600,000 in revenue, which would be three cents on the tax rate. She said Robeson County recently held a successful referendum and the Board of Commissioners also passed a resolution stating revenues from the quarter-cent sales tax increase would be used to lower the tax rate. Ms. Block asked the Commissioners to take advantage of the referendum and approve a similar resolution.

Item 1. Scotland Correctional Mental Health Services Contract

County Manager Patterson said the contract with Correctional Behavioral Health would provide psychological services and telepsychiatry to inmates. This type of service is not currently provided. Mr. Patterson said inmates would get psychiatric evaluations without being transported outside the facility.

Commissioner McDow said she heard of another county saving money by providing this service. County Manager Patterson said another asset is the service would minimize liability issues.

Captain Lloyd Goins said the Jail currently completes a State-mandated questionnaire, which is the full extent of psychiatric services provided inmates. He added that the Southeastern Region Mental Health agency provides similar services once inmates are released. Captain Goins said that does not help with custody issues and inmates receiving treatment while in custody.

Mr. Patterson confirmed that the contract would be a \$1,200 flat fee per month. Captain Goins said there are months when the Jail would spend more than that, especially if there are inmates on suicide watch.

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Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to approve the service contract between the County and Correctional Behavioral Health. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 2. a) Updated Emergency Operations Plan

Emergency Management Director Roylin Hammond said the NC Division of Emergency Management in 2001 required each county in State to update their respective Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) to reflect the National Incident Management System (NIMS) that evolved out of the events of 9/11/ 2001. Mr. Hammond said the EOP was updated to reflect the needs of the County and approved by the Commissioners.

Mr. Hammond said in 2010, NC Public Health sent out instructions and updated requirements requesting that the Public Health's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) plan be added to county EOPs. Scotland County EM staff added the SNS plan to the Scotland County EOP in the form of annex R. Public Health asks that the governing body in each county approve the updated EOPs reflecting the SNS plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the updated Emergency Operations Plan. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

b) Budget Amendment for Computer-aided Software Purchase

Mr. Hammond said the Laurinburg Police Department PSAP evaluated Computer Aided Dispatch systems (CADs) and upgraded its existing judicial software in 2009. The Police Department administration selected a CAD vendor with software compatible with the software currently used by the Scotland County Sheriff's Department. This is the same software vendor with which Scotland County EMS is considering using with the proposed new EOC/911 center. All software being considered is compatible, regardless of the public safety discipline.

Mr. Hammond added that Scotland County currently has in excess of \$700,000 in the 911 fund balance. The funds historically were limited in use to very specific 911 expenditures. Due to excessive 911 fund balances in some counties, the NC 911 Board made exceptions to the rule this year and will allow the use of 911 funds on a broader range of public safety needs. The funding of the CAD software and hardware at \$103,282 for the Laurinburg Police Department fall within this expanded range.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the budget amendment for the CAD software purchase in the amount of \$103,282. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 3. Wagram Recreation Center Memorandum of Understanding

County Attorney Ed Johnston distributed the finalized version of the Wagram Recreation Center Memorandum of Understanding. He said the three changes from the last reviewed document include a hold harmless provision for the Town of Wagram and the County, the addition of a pre-audit certificate and a 90-day termination provision for either party.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to approve the Wagram Recreation Center Memorandum of Understanding. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

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Item 4. a) Presentation of 2011 Schedule of Values

Tax Administrator Mary Helen Norton presented the proposed schedule of values for market and land use. Ms. Norton explained the timeline for the schedule of values, which includes the Commissioners holding a required public hearing in a month. Ms. Norton suggested that the Commissioners hold the public hearing at the next regular meeting October 4, 2010 with adoption of the schedule of values in November. Ms. Norton said notice of the new values will be mailed in January 2011. Property owners will have six weeks to meet with tax staff if they are unhappy with the new values or have questions. Property owners who meet with tax staff will be re-notified of the results. If they still are not satisfied, they will have opportunity to appeal to the Board of Equalization and Review.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to hold the public hearing for the schedule of values at the October 4, 2010 regular meeting. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

b) Discovery Tax Bill Adjustment Request

Ms. Norton said that Mr. Ryan of Ryan Innovative Solutions, which is requesting an adjustment to the discovery tax bill, is unable to be present at the meeting. Mr. Ryan asks that the request for compromise on the discovery tax bill be postponed until the December meeting.

Item 5. Consent Agenda:

- a) **Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners August 2, 2010 regular meeting.**
- b) **Approve 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule as follows: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 5 (Tuesday), August 1, September 6 (Tuesday), October 3, November 7, December 5.**
- c) **Approve Tax Department request to release funds in the amount of \$11 and to make refunds in the amount of \$25.28 and in the amount of \$276.71.**
- d) **Declare as surplus a 1997 Dodge Van, VIN: 2B7KB1Z3VK595501, with 153,520 miles. Vehicle was previously declared surplus by NC DOT PTD at 140,000 miles and title was transferred to Scotland County.**
- e) **Budget Amendments:**
 - 1) **Criminal Justice Partnership Program: Approve additional \$3,850 for FY 2009-2010 for funds reimbursed by the State.**
 - 2) **Criminal Justice Partnership Program: Approve additional \$3,850 for FY 2010-2011 for funds reimbursed by the State.**
 - 3) **DSS: Approve receipt of funding in the amount of \$3,286, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.**

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to remove item 1 . “Criminal Justice Partnership Program: Approve additional \$3,850 for FY 2009-2010 for funds reimbursed by the State” from the Consent Agenda and then approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 6. Ethics Policy

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County Manager Patterson presented the Ethics Policy. Mr. Patterson said all counties must approve an ethics policy by the end of the year. Mr. Patterson said the attached Ethics Policy mirrors a template policy developed by the School of Government.

County Attorney Johnston recommended the numbers be deleted completely because it presupposes the number of people who would attend the meeting. He instead suggested the Board determine what percentage would be necessary to pass a censure vote. Commissioner McCook recommended using 2/3, which means censure would require significant consensus.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to approve the Ethics Policy with the recommended change on the censure vote as 2/3. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Code of Ethics for the Board of County Commissioners of Scotland County, North Carolina

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Constitution of North Carolina, Article I, Section 35, reminds us that a “frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty,” and WHEREAS, a spirit of honesty and forthrightness is reflected in North Carolina’s state motto, *Esse quam videri*, “To be rather than to seem,” and

WHEREAS, Section 160A-86 of the North Carolina General Statutes requires local governing boards to adopt a code of ethics, and

WHEREAS, as public officials we are charged with upholding the trust of the citizens of Scotland County, and with obeying the law,

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of our blessings and obligations as citizens of the State of North Carolina and as public officials representing the citizens of the County of Scotland and acting pursuant to the requirements of Section 160A-86 of the North Carolina General Statutes, we the Board of County Commissioners do hereby adopt the following General Principles and Code of Ethics to guide the Board of County Commissioners in its lawful decision-making.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE CODE OF ETHICS

- The stability and proper operation of democratic representative government depend upon public confidence in the integrity of the government and upon responsible exercise of the trust conferred by the people upon their elected officials.
- Governmental decisions and policy must be made and implemented through proper channels and processes of the governmental structure.
- Board members must be able to act in a manner that maintains their integrity and independence, yet is responsive to the interests and needs of those they represent
- Board members must always remain aware that at various times they play different roles:
 - As advocates, who strive to advance the legitimate needs of their citizens
 - As legislators, who balance the public interest and private rights in considering and enacting ordinances, orders, and resolutions
 - As decision-makers, who arrive at fair and impartial quasi-judicial and administrative determinations.
- Board members must know how to distinguish among these roles, to determine when each role is appropriate, and to act accordingly.
- Board members must be aware of their obligation to conform their behavior to standards of ethical conduct that warrant the trust of their constituents. Each official must find within his or her own conscience the touchstone by which to determine what conduct is appropriate.

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CODE OF ETHICS

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for the Board of County Commissioners of Scotland County and to help determine what conduct is appropriate in particular cases. It should not be considered a substitute for the law or for a board member's best judgment.

Section 1. Board members should obey **all laws applicable to their official actions as members of the board**. Board members should be guided by the spirit as well as the letter of the law in whatever they do. At the same time, board members should feel free to assert policy positions and opinions without fear of reprisal from fellow board members or citizens. To declare that a board member is behaving unethically because one disagrees with that board member on a question of policy (and not because of the board member's behavior) is unfair, dishonest, irresponsible, and itself unethical.

Board members should endeavor to keep up to date, through the board's attorney and other sources, such as the UNC School of Government, the N.C. Association of County Commissioners, about new or ongoing legal or ethical issues they may face in their official positions. This educational function is in addition to the day-to-day legal advice the board may receive concerning specific situations that arise

Section 2. Board members should **act with integrity and independence from improper influence as they exercise the duties of their offices**. Characteristics and behaviors consistent with this standard include the following:

- Adhering firmly to a code of sound values
- Behaving consistently and with respect toward everyone with whom they interact
- Exhibiting trustworthiness
- Living as if they are on duty as elected officials regardless of where they are or what they doing
- Using their best independent judgment to pursue the common good as they see it, presenting their opinions to all in a reasonable, forthright, consistent manner
- Remaining incorruptible, self-governing, and unaffected by improper influence while at the same time being able to consider the opinions and ideas of others
- Disclosing contacts and information about issues that they receive outside of public meetings and refraining from seeking or receiving information about quasi-judicial matters outside of the quasi-judicial proceedings themselves
- Treating other board members and the public with respect and honoring the opinions of others even when the board members disagree with those opinions
- Not reaching conclusions on issues until all sides have been heard
- Showing respect for their offices and not behaving in ways that reflect badly on those offices
- Recognizing that they are part of a larger group and acting accordingly
- Recognizing that individual board members are not generally allowed to act on behalf of the board but may only do so if the board specifically authorizes it, and that the board must take official action as a body.

Section 3.a. Board members should **avoid impropriety in the exercise of their official duties**. Their official actions should be above reproach. Although opinions may vary about what behavior is inappropriate, this board will consider impropriety in terms of whether a reasonable person who is aware of all of the relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the board member's action would conclude that the action was inappropriate.

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Section 3.b. If a board member believes that his or her actions, while legal and ethical, may be misunderstood, the member should seek the advice of the board's attorney and should consider publicly disclosing the facts of the situation and the steps taken to resolve it.

Section 4. Board members should **faithfully perform the duties of their offices**. They should act as the especially responsible citizens whom others can trust and respect. They should set a good example for others in the community, keeping in mind that trust and respect must continually be earned.

Section 4.b. Board members should faithfully attend and prepare for meetings. They should carefully analyze all credible information properly submitted to them, mindful of the need not to engage in communications outside the meeting in quasi-judicial matters. They should demand full accountability from those over whom the board has authority.

Board members should be willing to bear their fair share of the board's workload. To the extent appropriate, they should be willing to put the board's interests ahead of their own.

Section 5. Board members should **conduct the affairs of the board in an open and public manner**. They should comply with all applicable laws governing open meetings and public records, recognizing that doing so is an important way to be worthy of the public's trust. They should remember when they meet that they are conducting the public's business. They should also remember that local government records belong to the public and not to board members or their employees.

In order to ensure strict compliance with the laws concerning openness, board members should make clear that an environment of transparency and candor is to be maintained at all times in the governmental unit. They should prohibit unjustified delay in fulfilling public records requests. They should take deliberate steps to make certain that any closed sessions held by the board are lawfully conducted and that such sessions do not stray from the purposes for which they are called.

Section 6. Board members shall avoid soliciting or receiving any gift or reward in exchange for recommending, influencing, or attempting to influence the award of a contract by the public agency you serve. (G.S. 14-234(a)(3); criminal penalty.)

Section 6.b. Commissioners might at times receive gifts in their capacity as elected officials representing Scotland County. Any gifts received by a Board member, for serving in their official capacity, are considered property of Scotland County unless specifically exempted. Gifts received by Board members should be submitted to the Clerk to the Board for presentation, archiving and storage. Exempted items include

- items of nominal value, \$50.00 or less, including marketing materials; pens, mugs, calendars, clothing, hats.
- Food, beverages, meals, tobacco products that are designed to or that could reasonable be consumed in one meal.
- Door prizes or raffles, where luck is the determining factor in who receives the gift.

Section 7. Censure Procedures. If a majority of the board has reason to believe that one of its members has violated a provision of this Code of Ethics, it may open an investigation into the matter to determine whether probable cause exists to initiate censure proceedings against the member. All information compiled, including the grounds for any finding of probable cause, shall be shared with the member when it is received. All information pertaining to the case shall be open to public inspection and copying pursuant to the North Carolina public records statutes. If upon investigation the board concludes that a violation of a criminal law may have occurred, it shall refer the matter to the local district attorney.

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Should the board determine that it wishes to proceed further with censure proceedings, it shall call for a hearing, to be held at a regular meeting or at a special meeting convened for that purpose. Notice of the hearing stating its time, place, and purpose shall be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the jurisdiction. The notice shall be published the first time not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days before the date fixed for the hearing. In computing such period, the day of publication is not to be included but the day of the hearing shall be included. Alternatively, the hearing shall be advertised on the jurisdiction's website for the same period of time, up to and including the date of the hearing. The notice shall state that a detailed list of the allegations against the member is available for public inspection and copying in the office of the clerk to the board.

The hearing shall be convened at the time and place specified. The hearing and any deliberations shall be conducted in open session in accordance with the North Carolina open meetings statutes.

The accused board member shall have the right to have counsel present, to present and cross-examine expert and other witnesses, and to offer evidence, including evidence of the bias of any other board member or the presiding officer. An audio or video and audio tape of the proceedings shall be prepared. Any and all votes during the hearing shall be taken by the ayes and noes and recorded in the board's minutes.

Once the hearing is concluded, it shall be closed by vote of the board. The presiding officer shall next entertain a motion to adopt a nonbinding resolution censuring the member based on specified violations of the code of ethics. Any motion made must be an affirmative one in favor of adopting a nonbinding resolution of censure.

If the motion or resolution does not state particular grounds for censure under the code of ethics, the presiding officer shall rule it out of order. If a motion to adopt a nonbinding resolution of censure stating particular grounds under the code of ethics has been made, the board shall debate the motion. The accused member shall be allowed to participate in the debate but shall not vote on the motion to adopt the resolution.

At the conclusion of the debate, the board shall vote on the resolution. If the motion to adopt the nonbinding resolution of censure is approved by a [majority-4] [two-thirds-5] [three-fourths-6] vote of those present and voting, a quorum being present, the motion passes and the nonbinding resolution of censure is adopted.

The text of the nonbinding resolution of censure shall be made a part of the minutes of the board. Any recording of the board's proceedings shall be approved by the board as a permanent part of the minutes. The proceedings shall then be considered concluded, the board having done all it legally can with respect to the matter in question.

ATTACHMENT "A"

APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1. Avoid deriving a direct benefit from contracts in which you are involved in making or administering on behalf of the public agency. (G.S. 14-234((a)(1); criminal penalty; note defined terms in the statute: direct benefit, involved in making or administering a contract.)
2. Avoid attempting to influence others who are involved in making or administering a contract on behalf of the public agency, even if you aren't involved, if you will derive a direct benefit from

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- the contract. (G.S. 14-234 (a)(2); criminal penalty; note defined terms in the statute: direct benefit, involved in making or administering a contract.)
3. Avoid soliciting or receiving any gift or reward in exchange for recommending, influencing, or attempting to influence the award of a contract by the public agency you serve. (G.S. 14-234 (a)(3); criminal penalty.)
 4. Consider the ethical and practical consequences of deriving a direct benefit from a contract that is authorized under any exception to the statute, and weigh these considerations against the potential advantage to the public agency and to yourself. Follow reporting requirements to ensure transparency. (G.S. 14-234 (b); (d1).)
 5. Avoid participating in deliberations about or voting on a contract in which you have a direct benefit, when the contract is undertaken as allowed under any exception to the statute. (G.S. 14-234 (b1); criminal penalty.)
 6. Avoid using your knowledge of contemplated action by you or your unit, or information known to you in your official capacity and not made public, to acquire a financial interest in any property, transaction, or enterprise, or to gain a financial benefit that may be affected by the information or contemplated action. Avoid intentionally aiding another to do any of these things. (G.S. 14-234.1; criminal penalty.)
 7. Avoid receiving any gift or favor from a current, past, or potential contractor. (G.S. 133-32(a); criminal penalty.)
 8. Consider the ethical and practical consequences of accepting a gift or favor under any exception to the statutory prohibition, and follow reporting requirements to ensure transparency. (G.S. 133-32(d).)
 9. Avoid voting on matters involving your own financial interest or official conduct. (G.S. 160A-75; 153A-44.) Identify and disclose these matters in advance so that your board can determine whether or not you have a conflict that allows you to be excused by the board from voting. When in doubt, obtain an opinion from your local attorney about whether you must vote or may be excused.
 10. Avoid voting on any zoning map or text amendment where the outcome of the vote is reasonably likely to have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on you. (G.S. 153A-340(g); 160A-381(d).)
 11. Do not participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter, including matters that come before the board when acting in a quasi-judicial capacity under G.S. 153A-345 or 160A-388, if participation would violate affected persons' constitutional right to an impartial decision-maker. Impermissible conflicts under this statutory standard include "having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change"; "undisclosed ex parte communications [communications between a board member and someone else who is involved in the matter that occur outside the official quasi-judicial proceeding]"; "a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person"; or "a financial interest in the outcome of the matter." (153A-345(e1), 160A-388(e1); violation of the constitutional standard by one member invalidates the entire vote.)
 12. Fulfill your statutory obligation to vote on all matters that come before you even when there are appearances of conflict, and only refrain from voting when there is a legal basis for or requirement to be excused from voting. (G.S. 153A-44; 160A-75.)

Item 7. 21st Century Communities Visioning Plan

County Manager Patterson said the Visioning Plan was altered after comments were received from three public input sessions and follow-up meetings of the 21st Century Communities Steering Committee. Mr. Patterson said the plan reflects more emphasis on development of Laurinburg downtown and countywide water/wastewater resources. Mr. Patterson said a public safety plan was added to community development.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to approve the Scotland County 21st Century Communities Visioning Plan. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 8. Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Ann Taylor as the pharmacist representative to the Aging Advisory Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 9. Update from the County Manager

Mr. Patterson said Fall 2010 Litter Sweep will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, September 17. Volunteers can pick up supplies and a free slice of pizza at Nic's Pic Kwik.

Department Heads attended presentations by website developers. Five proposals were received, two of which are from companies in North Carolina. Cost to upgrade and redesign the website will be about \$20,000. If the County contracts with a web developer by the end of the month, the County would have a new website up and running in early 2011.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to proceed with the website project. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioners are invited to meet new DSS Director J. Robert "Robby" Hall 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 8, in the Commissioners Chamber.

Mr. Patterson said the County received a \$103,500 grant from the Rural Center for the Viridian sewer line extension and a \$39,000 grant, applied for by the LRCOG, for the WestPoint water/sewer study. The SCEDC is working on applications for two grants for the development of a business park and incubator building. The first grant is for \$1 million. The second application is being developed with Bladen County to build business incubators in Bladen and Scotland counties.

Mr. Patterson said letters of support for both applications are requested but do not necessarily bind the County to provide any funding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to authorize the signing of letters of support for the grants. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said a letter from the Lions Club was received requesting termination of the Lions Park lease inn Laurel Hill.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to terminate the Lions Park lease. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Davis asked what happened to the lights that were removed from the big field at Lions Park. County Manager Patterson said Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Newton is looking it.

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Mr. Patterson said the County received a request for a letter of support for a grant application for EDA funding for construction of a multipurpose pavilion at the Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Center, in Lumberton, NC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to compose a letter of support for the multipurpose pavilion project in Lumberton. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

STIP – NCDOT released the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP 10-year plan shows a five-year work plan, funded, and a 10-year developmental program. There are numerous bridge replacements in the work plan in Scotland County. Lauchwood Drive completion is the only other specific program for Scotland County. Mr. Patterson said the I-74 and 401N projects remain in the unfunded category.

County Manager Patterson asked the Commissioners to approve recruitment for three positions --a new position that was budgeted to aid in operation of the Wagram Recreation Center and the Laurel Hill Community Center, a temporary employee for the LIEAP program at DSS and an Income Maintenance case worker in DSS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to approve recruitment for the three positions. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said a 1999 GMC van purchased with Governor's Crime Commission funds was transferred in 2002 to Scots for Youth once the agency began providing services under the grant. Scots for Youth requests transfer of the title so it can dispose of the vehicle.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to transfer the title of the 1999 GMC van to Scots for Youth. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said the NCACC legislative goals deadline is September 15, 2010.

Resolutions received are from Carteret County in support of Arizona Senate Bill 1070 and Pamlico County requesting a revision of the Neuse River buffer rules to exclude existing platted lots.

Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners to approve the Project Ordinance for the Wagram School expansion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to approve the Wagram School Expansion Project Ordinance. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Wagram Primary School Expansion Project Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland that, pursuant to 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Qualified School Construction Bond (QSB) Project Ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1: The project authorized is the Wagram Primary School Expansion described in the work statement contained in the QSB agreement between this unit and BB&T (Branch Banking and Trust). This project is more familiarly known as the Wagram Primary School Expansion.

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Section 2: The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the QSB within the terms of the QSB document(s), the rules and regulations set forth by BB&T and the budget contained herein.

Section 3: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Qualified School Construction Bond	\$3,000,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,000,000

Section 4: The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Construction	\$3,000,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,000,000

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within this **Wagram Primary School Expansion Project Fund** sufficient detailed accounting record to provide the accounting to the lending agency and required by the loan agreement(s) and federal regulations.

Section 6: Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose of making payments as due.

Section 7: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8: The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this board. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure, without limitations and without a separate report.

Section 9: The Budget Officer, with the approval of the Finance Officer, may transfer funds between line items within the project amount approved to insure timely payment of expenses.

Section 10: Copies of this Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the project.

County Manager Patterson asked the Commissioners to approve a Local Governmental Resolution regarding the Governor's Highway Safety Program, now in its second year, which stipulates funding requirements.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson asked Commissioners to contact him if they would like to attend the School of Government Strategic Public Leadership workshop September 23 and 24.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to go into Closed Session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

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Vice Chair Gholston said the Department of Corrections would participate in the Jobs Expo September 23 and 24. She said it is important to hire Scotland County residents. Vice Chair Gholston asked the Commissioners to continue the focus on employment for Scotland County residents.

Commissioner McDow said she is delighted to see the new Library Bookmobile, which was parked in front of the Commissioners Chamber earlier for people to see.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn.
Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis
Chairman