

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners joint meeting with the Board of Health  
November 15, 2011, Health Education Room, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners**

**Reconvened Meeting and Joint Session with the Board of Health, November 15, 2011  
Health Education Room, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg NC**

At 7 p.m. Chairman Bob Davis reconvened the meeting. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Davis, Vice Chair Joyce McDow and Commissioners Guy McCook and Carol McCall. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners John Alford, John Cooley and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman.

Health Board Members in attendance: Chair Jane Murray and Mr. David Bridgeman, Mr. Bob Davis, Dr. Olivia Guzman, Mr. William Matthews, Ms. Cynthia Morton, Dr. Kelvin Raybon, Mr. Dave Raley, Dr. John Slaughter and Dr. William Stroud. Health Board Members not in attendance: Mr. Charles Todd. Health Board staff in attendance: Interim Health Director Wayne Raynor and Health Board Clerk Lynda McMillan. Chair Murray called the Health Board meeting to order.

Chairman Davis reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Health Board Member Matthews delivered the opening prayer.

Mr. Dennis E. Harrington, Senior Public Health Consultant, NC Institute of Public Health, presented Options for Public Health Service Delivery and how SB 433, when refined and passed by the General Assembly, will affect county public health entities.

Mr. Harrington explained the traditional models and how they work in the delivery of public health. Those models are single county health department, multiple county district, public health authority and delivery of public health through contract with the State. Mr. Harrington assured that every model would allow for a Board of Health.

Mr. Harrington said pending legislation would provide for the following new models: merging various human service agencies into a single human service agency, opting to stay a single public health agency or regionalizing into a multiple county district health department.

Mr. Harrington said the single county option may no longer be viable for Scotland County because of its size and continued challenges with budget issues.

Chair Murray suggested that a subcommittee of select Board of Commissioners and Board of Health members, the Health Director, County Manager and a Scotland Health Care representative study the options. Chairman Davis said the subcommittee study should be conducted before the County considers approaching other counties.

Commissioner McCall said it is important for the subcommittee to keep all options open, including the possible merger into a single human services agency.

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Commissioner McCook said any decision would be difficult to make until the governing body knows the content of the final legislation.

County Manager Patterson said he contacted the Richmond County Manager and Health Director about a possible meeting to discuss the issue. Mr. Patterson said he and Mr. Raynor will meet December 5 with Paul Brooks of Scotland Health Care System.

*Board of Health Member Raley moved and Board of Health Member Stroud seconded the motion to form a committee of up to nine people with representatives from the Board of Commissioners and Board of Health and including the Health Director, County Manager and a Scotland Health Care System representative to explore the options for delivery of public health. The Board of Health unanimously approved the motion.*

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner McCall to form a committee of up to nine people with representatives from the Board of Commissioners and Board of Health and including the Health Director, County Manager and a Scotland Health Care System representative to explore the options for delivery of public health. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCall and duly seconded by Vice Chair McDow to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

*The Board of Health continued with its regular business meeting.*

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Bob Davis  
Chairman